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**Queensgate Foundation
Primary School**



Wishing you all a Happy Christmas

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas. I hope you get to see family and celebrations are not too disrupted. I would also like to thank you for your continued support in what has been, once again, another unusual term. Please take time to rest up and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2022.

Christmas Dinner

Thank you to the staff for helping out during our Christmas dinner and thank you for sending your children in their Christmas jumpers - they looked very festive. I would like to say a very special thank you to Mary, our catering manager and all of her team, for their efficient serving of over 300 Christmas dinners!



New Staff Member - Mrs Webb our new Music Teacher

We said goodbye and thank you to Mrs Fox this week who has managed our music curriculum this term. We have now recruited and appointed a permanent member of staff. Here is her introduction:

Hello to all children, parents and staff. I have been a primary teacher on the island for 28 years and am very much looking forward to joining the Queensgate family and focussing whole-heartedly on teaching a subject I love. I currently sing with the Isle of Wight Cantata Choir and am the worship leader at my local church on Clarence Road in East Cowes. I was blessed with parents who encouraged me to learn the piano, violin, guitar and recorder and also with inspirational teachers who provided numerous opportunities to learn, play and perform and fostered in me a life-long love of choral singing. It is my desire to do the same for the children at Queensgate with your support. I look forward to meeting you all during the spring term and wish you all a very happy Christmas.



Out & About

On Tuesday morning the **1KS** Out and About group hunted for a missing bear around the Old Barracks at Puckpool Park. The children found a note from the bear with clues to read and a trail to help find him. They were very enthusiastic and worked well as a team to read the instructions. After finding the bear, the children enjoyed a hot chocolate, story and play in the park.



All of **3PT** visited the Shipwreck Centre and Maritime Museum at Arretton Barns to conclude their learning on the Stone Age on Tuesday afternoon. The children learnt about maritime archaeology and the important role divers have in finding historic artefacts and evidence beneath the sea. They took part in activities around the museum; logging artefacts, making clay coracle boats, learning about dive equipment and finding out about Stone Age discoveries off the coast of the Isle of Wight.

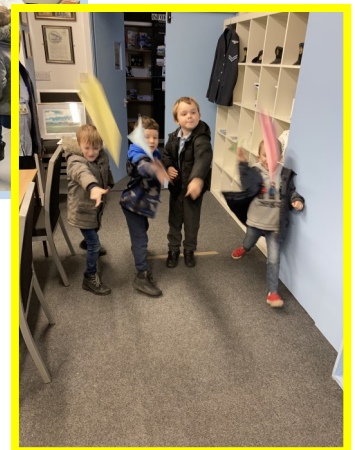


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On Wednesday morning the **4AH** Out and About team had a special Christmas themed session. The children visited Brook beach and were challenged to create their own 'Sandman Snowman'! They had great fun building (and naming) their sandmen (and ladies) using found resources on the beach as well as carrots for noses. There was lots of laughter when a passing dog stole a carrot nose from someone's sandman. After our fun on the beach we visited Isle of Wight Pearl's Christmas Tree Festival. The children were impressed with all of the decorated trees but their favourite was the one covered in alpacas by West Wight Alpaca Farm.



The **2GC** Out and About group visited the Wight Aviation Museum on Wednesday afternoon. The children were given a tour of the museum, learnt about different types of aircraft, the first propeller and jet aeroplanes and the life of Mary Ellis. The children all had a go at making their own paper glider and racing them too. The staff and volunteers have been very welcoming each week and we hope to work alongside them again in the future.



Out and About next half term...

Sessions will resume after the Christmas break on 11th and 12th January with **Reception** (Tuesdays) and **Year 1** (Wednesdays). Please check the newsletter each week to see if your child is due to be going out.

Year 3 and **Year 5** will begin their block of swimming lessons in the new year (Year 3 on a Tuesday pm and Year 5 on Wednesday pm). Over the holiday please check that your child has a swimsuit or swim shorts that fit! Swimming goggles are highly recommended too. Please note we will return to school from swimming by approximately 3.15pm.

Out & About Club

Here is our Queensgate tree decorated by the Out and About Club. It is on display at St Mildreds Church as part of their Christmas Tree Festival this week. The children enjoyed hunting for resources and using tools to create their own decorations during club this half term.



Year 1 Marble Runs

1CE and 1KS have been busy with their DT skills. One run is even on display at Osborne House!



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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
BANK HOLIDAY	INSET DAY	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
		Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice	Meat-free Nuggets and Chips
		Carrots and Cabbage	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
		Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Berry & Peach Oaty Crumble with Custard	Orange, Sultana & Carrot Cake Slice

Please note that all meals are subject to change due to availability of produce.

Love reading?

Then try this....

Fraser in 6TS has been so desperate to share his reading recommendation because it's for something that he absolutely loves! The Beano!

Fraser thinks everyone should read The Beano all of the time because it is amazing, funny and hilarious. He can't choose a favourite character because he thinks they are all brilliant, especially Minnie The Minx and Dennis and Gnasher.

