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Queensgate Foundation
Primary School



Would you like to be a school Governor?

Dear Parents/carers,

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor which we need to fill as soon as possible. Queensgate Foundation Primary School has always aimed for a partnership with parents which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

The governing board's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction
- to hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

Parent Governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing board is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

In looking to fill this vacancy the governors of the school have identified the following skills, experience and attributes that they feel would help strengthen the governing board:

- A background knowledge of Education
- School sector HR and policies
- Procurement and purchasing
- Financial management
- Accountability and collective decision making
- An awareness of Safeguarding and child care would also be beneficial

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training.

If you feel you can help in this capacity please contact the office or email Mrs. Selle (Clerk to Governors) admin@queensgateprimary.co.uk for an application form, which will need to be completed and returned to the school by the closing deadline of **12.00 noon on Monday 5th October**.

Please look for further information for prospective governors on the [Hampshire Governor Services website](#).

Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to an identity check.

If there are more applications than vacancies, we will hold an election and you will be sent a voting paper in due course. You may return the ballot paper either via your child or by post.

Out & About

On Tuesday morning the **1CE** Out and About group had fun on The Patch. After sharing the story *Funnybones*, the children worked in teams to use natural materials to create a body or skeleton. They demonstrated some super phonic knowledge, reading labels for their giant skeletons.



The **3BM** Out and About group practised their map reading and compass skills as they completed an orienteering trail around East Coves. They worked well as a team to locate each marker on the map.



On Wednesday morning **RSJ** had a super time on The Patch. The children enjoyed bug hunting, bird watching and making their very own Patch crowns using leaves, petals and feathers.



2GC took part in some phonics activities on the Patch on Wednesday afternoon. The children looked for bugs and recorded what they found, hunted for real and nonsense words to feed Bob and Obb, as well as creating some delicious recipes in the mud kitchen!



1CE Out and About visit to Osborne

As part of our Out and About sessions, we are excited to be able to take 1CE to visit Osborne House for the morning, on either Tuesday 22nd or Tuesday 29th September. Please see letter.



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
Chicken Curry with 50/50 Rice	Beef Burger in a Bun with Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips
Vegetarian Bolognese with Spaghetti	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Wedges	Lentil & Basil Whirl with Roast Potatoes	Sweet Potato Curry with 50/50 Rice	Vegetable Pasty with Chips
Cauliflower Broccoli	Coleslaw Mixed Salad	Carrots Cabbage	Vegetable Medley	Baked Beans Peas
Mixed Fruit Crumble with Cream Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Lemon Drizzle Cake Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Chocolate & Orange Cake with Choc Sauce Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Vanilla Shortbread Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit



Access through Back Playground

Please can I remind parents of the system for the back playground. If you are a Year 1 or 2 parent dropping off then please stand in the area to the building side of the bins and play equipment. All other parents should filter through using the path on the field side of the bins and play equipment (or if dry use the new path by the mobile and go along the school playing field). Many thanks.



Parking in the Mornings

We have been contacted from some local residents who have said that they have found their allocated, private car spaces being parked in by parents doing the drop off. Please be mindful of any parking restrictions and be considerate to our community. Please be aware that residents can report these parked cars on www.fixmystreet.com which then go through to the council.



Positive Quote

"The first to apologise is the bravest. The first to forgive is the strongest. The first to forget is the happiest."

Whole school attendance 96.98%.

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

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

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher