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Harvest - Please support the East Cowes Food Pantry

Dear Families,

Harvest Festival

Next week we will be celebrating Harvest Festival with singing and a talk from James Pontin. Half the school will have their Harvest Celebration on Tuesday and the other half on Wednesday. As part of the celebration we would like to support our local Food Pantry and have a display of food in the assemblies. Please could the children bring their Harvest donations on Monday 16th October in the morning? This will enable us to make a display in time for the assemblies. I have spoken to the East Cowes Food Pantry and they have told me that they need the following items: cereal, soup, pasta, pot noodles, tinned food, rice, jar sauces, baked beans, spaghetti, tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits. Basically, non-perishable, store cupboard items that you probably have at home. For more details about the Food Pantry have a look at this link.

https://onthewight.com/the-isle-of-wights-first-community-pantry-opens-in-east-cowes/

Family Consultation Evenings

On Tuesday 7th November 3:30 – 6:50 and Thursday 9th November 3:10pm – 4:50pm we will be running our first parent/carer consultations of this academic year. We aim to meet every child's family. The purpose of the meetings is to let you know how your child has settled into their new year group and how they are getting on with their work, as well as letting you know how you can support your child's learning at home.

You need to book your appointment slot on Scopay and this goes live on Monday 16th October at 6:00pm. It will close on Sunday 5th November at 6:00pm.

Halloween Costumes

Please donate any out grown or not wanted Halloween costumes in the PTFA box at the front of the school on Monday 16th October. These will be recycled and sold for £1 each after school on Friday 20th October. Re-use and Re-cycle - keeps the cost down too!

Neon Discos

On Tuesday 17th October AJ the DJ is visiting our school. Here are the times and costs!

Year Group	Time	Cost
Reception	3:15pm – 3:45pm	£2
Year 1, 2 and 3	4:00pm - 5:15pm	£2.50
Year 4, 5 and 6	5:30pm – 6:45pm	£2.50

I would like to say a huge thank you in advance to all the parents, teachers and friends that have offered to help at the discos. Hopefully, they will be a big success and enjoyed by all.

The theme is Neon!

Our Attendance is Above National Averages – well done everyone!

Isle of Wight School Terms And Holidays

National figures of absence are 4.6% in state-funded primary schools since the start of September, so nationally attendance in primary schools is running at 95.4%. Queensgate's attendance in September was 96.7%, that's **1.3%** better than national. Well done all and keep it up! Let's see if we can make it even better!

Remember lessons now start as soon as the doors open at 8:40am and the register closes at 8:55am. Please don't be late it upsets the children when they miss things.

School Holidays - a reminder

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Monday 23rd October until Friday 3rd November is the half term holiday

Wednesday 20th December until Monday 1st January are the Christmas holidays

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 – INSET day – school closed to children

Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024 Half term holiday

Friday 29th March 2024 – Friday 12th April 2024 Easter Holidays

Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024 Half term holiday

Monday 24th June – INSET day school closed to children

Friday 12th July – provisional INSET day school closed to children

Monday 29th July 2024 – start of the summer holidays

Reminders for families...

Penny Crossley has said that it has been brilliant to see so many of you at Relax Kids on Thursday afternoon. This continues this coming Thursday. Also, a reminder that Dee Swallow is here on a Friday morning 9:15 am – 10:30 am if you would like to know how to support your children (or indeed yourself) with maths.



What's for dinner next week?

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Chinese Chicken and Vegetable Rice	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips		
Vegetable Pasty Roll Served with Potato Wedges	Macaroni Cheese Served with Vegetables	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Vegetarian Dippers Served with Chips		
Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta		
Oat Chocolate Cookie with Fruit	Orange Jelly	Chocolate and Banana Marble Cake	Flapjack with Fruit	Strawberry Ice Cream		

All main meals are served with two vegetables

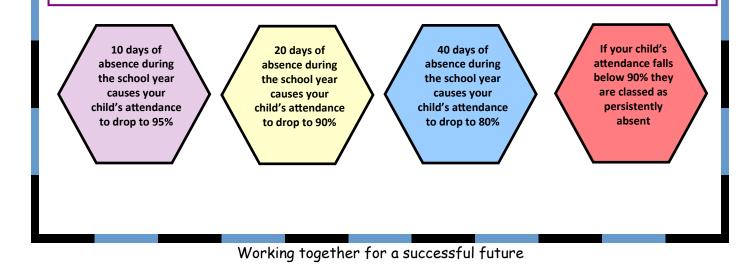
Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 96.17%

Whole School Attendance this week is 96.18%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1CE with 99.21%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 5TS with 98.89%



Out and About

On Tuesday morning the **2KA** Out and About team visited the Dragon Tree in Brighstone. The children discussed what animals need to survive and designed their own creature using clay, talking about what it needed and the habitat it would live in.

