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Newsletter

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Dear Parents

We've enjoyed a really positive start to the year with the new curriculum now firmly embedded in the psyche of the school and that sense of anticipation as we continue to drive forward to make this just the best school your children could possibly attend. Accurate assessment is key and our new tracking system will be a work in progress during the year which we will constantly review for it to have as much impact as possible.

Our numbers continue to grow and we are delighted that so many children want to come here but that also brings its own problems, mainly Health and Safety related, when it comes to school events. As things change, we would ask parents for their understanding because not matter what we do, I can guarantee that not everyone will agree.

David Skelcher, Headmaster

Governors - Reconstitution What About The Teachers?

Legally, this year, the governing body had to be reconstituted and for the first time, we had enough parents interested in being governors to hold an election. Mrs Binks was re-elected, Mrs Frances and Mr Little were newly elected. There is more information on the website and the governors are intending to produce an occasional newsletter for parents.

Congratulations

Mrs Gibson will be taking maternity leave after Christmas and we all wish her well through her pregnancy and the birth.

Obviously we focus on the children's learning and their achievement but in order for that to be of the highest quality, we need to ensure that we have staff who are highly skilled, trained and motivated. During the first half-term, all teachers were formally observed by either one or more of the SLT (Senior Leadership Team). The standard of the teaching in the school is at least good and often outstanding.

We regularly have work trawls where children's work is scrutinised by all the teachers to ensure that presentation, quality, quantity, suitability and marking are all checked; We also do this with teachers from other schools in our PLC (Professional Learning Community). Through our consortium (a group of 15 schools which receives some funding) training is arranged based on the needs within the group and teachers will work with each other and share good practice across the consortium.

Trevor Davies visits the school each term with his "Ofsted" hat on and makes recommendations as he works with the SLT on the school LIP (Learning Improvement Plan) and data.

The Local Authority send a LIO (Learning Improvement Officer) into school each term and he scrutinises what we are doing and reports back to the LA.

National Poetry Day

The school went poetry mad for the day and some of the poems were read out at the WoW assembly. I love the way poetry allows the children to express themselves in a totally different way and the results were incredible. No matter how long you work with children the sheer talent never ceases to amaze. Brilliant!

Stone Age Workshop

Year 3 had the chance to explore the Stone Age with an expert and had a brilliant day - see pics!



Contact Numbers/Medical Information

Please make sure that Mrs Maxwell has up to date information if your child has any kind of allergy/illness that may have an impact on school. It is vital that the school has a current telephone number in case of an emergency.

Remembrance Assembly 2015

Due to the extra numbers, this will take place in the same format as our Friday WoW assemblies. The audience will sit in rows facing the children. There will not be any refreshments as in previous years. If you would like to attend, the doors will open at 10.30 a.m. and the assembly will start at 10.40 a.m. finishing with a 2 minute silence at 11.00 a.m.

School Council

Miss Shipley has taken over the management of our school council and we await their new ideas and suggestions for improving their life at school with eager anticipation.

Holidays in School Time

Any unauthorised holidays in term-time will be referred to the Local Authority which may lead to a fine. Latest attendance is 95.7% - a slight drop on last month. What happened?

Cursive Handwriting

In school we encourage the use of cursive (joined up) handwriting as early as possible. We use the same scheme across the whole school and research shows that once a child is confident with cursive handwriting, it helps their thought processes flow which leads to an improvement in their work. If any parent would like a copy of the scheme to help support their child at home, please ask.

Cygnets

At Cygnets we have been making the most of the recent mild weather spending lots of time outside exploring the change in season, collecting some beautiful coloured leaves and making lovely autumn artwork. We also had great fun doing 'ghouly' games and 'creepy' crafts for Halloween and we were delighted that 2 of our children won prizes when we entered Sheldon Bosley's Halloween colouring competition.



Website Update We are currently updating the website: quintonprimaryschool.co.uk