

Not sure what this is?

Ask your child

about:

STOP IT

PLEASE!



“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

Now everyone has had a chance to settle into their routines, I would like to extend the warmest of welcomes to all - old and new. If you don't know me already (and even if you do) then I just want to explain how I see things. My absolute priority is the happiness and welfare of the children who attend Quinton. I enjoyed every minute of my own schooldays and want your children to be desperate to come through our gate every morning and have the time of their lives. I want them to be inspired, motivated, ambitious and proud to share their achievements. These should be the best days of their lives and between us we will do our utmost to make that happen.

David Skelcher, Headmaster

Was it a Good Year?

Our end of year (Summer 2016) results across the whole school are very strong. We have the vast majority of children working at ARE (Age Related Expectations) with many above and in Reception, Year 2, and Year 6 our data shows us to be well above national standards in most areas. Reading will be our key focus for this year. We were in line with national expectations at the end of Key Stage 2 but we want to be better than that. However well we are doing, we are always looking for new ways to raise our standards even higher.

Internet Access and Safeguarding

I make no excuse for including this again. In every school, a key area is “Safeguarding” which covers every aspect of children's safety. Using computers/tablets/mobile phones comes under E-Learning and E-Safety and it is our responsibility as a school and yours as parents to make sure that the children remain safe. All school computers are 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 and report anything that you feel is suspicious.

Lunch Money on a Monday

We would like to ask parents to send their child's lunch money in on a Monday, please. The money needs to be in an envelope, clearly marked with the child's name, the amount and which days the child will be having a hot lunch. Envelopes are available from Mrs Maxwell.

As a school, we do not offer any kind of credit service, and cannot afford to subsidise meals for those children whose parents do not pay on time.

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, he/she is entitled to a free hot lunch, every day, due to government legislation from September 2014. For other children, lunch costs £2.10.

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: Daniel Scopes Vice Captain: Denisa Mihaila-Ivascu.

Magdalen: House Captain: Thomas Clinton Vice Captain: Emily Martin.

St. Swithins: House Captain: Mia Mclaughlin; Vice Captain: Isabella Pearson

Caretaker

We are delighted to have our permanent caretaker - Mr Pennington - back at work following illness.

Phonics, Grammar/Punctuation 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, so much so that phonics is now truly embedded in the school curriculum.

To ensure that progress continues to improve, we have reviewed and adapted our strategies. The focus has changed to allow for higher level grammar skills to be developed in line with the new public examinations. We continue to invest in a wide range of resources to allow all types of learners to reach their potential. In Key Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2) we are currently researching a new reading scheme to enable us to offer more tailored reading sessions to all those children.

The Mathletics groups have been rearranged this year and a new range of updated books have been bought by the school. After a couple of initial teething problems - thank you to those parents who pointed them out - we have made some changes that should make sure that every child is challenged appropriately.

Being Safe

We do a lot of work at school about safety and, above all, feeling safe. Children are encouraged to express their feelings and talk about any issues they may have. We have adopted some of the ideas from the "Taking Care" safeguarding programme that helps children to know what to do when something just doesn't feel right or who to ask when help is needed.

Governors

We have had a good response to our request for new governors and hopefully will soon have a full governing body.

As part of the ongoing governor training package, our governors attended a Safeguarding Training session delivered by Warwickshire Governor Services last week.

Administering Medicine in School

The only medicine that can be administered to a child in school by staff is one that has been prescribed by a doctor (and that is up to date). The school will require a signed consent form which can be completed at the school office with Mrs Maxwell.

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.

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 96.5% which is the best we have seen for a while. Don't forget, we are looking to hit 98% Keep it up!

Staffing News

We have been able to take on two new teaching assistants on a permanent basis: Mrs Nicholds-Trainor, who will be mainly working with Year Six and Miss Leeson, who will spend the majority of her time in Year Four.

Most of our teaching assistants also have specialist areas when they focus on individual or small-group intervention work to help support any children with specific needs.

Harvest Assembly at school - 20th October at 9.15 a.m. ALL WELCOME!