



Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

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It has been really good to welcome back the children. They all look well rested and very smart.

Staffing News

We also welcome four new members of staff to our team. **Mr Cameron Palin**, once a Queensgate pupil himself, has joined RAB as an apprentice; **Mrs Barbara Klie**, a parent at Queensgate has joined RSJ; **Mrs Lauren Tate**, also a parent and previous employee, re-joins the team in 2KA and **Mrs Teresa Fox** will be teaching music and French.

Miss Sarah Turner has sadly tendered her resignation over the summer break. Her last day is Friday 17th September. This will leave a big hole within our team. Miss Turner joined us as an apprentice seven years ago and her role has developed into something unique, most recently, she has worked supporting children with Benji. We are currently advertising this role. Is it a role you would be interested in? Please see page five for the advert.

Covid Update

There is new guidance out from the Department of Education (DfE). It looks very different to this time last year. Here is a summary of the situation.

- There are no-longer bubbles
- Assemblies have resumed, although we have split them into key stages so we can spread out
- Individuals are not required to self-isolate even if they are in the same household as someone with Covid
- No face coverings are necessary
- No social distancing



We will continue to:

- Have good hygiene for all
- Maintain cleaning
- Keep spaces ventilated but feeling comfortable
- Follow public health advice
- Keep up with hand hygiene; washing hands or using anti bac
- Keep up with respiratory hygiene i.e. catch it, bin it, kill it
- Not come to school with symptoms
- lateral flow and not come to work if it shows as positive – self-isolate until you get the results of the PCR



Clubs

We are pleased to announce that after school clubs will be starting week beginning Monday 13th September. A letter will be coming out on Monday 6th September with what we are offering. On Wednesday 8th September, the club choices will go live on Scopay at 6 pm. You will need to be registered with Scopay to sign your child up. Clubs will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

One of our parents, Erkin Fernandez Coster, is hoping to run a Spanish club. There is a £15 sign up charge, which provides each child with all the course materials to take home, including CD, workbook, certificates and access to online teaching zone BABELZONE whenever they want.

It will then be £5 per club (£30 per 6-week term).

If you would like your child to take part, please register your interest with Miss Rorich in the school office, who in turn will let Mrs Fernandez Coster know.

Reminders

Just a few reminders to start the term:

- ◆ The children are in full school uniform and looking great – thank you!
- ◆ They can come to school in PE kit on their PE days. Please make sure the PE kit is a pale blue T-shirt with a logo and navy shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers – please do not send your children to school wearing hoodies
- ◆ Please do not send your child to school with toys or fiddle items. If we think your child needs one we will provide it for them
- ◆ Please make sure you only send in **water** for your child to drink
- ◆ If your child is cycling to school please ensure they wear a helmet
- ◆ Please do not send rucksacks into school (apart from Year 6) as we have no-where to store them

Love reading?

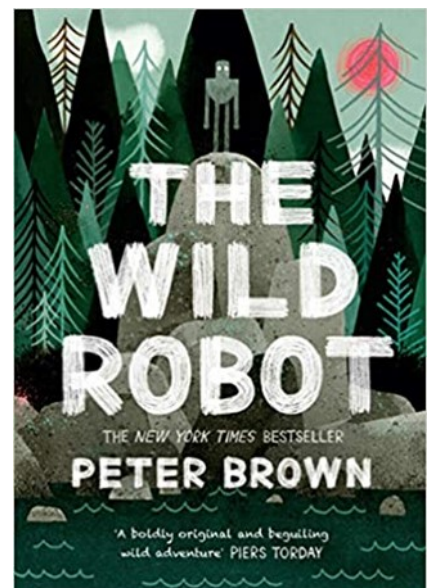
Then try this....

Mr Butt says hello from his new school and wishes everyone a super successful year with their learning. He would like to tell you about a brilliant book he has read over the summer holidays. It's called *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. This is the very first book he will be reading with his new class.

The book is all about a robot who gets washed up on an island where she explores and learns about how to survive in the wild. She makes friends with lots of different animals along the way who help to teach her about the world.

Mr Butt thinks Year 3 and 4 children will really love this book, especially if you like adventure stories and funny characters. There are some sad bits along the way but also some really heart-warming moments. Let us know what you think!

We'd love to know what you are reading at home. If you have any reading recommendations, please let us know so we can share it here. Don't forget to visit your local library!



Governors



School governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education.

How can you join Queensgate Governing Body?

