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Newsletter

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Dear Parents

I hope everyone had a great summer, despite the weather and that your children are now firmly settled in school. We now have 181 children on roll with a waiting list for our Reception class. As head, I am extremely proud of what has been achieved at Quinton and that's down to the dedicated staff and terrific support from our parents - Thank you! Not only that, our year 6 who left in the summer achieved the best SATs results the school has ever seen so well done to all of them. We won't rest on our laurels and will continue to offer all of the children the best possible learning environment and opportunities we can manage. Our Early Years is certainly buzzing and the excitement of the children as they enjoy their brand new outdoor area that was created by our QPA over the summer, is a joy to behold. Thank you again to all of those volunteers who gave up so much of their free time for our school. For me, children (and staff) have to be happy at school - they really should be the best days of their lives and if we can achieve that, our job is done.

David Skelcher, Headmaster

Internet Access for Children

In school, every computer, whether it is used by staff or children, is monitored by the Local Authority to ensure that no inappropriate content is accessed in school. The systems in place also block any material that may be deemed unsuitable for school use. In this way, we can be sure that computers are used only as an educational tool to support the learning. We are, however, concerned by what some children are telling us they access at home. It is really important to be sure that parents know exactly what their child is looking at when he/she is online. Please be vigilant.

Phonics, Write Away and Mental Mathletes

Over recent years, the school has looked at ways of improving reading, writing and maths through daily sessions of mixed groups of children. The impact of this has been very noticeable with an improvement in standards across all age ranges.

As we move forward with these schemes, we are adapting them to suit the ever-changing needs in order to continue to benefit the children as much as possible. We continue to invest in a wide range of resources to allow all types of learners to reach their potential.

Lunch Money

Please put lunch money in an envelope, clearly marked with the child's name, the amount and which days the child will be having a hot lunch. Don't forget, if you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they are entitled to a free hot lunch, every day, due to new government legislation from September 2014. For other children, lunch costs £2.10.

Website Update

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

House Captains

One of the first duties for the new year is to vote in the house captains and vice captains. These are chosen by the children in each house. The results are as follows:

Meon: House Captain: Jonty Guise; Vice Captain: Aidan Arthur.

Magdalen: House Captain: Sam Everett; Vice Captain: Millie Ingram.

St. Swithins: House Captain: Brooke Mason; Vice Captain: Kieran Bendall.

Caretaker

Our regular caretaker, Mr Pennington is off work due to illness at the moment and Mr Hobkirk is temporarily filling the post. We all wish Mr Pennington a speedy recovery and hope to see him back at work soon.

Mr Hobkirk has also been taken on as the school's handyman and will help to keep the premises in tip top condition.

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.

Cross Country Season

We have just been notified of the cross country races for this season: October 17th at Charlecote Park for Years 5 and 6 only. 10 a.m. start. November 7th at the Croft School for Years 5, 6 only. 10 a.m. start.

There will be more races after Christmas at the Recreation ground in Stratford for Years 3,4,5 and 6. Dates to be announced. All races take place on a Saturday morning and start at 10.00 a.m. No spikes are allowed. Training in school is on Tuesday lunchtimes. Please let the school know if you think your child may be interested.

Work Experience Student

Class 4 have been host to a German student, Miss Sabel, who has spent two weeks here on work experience. Miss Sabel was made very welcome and thoroughly enjoyed her time with us.

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 96.23% which is the best we have seen for a while. Keep it up!

Air Ambulance fund Raising

I am delighted to say that your fundraising efforts for the Air Ambulance have raised £433.00 which is brilliant. We will be presenting a cheque at an assembly in the near future. Thank you so much.

Cygnets News

It has been a busy and exciting start to the autumn term at Cygnets with lots of new children joining us. We have been visiting our vegetable garden to harvest what we have grown and have been talking about farming and where food comes from. It looks like we have all been very busy during the summer holidays installing new equipment outside and here at Cygnets we had our fantastic outdoor canopy built to maximise how we use the outdoor space all year round. We have been able to achieve this with all the hard work staff and parents have put in to fundraising so a big Thank you to everyone!



Harvest Service at St. Swithins church - 7th October at 9.40 a.m. ALL WELCOME!