"We went to the Dragon Tree. We made clay creatures. We were thinking about what they need to live; they needed water, shelter, air and food. I enjoyed finding things to make my creature, like loads of sticks! I based it on a kind of spidery thing with lots of legs. I did enjoy going on the rope swing too!" Charlie 2KA









Next term the children in **Year 3** will be learning about the Stone Age in History, in readiness, the **3PT** Out and About group walked up to the Longstone at Mottistone on Tuesday afternoon. The children learnt about the 6,000 year old, Neolithic long barrow (burial mound) and talked about the lives of Stone Age people.

"We went to the Longstone. In the Stone Age people used to bury bodies there, in the Neolithic time. In the Stone Age, people used to eat animals and use their fur for clothes. They made weapons from stones. I enjoyed the walk and having our photo taken on the big stones!" Bayley 3PT



The children in **Year 4** have been learning about farming and land use in Geography as well as animals in Science. The **4MC** Out and About children visited Nettlecombe Farm in Whitwell on Wednesday morning. The farm has a passion for rare breeds animals and has diversified to run holiday cottages, a fishing lake and also runs yoga classes. The children all loved hand feeding the animals and learnt lots about the differences between each animal (their teeth or beaks, stomachs, hooves etc), how the farm is run and what the job of a farmer entails! Many children said they would love to pursue a career with animals when they're older. *"We went to Nettlecombe Farm. I enjoyed feeding the chickens, the sheep, the goats and the donkeys. Oreo the sheep was cuddling up to me and he fell asleep on my shoulder. He was so cuddly and woolly. I learnt that deer's antlers fall off every year and grow back. Sheep only have bottom teeth so they don't bite you they just lick the food off your hands. Sheep have 4 stomachs just like cows." Jesse 4MC*



Working together for a successful future

Our **Year 1** children have been learning about senses in Science. The **1CE** Out and About group visited Borthwood Copse to explore their senses in the forest as well as looking for signs of Autumn. The children talked about what they could hear, see, smell and touch. They were challenged to create a face using things they could find and described the texture of the items they had chosen.

"We went to the forest to play and read stories. We were thinking about our senses and Autumn. In the Autumn the leaves turn orange and fall off the trees. We had to find Autumn leaves, acorns and sticks to make faces. I enjoyed climbing on the logs!" Declan 1CE







Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes (that are okay to get muddy) and brings <u>wellies</u> and a waterproof jacket.

Tuesday am - 2KG Brighstone Dragon Tree

Ella-Rose, Isabelle, Paisley, Gracie-Mai, Amelia-Lily, William, Caleb, Harry, Jamie, Corey, Jimmy, Rory, Eli and Arlo.

Tuesday pm - **3PT** *Longstone, Mottistone*

Tylan, Theo, Nathan, Daniel, Nimalan, Jamie, Kingsley, Adeline, Layla, Bonnie, Amber, Juniper and Chloe.

Wednesday am - 4MC Briddlesford Farm

Benjamin, Mia-Rose, Oscar G, Harry, Oscar H, Ruben, Jacob, Paloma, Harvey R, Fletcher, River, Rhys, Adhvika, Lily and Vincent.

*Please note - it is compulsory for the children to wear wellies on the farm. Let us know if your child doesn't have any and we can see if we can lend them a pair for the session.

Wednesday pm - **1CE** Borthwood Copse

Bowie, George, Titan, Jasper, Wyatt, Frederick, Sully, Nathan, Evelyn, Inara, Mollie, Raemarni, Peyton and Naomi.

Cookery Next Week

These children in **Year 6** have a PPA cookery lesson on Monday afternoon please could they bring in a container to take their food home in: James, Archie, James, Robert, Tommy, Joe, Zoe, Rochelle, Sarah, Charlotte, Chloe Sh., Keira, Bella TR, Chyna, Evie.

These children in **Year 5** have a PPA cookery lesson on Tuesday afternoon please could they bring in a container to take their food home in: Connor, Xachary, Arthur, Bradley, Tyson, Riley, Liam, Jonny, Abigail, Maya, Skyla, Evie, Ava, Isabella, Grace.

These children in **Year 4** have a PPA cookery lesson on Wednesday morning please could they bring in a container suitable to take soup home in please: Harley B, Zayn, Tayla, Joshua, Harvey, Scarlett, Maisy, Ella L, Toby, Harley T, Flynn, James, Mirabelle, Georgia, Logan F.