Queensgate Foundation Primary School in East Cowes needs you on our Governing Board! Being a school governor is about overseeing how a school is run, making vital decisions about its future, and supporting our families in East Cowes and the surrounding area.

It's about giving something back and making sure our young people access the best opportunities, when it comes to education.

We meet about six times a year, plus some sessions in school. We get to join our teaching staff on site, supporting students' learning.

Accountant, builder, or cardiologist? It's as simple as ABC. Your skills can enhance our team and you don't need a background in education.

We have four vacancies to fill (two co-opted positions and two partnership role). We all have different skill sets and we know you have something to offer that will enhance our team. There are plenty of opportunities for training, plus, we will be here to support your journey.

For a friendly chat and more info email Co Chair Lucy Curran on: lcurran@queensgateprimary.co.uk

To apply, visit <https://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk/our-school/governor-vacancies> complete the application form and email it to the Clerk to Governors Angela Selle at:

admin@queensgateprimary.co.uk .

Alternatively, if you know someone in the community who can contribute to the Governing Board please speak to them and nominate them.

Please apply by Friday 17th September

Benji Blog

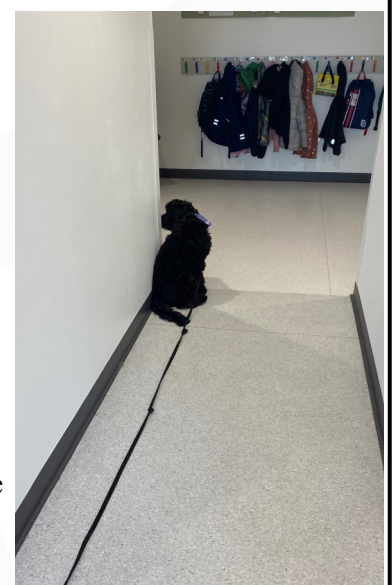
Benji had a lovely summer and enjoyed his trip to Scotland!

Although it has been five weeks he has settled very quickly back into school life. He attended the INSET day with all the staff on Tuesday, and he joined Reception and Key Stage 1 for their assembly yesterday.

Benji enjoyed meeting all the new reception children and they were amazing with him too.

We shared Benji's code with all the children at both assemblies to remind them what to do when they see and meet Benji.

He is now in the office with the door open and on a long training lead, he is doing really well and enjoys being able to see along the corridor. Again the children walking past just say hello.





What's for dinner next term?

(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Dough Balls	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with a Garlic & Herb Bread Wedge	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Veggie Bolognese with Pasta	Allegra's Oodles of Noodles	Creamy Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry	Tomato Veggie Burger and Chips
Carrot Sticks and Cucumber Sticks	Broccoli and Peas	Cabbage and Carrots	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Peas and Baked Beans
Flapjack with Fruit Slices	Peach Shortbread Pudding and Custard	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake	Fruity Chocolate Brownie	Vanilla Ice Cream

Out & About

Out and About next week...

Please wear play clothes to school and bring wellies and a waterproof coat with you.

Year 1 - Tuesday am

(Going to the beach)

Leo A, Mia, Callum, Ayia, Theo, Layla, Freddie, Lille-Mae, Nathan, Emily, Arlo, Jamie and Milana.

Year 3 - Tuesday pm

(Orienteering in Firestone Copse)

Ryan, Teddy, Skyla, Maya, Amelia, Arthur, Evie, Maxul, Ava, Jake, Jack R, Zachary and Emily T.

Year 4 - Wednesday am

(Possible trip to a farm)

Theo, Freddie, Lexie, Alayna, Archie, Oscar, James M, Felicity, Isabella, Rochelle, George, Toby, James D, Sienna and Emily.

Year 2 - Wednesday pm

(Forest Walk)

Ashton, Maddie, Annabel's, Toby, Destiny, Hannah, Edward, Jack, Logan, Jesse, Charley, Oscar, Tommy and Elliott.

Year 2 - Wednesday PM

(PE Focus—please wear PE kits to school)

Emily-May, Ben, Mia-Rose, Oscar H, Cooper, Ruben, Jacob, Paloma, Harvey R, Fletcher, Tula, River and Rhys.

New position at Queensgate Advert



Queensgate Foundation Primary School



A rare and unique opportunity has arisen!

Queensgate Foundation Primary School is a thriving two-form entry primary school in East Coves. The school has had three consecutive "Good" Ofsted inspections since opening.

