

Having a problem in school? Don't forget, you can use:

STOP IT PLEASE!



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“We want to unlock the learning potential of every child in our school, remove any barriers to learning and offer every child opportunities to develop the skills they need for a happy and successful life”

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

British Values are very much in the news at the moment and during our school assemblies we will be focusing on Britishness and what makes us British. When you start to think about it, it gets much more complicated than you think. Is it our language, culture, customs and traditions that make us so unique or is there more to it than that? It's going to be fun finding out!

David Skelcher, Headmaster

Healthy Eating - Please help us to help your children

I am sure you have all seen the recent news headlines about obesity and unhealthy eating, particularly amongst school-aged children. As a nation we are eating too much sugar which can have negative effects on our health. Becoming “sugar smart” could help raise our awareness of just how much sugar there is in many everyday items of food and drink. In school we encourage the children to eat healthily and try to educate them to make healthier choices. That can be very difficult when some of the children's “snacks” for break-time or lunchtime are large bags of crisp, jumbo-sized chocolate bars, or multipacks of sweets. There is nothing wrong with a bit of chocolate, in moderation but the contents of some children's lunchboxes could stock a sweet shop! There is always the option of a nutritionally balanced hot lunch, at a cost of £2.10 or is free to any children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, you can go online:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk **CLICK ON: More School Information** **CLICK ON: Free School Meals**

With this newsletter, there is a Sugar Smart pack for your information. Please help us raise awareness of the importance of healthy eating. Thanks!

Junior Fire Safety Champion Scheme

Following our safety talk, our super Year 5 class have all completed their home safety fire checks with 100% return. If you need to know anything about fire safety at home, just ask and one of our young experts will be able to give you all the information you need.

PREVENT Training (WRAP)

This training has come from the Home Office and has been designed to raise awareness of anti-radicalisation procedures. The initial training is delivered by the police and then followed up with staff training. The teachers have already taken part in an initial training session and more will follow after Easter. The police are asking us all to be more vigilant and if in doubt, tell somebody about it.

Governor Questionnaire for Parents

Please do your best to fill it in and have your say in what you think about Quinton school. Thank You.

School Council

The school council has been very active and recently asked me if they could organise a whole-school sponsored walk to raise some money for local charities. Of course, I said yes and the result is the walk which will take place next week. I know that they have sent letters out to all parents and I am sure they can rely on your support. They have organised the whole thing so I have to say a massive “Well Done” and look forward to any future suggestions.

New Broadband

The broadband in school has been upgraded to a faster speed which should improve the speed of our computers across the school and allow the children to have faster access to any online research. I hope that parents have found the E-safety posters, that the children designed and sent out, useful. It is an area in which we are always vigilant and have support and protection from the Local Authority’s IT department.

Some reminders : see below ...

Holidays in School Time

Unauthorised holidays in term-time will be referred to the Local Authority which may lead to a fine. Latest attendance is a slight drop to 96% but still in line with our expectations.

Sport

We have had variety of sporting events taking place— Netball, Cross Country, Quick-Sticks (hockey) and football in which the children have taken part and done their very best resulting in a mixed bag of results. I can only praise the fantastic commitment and say how proud the whole school is of their achievements.

LIO Visit (Learning Improvement Officer)

Our local authority LIO spent some time in school recently and reports that we seem to be in a very strong position, showing good progress and getting to grips with the new assessment and progress tracking. As we are expecting an Ofsted visit in the summer, he will be using his future time in school to help prepare us for that and (as a former Ofsted inspector himself) try to give us the best possible opportunity to shine!

New Entrance Hall Artwork

We have planned a very exciting art project with a local artist. All the children will be involved and create a permanent 3D wall mural out of ceramics. The artist will be coming into school and spending time with each class to support and guide them through the process as the creation comes together. Parts of the National Curriculum for Art and Design will be covered during this time and I have to say thank to the QPA for help with the funding.

School Lunch Money

Please put lunch money in an envelope with your **child’s name** clearly written; **which days they are having lunch** and the **amount of money** enclosed. If you need envelopes, these can be obtained from Mrs Maxwell in the school office.



Quinton Cygnets Easter Fete



**Easter Egg Hunt – Face Painting
Tombola – Cakes & Refreshments
Please come and join us on Friday
25th March
11-3pm
All visitors Welcome!**

Contact Numbers and Medical Information

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. If you are not signed up to Parentmail, please do so and keep contact numbers up to date. If you move house, make sure that we have your new address.