This comic comes out weekly and there's also an annual and Fraser has already read the 2022 annual! Fraser would like to mention that The Dandy is also good and has an annual too.

Fraser is currently negotiating with the school library to get copies of the Beano for everyone to read.

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 them here.



Benji Blog



Benji is getting very excited about Christmas. He went to watch Reception's dress rehearsal of their nativity and was so relaxed he fell asleep!

He has also received his first Christmas present - here are some photos of him unwrapping his carrot! Thank you Jayden.



Party Day

Monday 20th December is our last day. We are off timetable and will holding fun activities and parties all day. The children can come in Mufti. Please note that lunch on this day is a party lunch which needed to have been pre-booked. We are unable to add this on the day due to purchasing the correct stock. If you haven't pre-booked please ensure your child has a packed lunch.

Whole school attendance 93.55%.

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

This week 6TS achieved 100% attendance!
Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



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COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR

OPEN MORNING

On:

Tuesday 18th January, 2022 at 9:05am

We are keen on inviting members of our local community to have a say and input into our new sensory area. We want to provide an area that will appeal to the 5 senses: Sight, Smell, taste, touch and hearing.

The School Council will have already collected the views of the students of Queensgate, but we are keen to get ideas from parents, grandparents and other members of the local community. It may even be possible to set up an allotment style arrangement when the school is closed for the summer holidays.

The PTFA will also be holding a coffee morning at the same time so please come and see them, have a chat and maybe even sign up to help!





QUEENSGATE PRIMARY PTFA



DECEMBER ISSUE 2021

Dear parents, students and family members.
Our EGM has been set for the 10th of January 2022 at 7pm at the Lifeboat Pub/Restaurant. We are quite a small committee and the majority of our parents have children in KS2, we would love for some parents in KS1 to join to be able to carry on doing what we do.

As a parent and staff member at Queensgate you are already part of the PTFA, but we always welcome new members who want to take a more active role and join the committee, so don't be shy, come and say hi!

2021 Nov/Dec Term Fundraising

East Cowes Christmas Market – On Friday the 3rd of December we had a stall in the market, this was very successful and managed to raise £210 for the school!

Thank you to all those that helped out, parents and students as well as those that came to support us! Well done to the winners of our Christmas Squishmellows and Brussel Sprout jar as well as the many tombola winners!

Christmas Cards – Thank you to all the students for creating beautiful Christmas pictures and to all those parents that ordered cards, mugs, tea towels and more! We hope you're all happy with them. Thanks to all your orders we've managed to raise £560!

A special thank you this month goes to Cherry Clare's for providing the party traybakes at a discounted price as well as delivering them for us and to Kezi Kindness for donating £40 towards the traybakes.

Also a special thank you to Vectis Storage for the sponsorship of our new stall banners and Cowes Rotary Club for the donation of gingerbread men and icing for our stall in the market!

UPCOMING EVENTS

20 December – Class party/off timetable day and last day of term.


5th January - First day back to school

10th of January - EGM meeting 7PM @ The Lifeboat Pub/Restaurant

18th of January - New Project/Meet the PTFA coffee morning 9AM @ The School Hall

21st – 28th of January – Fun'raisin' challenge

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queensgateptfa@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS JUMPER JANUARY DONATIONS

Once Christmas is over and you've worn your jumper for too many days, why not wash it and donate it to the PTFA.

We're planning a Christmas Jumper Sale next year, and your outgrown jumpers may fit someone else perfectly next Christmas.

Christmas Spending

Christmas is our favourite time of year, and although due to covid we haven't been able to do half the things we would have liked we have lots of plans for next year. For this year we have organised a few treats for your children to enjoy on party day such as a freshly made traybake per class, donations of sweets, crisps and chocolates for the school to share out and Santa will be visiting each class to deliver some lovely class presents that have been chosen by the teachers. This has all been possible thanks to your help with our fundraising so thank you to all those that stop by our treat stalls and get involved in all our events.

Vacancies, EGM and Coffee morning

The EGM meeting will be taking place on the 10th of Jan 2022 at 7pm at The Lifeboat, we are still in need of a treasurer so if you have any experience in accounting please come along and see if you could help. We also welcome any other members to come along and have your say.

We will be holding a coffee morning in conjunction with the schools next 'big project' community morning, this will be held in the school hall on Tuesday the 18th at 9AM, the PTFA will be donating £3000 towards this project so why not come along and see what our plans are and how you can help or just tell us what you'd like to see us build for your children!