We are looking for an Inclusion Assistant
30 hours per week. Level 3/Scale pt 7. Actual salary £14,035.17
This will be a permanent position, term time only

We are looking for someone who:

- is a dog lover and will enjoy working with the school dog and children
- has the confidence to run the Early Help Process and support the Inclusion Manager. This will include liaising with outside agencies and leading a variety of meetings when necessary
- has experience of working with children who have additional learning needs
- has patience and a willingness to learn a variety of strategies to support successful access of the environment
- has a child centred ethos
- is self-motivated and able to use their initiative
- is reliable with excellent attendance
- is patient, displays a growth mind set and has the ability to build great relationships
- has an understanding of the impact of speech and language, as well as the social interaction needs upon behaviour – training and working with external agencies would be provided to support the successful candidate

We can offer:

- a very supportive, cheerful and positive staff team
- a leadership team, which keep children at the heart of their decision making
- a new building
- wonderful children and
- A great cocker-poo called Benji!

You are warmly welcomed to visit the school for a tour – please call 01983 292872 to arrange

To apply for this position please check out the Vacancies section on our school website: www.queensgateprimary.co.uk or contact admin@queensgateprimary.co.uk for an application pack.

Closing date: Thursday 16th September – 12 noon

Interview date: Thursday 23rd September

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children. The successful applicant will require an enhanced DBS clearance.
The school is committed to equal opportunities.

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Academic Year Dates 2021 / 2022



Sunday 12th September - Walk the Wight

Monday 20th September - INSET Day 2 for staff (School closed for children)

Friday 1st October - Harvest Festival Service

Monday 4th October - Sports for Champions (Issa Batrane) visit to school

Friday 15th October - Last day at school for Autumn Term 1

Monday 18th October to Friday 29th October - Half Term Holiday

Monday 1st November - First day of Autumn term 2

Thursday 11th November - Remembrance Day

Wednesday 24th November - No Pens Day Wednesday (Spoken Language Day)

Thursday 2nd December - Flu Immunization Day in school by NHS nurses

Wednesday 15th December - Nativity (Reception) to parents

Thursday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 17th December - Carol Service at the Church

Monday 20th December - Party Day for the children (Last day of Autumn Term 2)

Tuesday 21st December - INSET Day 3 (School closed for children)

Tuesday 21st December to Monday 3rd January - Christmas Holiday

Wednesday 22nd December - Extra Bank Holiday for Queens Jubilee Celebrations

Tuesday 4th January 2022 - INSET Day 4

Car Park

Please can we remind you that cars will be leaving the staff car park at 3pm. Therefore it is very important that you leave the site via the footpaths and not through the car park. We appreciate that the route is busy but we would like to avoid possible accidents.

As it is so busy we would really appreciate it if you could remind your children that they should NOT be riding their scooters and bikes out of the school grounds. These should be walked through the site and then ridden from Beatrice Avenue.

Many thanks

Focus Learner

We are so pleased to be able to have focus learners again. Being a focus learner means that the child will be given special tasks to do during the week. They will have an opportunity of showing a parent their class and a typical lesson, and finally they will be able to show off their work in the celebration assembly at the end of the week.

Things to remember:

- One parent/carer are invited in for **one 1 hour** session only (no staying for lunch) - this should be arranged with the class teacher via email please—see website for class email accounts
- **Please take a lateral flow test before coming in**
- Two parents/carers are invited to the celebration assembly
- Reception and Key Stage 1 assembly to be held on Friday's at 2pm
- Key stage 2 assembly to be held on Friday's at 2.30pm

Pick up

When collecting children (particularly Year 3 and 4) please wait for the child to be released by the teacher and not just grab them. The teacher needs to get to know your face and ensure that the children are going home with the correct people.

Meet the Teacher

We really value our relationship with you and like to work in partnership with you, which has been difficult over the last 18 months. Over the next two weeks we would like to offer you the opportunity to come and meet your child's teachers. Here are the dates:

Year Group	Date and Time
Reception	To be Confirmed
Year 1	Thursday 9th September 2.30pm
Year 2	Wednesday 8th September 9.00am
Year 3	Monday 6th September 2.30pm
Year 4	Monday 6th September 2.30pm
Year 5	Monday 6th September 2.30pm
Year 6	Monday 6th September 2.30pm

Whole school attendance 95.11%.

Remember that good attendance will help your child to succeed at school.

This week 2GC & 3BM achieved 100% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,



**Samantha Sillito
Headteacher**