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Queensgate Foundation
Primary School

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Important Information for September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some Good-byes

Today we have said good-bye to both Mrs Salmon and Mrs Merwood. Both members of staff are retiring after long and successful careers in education. Thank you to both of them for their amazing service and hard work during their time at Queensgate. We wish them both a long and happy retirements.

We also said goodbye to our wonderful Year 6's, we wish them all the best at their secondary schools and will miss them lots.

Saying Thank You

Thank you for filling in the parent comments after receiving your child's school report. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading them.

Thank you also for completing the survey and for all your comments. Here are some of our favourites:

"I have been fully supported by all members of Queensgate and in all honesty wouldn't have coped without them through emails and telephone. Queensgate has done an outstanding job during the COVID 19."

"In my opinion Queensgate have dealt with the pandemic extremely well. The tools that were sent home for home schooling were excellent and interactive and how they have settled children back into a learning environment has been thoroughly thought out to keep the children safe. My son loves being back and school. Thank you."

"We are very happy with the way the school has handled everything. We have been supported well whilst learning at home and when returned to school. Well done to all concerned we are very grateful."

"I have been very grateful for all the help with home learning that I have received. We have enjoyed the zoom story times. Being able to contact the teacher and teaching assistants has meant that I have been more relaxed when not understanding anything. Thank you all for seeing us through this unusual time."

"We can't fault how you've handled the unexpected pandemic. A massive well done to you all. Our daughter's home learning has been diverse, interesting and fun. When she had an opportunity to return to school I trusted that you would keep her safe and it's the best decision that we made for her not only educationally but also emotionally and socially."

"My son has been fully supported by his teacher throughout the pandemic. If we had a problem it was resolved promptly. I would like to take this time to thank all the staff throughout school year and especially throughout the pandemic for their amazing work."

The list of messages go on and there are far too many to put in the newsletter.

We know, from the survey, that a very small minority of you have not felt fully supported. We would like to apologise for this. We would like to thank you for your feedback which will help us to improve if something like this was to happen again.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of you. Although times have been very unusual I personally have always felt supported by all of you with your thoughtful comments and thanks. I really feel we have worked together.

I would also like to add my thanks to the wonderful staff of Queensgate. I feel very humbled to be surrounded by such a fun, proactive, hardworking and talented team of people.

Lastly, thanks to the children - to those at home who have worked hard at their home learning and those that have come back to school and adjusted brilliantly to new routines and lots of hand washing!

Plans for September

As you know all schools are opening for all children in September. We are looking forward to welcoming all the children back.

Our updated risk assessment for full opening will be on our website before the start of term. Please look under the parent tab – Covid information. This will be reviewed again regularly to ensure it is completely up to date with the DfE guidance at that time.

Here are the start times for September.

Years 6, 4, 2 and R need to arrive at 8:40am. They will need to be picked up at 2:55pm.

Years 5, 3 and 1 need to arrive five minutes later at 8:45am and will be leaving at 3:00pm. This may not work and we will review it after the first couple of days. I am aiming to ensure enough space whilst having the day times as normal as possible.

Please remember do not send your child to school if they have a temperature, cough or have lost taste or smell. If you or the children have any of these symptoms please ring 111 or 119 to get a Covid test and self-isolate until you have the result.

The children will be asked to wash their hands when they come into school and before they transition to another class or part of the school.

We are aiming to keep the children in their class “Bubbles” as much as possible. Lunch times will be staggered and there will be enhanced cleaning throughout the school day.

We will have footprints on the floor to help the children remember to socially distance when they are not in their class. They do not need to socially distance within the classroom.

We will also be encouraging good respiratory hygiene. Sneezing into a tissue which will be thrown away in a lidded bin. We have many catch it, bin it, kill it posters around school to remind the children about this.

Breakfast club will be back. The children will sit with children from their own class and will not mix across the school. Breakfast club will be open from 8 am and will still be £2. We will have a maximum of fifty children attending this.

We will be offering a broad and ambitious curriculum, but the children will not be going out and about on the mini-bus or cooking in the first few weeks. Extra-curricular after school clubs will not run initially, but we will review this by half term.

Our normal procedures around attendance will be resumed. If a child is self-isolating we will ensure they have work to do from home.

The kitchens will be fully open in September and back to providing hot meals.

The children need to be in full school uniform unless they have PE. Please send the children in to school in their PE kit on PE days. You will be notified of which days are PE days in September by their new class teachers. This will also give extra opportunity for you to wash their school uniform more frequently.

All the usual expectations will be in place in terms of behaviour. Please remind the children about the Queensgate Code. Here it is to remind you!

In addition to the Queensgate Code the children will be expected to wash their hands regularly and socially distance when outside of their classroom setting.

We have written a new behaviour policy which we will share with you in September.

All normal assessments are being resumed in September.

This means all the following will take place:

- Phonics screening test in both Years 1 and 2
- Year 2 teacher assessment and tests
- Year 4 multiplication tables check
- Year 6 SATs



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• To use good manners all day, every day.