Light up the Wight CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Official Christmas Lights Tour Guide

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The Island's Guide



1 LONG LANE NEWPORT	14 256 UPTON ROAD RYDE (NEAREST HAINES STREET)	NEW 27 PROSPECT ROAD SHANKLIN
NEW 2 ALBERT WAY EAST COWES	15 PLAYER STREET RYDE	28 ALVERSTONE ROAD WINFORD
NEW 3 WATERSIDE CLOSE EAST COWES	NEW 16 HARDING ROAD RYDE	29 WEST STREET WROXALL
NEW 4 FALCON ROAD EAST COWES	17 SOMERSET ROAD RYDE	30 BANNOCK ROAD WHITWELL
5 PALMERS ROAD WOOTTON	18 LOWER GREEN ROAD ST HELENS	31 SPANNERS CLOSE CHALE GREEN
NEW 6 BINSTEAD LODGE ROAD BINSTEAD	19 YORK ROAD SANDOWN	NEW 32 CAMP ROAD FRESHWATER
7 DAME ANTHONY'S CLOSE BINSTEAD	20 84 PEROWNE WAY SANDOWN (NEAREST BRADING)	33 LINDEN ROAD CARISBROOKE
NEW 8 TRAFALGAR DRIVE BINSTEAD	NEW 21 DOWNSVIEW SANDOWN (BACKGARDEN DISPLAY)	34 WORSLEY ROAD GURNARD
9 JELICOE ROAD BINSTEAD	22 57 PEROWNE WAY SANDOWN (NEAREST LAKE)	35 SWAN STREET NEWPORT
10 ST VINCENT'S, BINSTEAD ROAD BINSTEAD	23 81A GREEN LANE SHANKLIN (NEAREST LAKE)	NEW 36 GODRIC ROAD NEWPORT
NEW 11 MAYFIELD ROAD RYDE	24 79 GREEN LANE SHANKLIN (NEAREST SHANKLIN)	37 WELLESLEY WAY NEWPORT
12 MONTEREY ROAD RYDE	25 WHITECROSS LANE SHANKLIN	# RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY
13 80 UPTON ROAD RYDE (NEAREST RYDE)	NEW 26 GARFIELD ROAD SHANKLIN	NEW ENTRY IN 2021
		ON THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR BUS ROUTE

OUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR HAS PROVEN SO POPULAR, IT'S SOLD OUT FOR 2021.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR A UNIQUE FREEZE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL THE FAMILY

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ON YER BIKE PRESENTS...

Affordable Christmas Bike Sale

SUN 19 DECEMBER 2021, 11AM - 2PM

THE CHAPEL, YMCA WINCHESTER HOUSE
SANDOWN ROAD, SHANKLIN

- Affordable Bike Sale
- Repairs & Demonstrations
- Tea, Coffee & Cake

Prices
start from
£5
per bike!

The Holiday Activity Food programme is running this Xmas holiday. Though there is not HAF provision in East Cowes over Christmas, there will be free places for children who receive free school meals at the following provisions, please pass on the details to your eligible families –

Aspire, Ryde - Children's play session and healthy meal in the Kingdom play activity centre. Forty spaces available per day over the holidays. Email: info@aspireryde.org.uk or call (01983) 716020. Dates – 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 29th December

Theatre Educational - Theatre Educational is thrilled to offer an exciting creative programme within the Connect4communities project, for children between the ages of 5 years - 16 years.

We have two holiday programmes running during the Christmas Holidays. One at Barton Primary School, and one at Oakfield Primary School.

Places are available free to children on Free School Meals or @ £15 per day.

Dates and programme as follows.

Oakfield Primary School.

10:00 – 3:00 daily. 5 years – 16 years.

LUNCH INCLUDED

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd December

Barton Primary School.

10:00 – 3:00 daily. 5 years – 16 years.

LUNCH INCLUDED

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd December

To book email study@theatreeducationl.co.uk or call 07984 170014

Ventnor Community Early Years –

Ventnor Community Early Years are providing sessions offering activities including gymnastics, dance, arts and crafts and sports. For five to ten year olds. Email: ventnorcommunityearlyyears@gmail.com or call (01983) 856868.

Dates – Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st December.

Island Riding - Riding sessions with a healthy lunch provided for ages six to 14. Bookings: (01983) 214000 or go to <https://www.islandriding.com/riding-activities/> to register on their booking app. Dates – 23rd, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th December. Two sessions available a day, 9am – 1pm and 12.30pm - 4.30pm.

The School Aged Immunisation Team have added some additional community clinics for those children that missed the flu vaccination at the school session.

Monday 20th Dec - East Newport Barnardo's Family Centre [PO30 2AR](#)

Tuesday 11th January - West Wight Barnardo's Family Centre PO40 9XH

Thursday 13th January - Cowes Barnardo's Family Centre PO31 7ET

Saturday 15th January - East Newport Barnardo's Family Centre PO30 2AR

Please find the link below which you will need to use to access the In-Health Care e-consent system:

<http://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-iow-flu>

If this does not open, please copy and paste the link above into your internet web browser address bar (not through the search area).

Once you click START you will then be prompted for the Unique School LEA Code which is **136008**.

If you have any queries please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team via

snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-iow@nhs.net

Thank you.



MONTHLY SONG WRITING & RECORDING CLUB

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Spanish club will be starting back up the 12th of January. There are 3 more spaces available, so if anyone new wants to join you can get in touch by email at lcclubs.iow@gmail.com.

¡HOLA!

I am Pepe.
Join me at El club Español
and learn Spanish
the fun way!



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