These children in **Year 1** have a PPA cookery lesson on Wednesday afternoon afternoon please could they bring in a container to take their food home in: Rudy, Freddie, Elijah, Ace, Lenny, Marley, Harrison, Harry, Milly, Marnie, Rosie, Isabella, Cassidy, Talima, Sadie.

Social Media Issues



Most major social media platforms – FaceBook, TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, Pinterest, WhatsApp to mention just a few, require users to be at least <u>13 years of age (and in some cases 16</u> - WhatsApp).

Pre-teens are not ready to handle the world of social networking and all its implications. Some social media platforms do not use any age verifications tools, leaving your chid able to sign up for a new account without your knowledge. They will then have access to explicit and inappropriate content without restriction. TikTok has a feature called 'Family Pairing' allowing parents to link their child's account to their own, set time limits and control direct messages. Parents receive notification if any setting are changed or turned off.

Some social media platforms also share data with third-party service providers – even when the apps are not being used. That means if your child copies and pastes sensitive information or private conversations it is available to those third-party providers.

It is becoming ever more apparent that a number of Queensgate pupils are using various social media platforms to contact other pupils in an unfriendly and bullying manner. In turn parents are contacting school to involve us, make us aware of what is going on and asking us to resolve these out of school disagreements. Whilst we take all instances of bullying within school seriously and look for resolutions, the amount of time that is being taken up trying to resolve out-of-school issues is impacting greatly on the amount of time dedicated to education within school.

The decision to allow your child to use social media platforms means you, as the parent/ responsible person, should monitor your child's online activity to ensure they are using platforms responsibly.

Useful Links to guides around parental settings:

https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/parent-controls-docs/parental-controlwhatsapp.pdf

https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/parent-controls-docs/parental-control-tiktokprivacy-and-safety-settings.pdf

https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/parent-controls-docs/parental-controlinstagram.pdf

Lost Property

Here are photos of unclaimed (and unnamed) items this week. Please can you direct any queries around lost property to our new dedicated email account: <u>lostproperty@queensgateprimary.co.uk</u>. Any donations of old uniform should go to the PTFA please. Thank you!



Consultation: Cowes Enterprise College Admissions Arrangements 2025 - 26

Good Afternoon

Please find on our website the proposed Admissions Policy for 2025-26 for Cowes Enterprise College and a letter containing details about the consultation on admissions arrangements.

Both documents can be accessed using the following link:

https://cowesec.org/news/2023/10/3/consultation-on-admission-arrangements-2025-26

From the Isle of Wight NHS Trust

We are offering the following Children's COVID Vaccination Clinics for Years 5-11 and Years 12-15 and Years 16-17 in the **Children's Outpatients Department, North Hospital, St Mary's (**NOT the Hospital Vaccine Hub). Accessible parking is available in the North Car Park.

Appointments must be booked in advance using the National Booking Service, we are unable to offer walk-ins.

For information about eligibility and how to book your Child's vaccination, please use the online link below, you will need your child's NHS number:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/

All vaccines offered will be the Pfizer XBB.1.5 vaccines.

Children's Clinics (more to follow) Friday 27 Oct 2023, 08:00 – 11:00 Friday 24 Nov 2023, 14:00 – 17:00

For any other information regarding Children's vaccination clinics, please email the Hospital Vaccine Hub Team: **<u>iownt.vaccine-hub@nhs.net</u>**.

School Sport / Physical activity News

This week has been a busy week with a range of sports related events.

Key stage assemblies

We started the week with our sports leaders presenting an assembly on why it is important to be active. They told the school about the physical and mental health benefits as well as how being active can help with academic attainment. They then informed the rest of the school what they were going to be organising to help them get active.



Sport leaders

Some Year 6 children have volunteered to be sports leaders this year. These children will be promoting being active, supporting younger pupils to be active as well as helping to organise some sporting competitions, supporting any sport visitors we have in school and helping to develop ways to improve PE, physical activity and school sports.

Monster kickabout

This year we are participating in the Monster Kickabout. This is a national event aimed at making football accessible to everyone and, since we were one of the first schools to sign up, we have been given some new footballs. A number of professional footballers have set different football-based games and challenges for the children to try. Every break time until half term, the sports leaders will make sure that all the footballs are out to allow everyone who wants to a chance to have a kickabout. It looks like the children are enjoying this. Look out for some pictures in next week's newsletter.

Reading for pleasure

To support reading, we have purchased a range of sports related books (biographies, novels involving sport, non-fiction texts, graphic novels) which will be available to pupils in KS2 to read. Year 6 have enjoyed seeing the books arrive and many have already decided which books they want to read – hopefully the rest of the keystage will enjoy the books as much.



