



“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

Welcome to the New Year - a month old, already! We started it off with a bit of a bang as we launched into Penguin Week, following the delivery of a mysterious package to the school. It seemed like a really good opportunity to have a focus on maths and the children absolutely loved it. What was astounding was just the variety and quality of maths that took place - inspired by penguins! There were a lot of WOW! moments, where children learnt and applied their maths skills above and beyond the usual constraints of age related expectations. Happy Feet, indeed!



David Skelcher, Headteacher

Number on Roll

We now have 153 children in school and are expecting at least 165 for September.



Attendance and Lateness

Please be in the school playground, on time, in the morning. Gates open at 8.40 a.m. and the bell goes at 8.50 a.m. We are now working with the ACE team at the Local Authority to monitor this.

Maths Evening for Parents

We are delighted to report a positive response from parents and will be confirming a date, after half term. We are also planning a similar event for Reading/phonics.



Road Safety

Please be vigilant when you are dropping off or picking up children.

Reminder: If a child has sickness or diarrhoea they must stay off school for 48 hours.

WoW Assembly

Don't forget, every Friday, at 2.45 p.m. we have our **Worker of the Week Assembly** and would be delighted if you came along. Also, if your child has achieved any kind of award, outside of school, please bring it in, during the week, and it can be presented on a Friday.

Safeguarding

Mr Skelcher is the school's designated safeguarding person and will be attending a two day course, in February, for the latest national updates, schemes and support strategies to ensure that your children are as safe as possible, during their time at Quinton Primary.



Remember to have a look at the website: quintonprimaryschool.co.uk

Consortium

The heads from the 15 schools in our working consortium met recently and the main themes are the new curriculum and assessment without levels. There are a variety of schemes in place to ensure precise and rigorous judgements. It will take the main part of the year to be able to review the effectiveness of these and as soon as we are able to do so, we will report back to parents.

On a positive side, we have also had some training days funded through the consortium which continue to support our constant drive to improved teaching and learning.

On January 5th, staff from the whole consortium attended a day's Literacy training at Kineton High School, with Alan Peat, one of the country's foremost Literacy experts.

Training for Early Years and Year 2 has also been funded.



Don't Forget To Tell Us

If your child is ill, please phone the office and let Mrs Maxwell know, as soon as possible. Thank you.

Contacting Parents

Are all your contact numbers up to date? With such poor mobile phone reception, in the area, if you do have a landline, would you please make sure that we have it at school, in case of emergency. Most parents are now registered with Parentmail which means we can text you, directly, but just in case you are not, please see Mrs Maxwell.



I'd love to know what's going on here!



Sports

Some Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in an inter-schools indoor athletics competition this week and did us proud as they put in 100% effort.

As we continue to raise the profile of sport in school, please ensure that your children have suitable kit. If they are outside, they need trainers and extra layers are advisable, during the winter months. A change of socks is really useful, as they often get wet, on the field.

Governors

Are you interested in becoming a school governor? There are some vacancies, at the moment. They meet six times a year from 3.30 - 5.30 p.m, usually on a Wednesday. If you are interested, please contact the school.

Minutes from governors meetings are always available in a folder, in the entrance foyer, if you want to see what goes on, at meetings.

Cygnets - News for school

At Cygnets we have had a busy start to the New Year with lots of new faces joining us. We have been wrapping up warm to explore outside on winter walks and are hoping for a bit of snow so we can build a snowman! February half term will soon be here and we have some fun activities planned for the holiday club. For information please call us on 01789 721161.

