

Not sure what this is?

Ask your child

about:

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

I pride myself on being honest and open and expect the same in return so I make no excuses for devoting this section to Safeguarding. I always say I want the children in my school to be happy and that's true but alongside that, as a headmaster, I want to ensure that every child in my school is safe.

Last week we had a near miss and it shook me to the core. It was potentially a school's worst nightmare and it happened here. During lunchtime, on the back field, a younger child decided to climb over a fence and ended up on the other side. By the time an adult had run across to the fence, the child had already climbed back in and was both safe and unharmed. Below is part of the Report form that I sent to the Local Authority:

Actions by the school:

Reporting this to you (Warwickshire Local Authority);

Meeting all lunchtime supervisors to stress the dangers and extra vigilance (25/11/16);

Coning off an area around the gaps (25/11/16) until the new fence* is in place;

Have spoken to a fencing contractor who is coming to see me at the end of school today (25/11/16);

Will be holding next whole school assembly about safety on the whole school site ;

Will put a reminder in next newsletter about parents not trying to come up to any fences around school during break/lunch to talk to their children.

The response from the LA confirmed that the above actions were appropriate and added:

“The only other thing that I would suggest as a longer-term control measure, is that the condition of the fence is checked on a regular basis to prevent any further incidents, e.g this could be built in to the caretaker's walk-arounds.”

Although we already check the fence regularly, we will make sure we are even more aware of potential dangers. What this drives home, for me, more than anything, is that we can never afford to relax and no matter how careful you are, no matter what steps you take or what procedures you put in place, there is always the chance of the unexpected and room for improvement. I have no cast-iron guarantee but all I can promise you is that we will always do the best that we possibly can to look after the children and if there is a problem of any sort we will deal with it as quickly and efficiently as possible.

David Skelcher, Headmaster

*The fencing contractor can complete the work before Christmas in about two weeks time.

New Reading Books for Pleasure

This week saw delivery of about 40 new reading books for each class from Year 1 to Year 6. The intention is that the children try to read all of them over the course of the year!

Sports News

Tchoukball, Football, Dodgeball, Cross Country - Well done to all our young stars who have put in a huge amount of effort on behalf of Quinton school. I am so proud of you all! Brilliant!

School Lunch Payment

As a school we cannot offer a credit arrangement and would ask all parents to pay for school lunches on time. If you have a genuine hardship, please come and talk to Mrs Maxwell or myself and we can sort it out. Do not ignore it, it won't go away.

Governors

It was good to see a couple of our governors at the recent parents' evenings, talking to mums and dads and getting some feedback about the school. It is always interesting to hear what you think and thank you for being willing to have a chat.

Teacher Observations

Mrs Hopkins joined us for a day last week and we observed the teaching across the school. All classes were visited and we judged the teaching, from Nursery to Year 6 to be a least good and often outstanding, without exception.

Head Lice

Sadly, part and parcel of school life will involve head lice at one time or another. The days are gone when schools were allowed to check children's hair so we need you, as parents, to be vigilant. They can be treated and got rid of fairly easily so please help us out here and check your child. If we have any children who are persistent offenders you will be asked to keep them at home until the problem is sorted. One positive- they only like clean hair!

School Council Discos Attendance

As I type this, there is a huge sense of anticipation across the school as the children wait for the first school council discos to take place. Can't wait!

Sadly the winter bugs have struck and our attendance has dropped to 95% this month - our lowest for a while. Don't forget, we are looking to hit 98% and can't afford to relax!

THE MASON'S ARMS
Big Lights Switch On
THE BIGGEST TREE IN STRATFORD UPON AVON OVER 25FT!!!
AND THOUSANDS OF LIGHTS
SAT 3RD DEC
FROM 6:30PM
MULLED WINE STATION
BBQ WITH HOT TURKEY ROLLS
OUTSIDE BAR
TOMBOLA, RAFFLE, GAMES FOR THE KIDS
LOCAL CHOIRS PERFORMING
SALVATION ARMY BRASSBAND
SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL CHARITY'S
PICK UP ONE OF OUR BAUBLES TO DECORATE YOURSELF FOR OUR TREE £2 EA FOR CHARITY
A SURPRISE VISIT FROM SANTA
XMAS JUMPER COMPETITION
WE WILL EVEN MAKE IT SNOW
FOR MORE INFO GIVE US A CALL 01789 720586

If you haven't visited the school website, please have a look -

quintonprimaryschool.co.uk

Year 4 Singing Debut Staffing

We are sending a choir made up of Year 4 children to the Masons Arms (see flyer on the left) who will be raising funds for our school. They will sing at around 7.00 - 7.15 p.m.

Mrs Gibson is returning on 16th December after her maternity leave. Mrs Bettley is at Sydenham school in Leamington up until Christmas as part of her training. Mrs Duncan is in Year 5 until then.

Reminders:

Christmas Performances - make sure you have ordered your tickets;
Christmas Fayre - 14th December, 3.30 - 5.00 at school.

Cygnets News

During November Cygnet's children worked really hard on an outdoor display for Remembrance Day and Bonfire night learning all about the meaning of these special events. We are now starting to feel festive as the run up to Christmas starts and will be busy creating lots of lovely craft items and practicing our songs in time for our Christmas Performance and Stay & Play morning. We are also really looking forward to coming along to watch the school Christmas performances!