Tag Rugby Skills Festival



Yesterday some children from Year 4 and Year 6 took part in a tag rugby skills festival held at Queensgate. Each school went around to the six stations in their groups and took part in the training activity that was run by some students from The IOW College. The children all worked really hard at each of the stations, gaining vital skills and having great fun in the process. At the end of the festival, the children were presented with medals, which they were incredibly proud of.

Sports for Champions

On Thursday Jordan Catchpole, Paralympian swimmer, led an assembly to the whole school and then ran a circuit-based workshop for all classes. Jordan spoke about how he has won a lot of races but also lost races and that it was ok to lose a race, sometimes you have bad days and sometimes you have good days. As long as you keep working hard, there will be more good than bad days.

Jordan has already qualified to compete at the Paris Olympics in a number of events. Hopefully we may even be able to watch his races in school as the Paralympics will be on when we return to school after the summer holidays.



Look out for examples of work children have completed based on Jordan's visit in future newsletters.



Year 4 Football

On Thursday, the Year 4 boys had their first football game of the year against Gurnard. The boys were very excited and were hopeful to get three points from the game. The game began and the boys looked sharp from the off. They dominated possession well, creating some great chances for themselves. After a number of attacks, the boys finally found a break through with a quality strike from Zayn C. The half time whistle blew and the boys gathered round for a quick team talk. We spoke at halftime about how we kept our shape well and that we just needed to shoot more when around the opposition's penalty area.

The boys took the advice onboard and were positive going into the second half. Unfortunately for the team, our fantastic first half didn't progress into the second half. The boys couldn't seem to get their foot on the ball, having to defend for long periods of time throughout the half. The boys conceded 2 goals during the second half with the match ending 2-1 to Gurnard. There were many positives to take out of this game, however some key areas to work on for the boys.

As a team, we will look to improve going into the next game.



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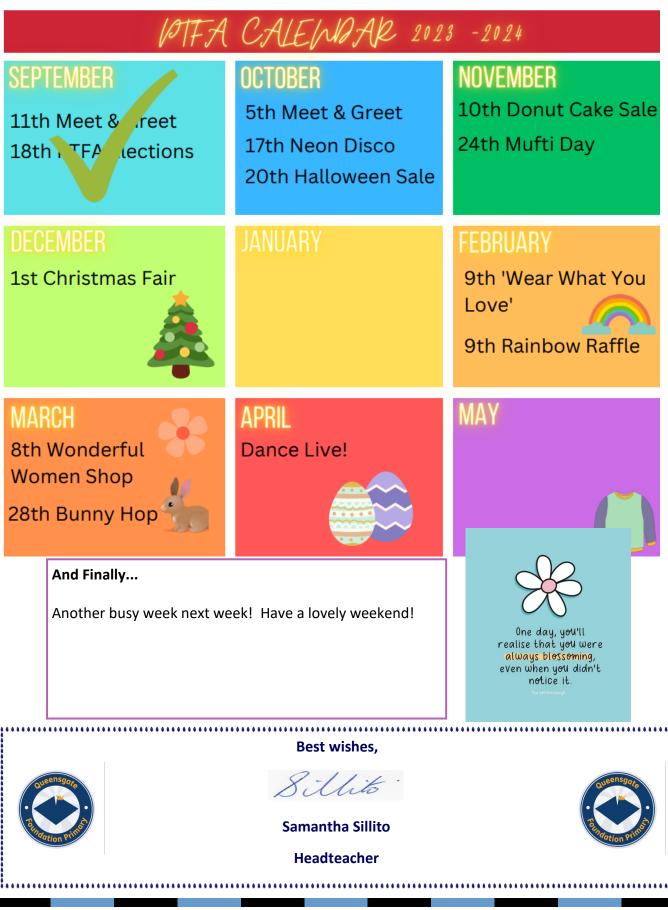
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PTFA News

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Scarecrow Festival

21st October to 5th November

Come and join us this October half term at West Wight Alpacas

Come and explore our farm and find our bright and colourful scarecrows

Why not enter our competition for the best dressed scarecrow. Design your own scarecrow and enter them into the hall of fame and be in for the chance to **win an annual family pass for 2024.**

Visitors will be able to vote for their favourite scarecrow. Which one will be your favourite?

Normal farm entry fees apply.

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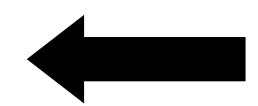
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Look - Another chance to see Pete J Murray!!





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