- Listening to teachers, adults and other children

- Being polite

- Being gentle

- Being helpful

- Looking after ourselves, other people and our school, inside and outside

• To make sensible choices

- Remember to say sorry if necessary

• Always tell the truth

• Be proud of ourselves, our uniform and our school



The Comet Neowise

Mr Cox has been taking amazing photos again. This was taken from the Longstone well after midnight a few days ago.

The comet will not return for another 6,800 years!

Advance Dates for your Diary

INSET days will be taken on:

1st and 2nd September 2020,

22nd December 2020,

4th January 2021 and

21st June 2021.

Please add them to your diary!



Transition Picnic

Thank you for all who attended the picnic on Thursday. I know that the teacher's appreciated being able to say goodbye to their current class, then welcoming their new one. We know it's not the normal transition but hopefully the children enjoyed this brief introduction to their new teacher too. Here are just a few pictures of the event:



Demolition Continues Rapidly

The demolition contractors have made light work of the old school. The majority is now down. The machine operators show tremendous skill and continue to sort the materials as they go. I wonder what it will look like on our return in September?!



Working together for a successful future



What's for dinner next week?

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



Prise Rise for School Meals

We have been notified by Caterlink our catering suppliers that there will be an increase in school meals from September 1st 2020, which will be held for a minimum of 1 year. The cost will be £2.15



This is to certify that the pupils of
**Queensgate Foundation
Primary**

have achieved the
Gold Award

on the Woodland Trust's
Green Tree Schools Award

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You've reached GOLD!

Congratulations! We're delighted you have reached Gold on the Green Tree Schools Award. You should all be very proud of your green achievements as a school.

Your smart wooden plaque will be sent out within the next two weeks. Every plaque we give schools is made from beautiful FSC cedar wood. Some irregularities in the wood are to be expected and make your plaque unique. Remember, wood and people are all different and have quirks which make them special.

Your success in achieving the Green Tree Schools Gold Award is really something and we want you to shout about it!

Thank you for being part of the Green Tree Schools Award scheme – good luck for the Platinum level!

Kind regards,

Woodland Trust Learning Team



Interested in cricket?

Come and join Ryde Cricket Club.

Junior Coaching at Ryde Cricket Club, Harding Shute
(just after Tesco Roundabout)
All Sessions are delivered by an DBS Checked and ECB qualified coaches.



Children in School Years 1, 2, & 3

This session will be based on the ECB ALL STARS programme aimed at beginner cricketers. Please wear suitable clothing for cricket and bring a water based drink

Day: Every Tuesday starting 28th July for 5 weeks. Last session 25th August.
Time: 10.00am-11.00am.
Cost: £10 for the 5 weeks

Children in School Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Day: Every Friday starting 24th July for 6 weeks. Last session 28th August.
Time: 5.00pm-6.00pm.
Cost: £12 for the 6 weeks

Due to the new Government Guidelines, booking is essential via email:
Andyday77@live.co.uk

For more information please contact
Andy Day on 07970 009 509 or E-mail Andyday77@live.co.uk



Year 6 leavers

Here are a few snaps of our Year 6's leaving through a corridor of claps and cheers. Some enjoyed the catwalk experience, some couldn't get down it quick enough, but the Year 5's in attendance all asked if they could have the same next year!



Updated Details

If you move or change your phone number over the summer please let the office know as soon as possible on your return to school of these new details. Many thanks.

Happy Holidays

The children return to school on Thursday 3rd September. (Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September are both staff training days.)

New reception children will be in from 8.40am until 11.30am on Thursday 3rd September. On Friday 4th they will stay for lunch and will need to be picked up at 12 noon.

Reception children will be in full time from Monday 7th September.

Thank you once again for your support.

I hope you enjoy the summer holidays.

And finally...

We would like to signpost you to an amazing website www.annafreud.org it is an organisation with children and families at the heart of everything they do. There are some amazing resources, particularly around Covid-19 and mental health. Please do take time to have a look.

Positive Quote

The difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is how you use them.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



THE
Starlight
GymKatz



Cheernastics Holiday Club



Tuesday 28th July / Wednesday 29th July

Tuesday 4th August / Wednesday 5th August

Tuesday 11th August / Wednesday 12th August

St Thomas of Canterbury Primary

£22 per day

Ages 4 - 11

A fun day to try out new skills

*Tumbles *Handstands *Cartwheels *Jumps

*Walkovers *Drills *Flexibility *Balances

10am - 3pm



To book call or text

07729822115



Planet Aware Ocean Challenge

Find everything you need including the Seashore Code plus extra info on our website www.planetaware.co.uk
Put a tick in the box each time you do a challenge ✓



YOUR NAME.....

YOUR OCEAN NEEDS YOU!

Do you have the eyes of an eagle, an explorer's courage and the artistic skill of Picasso?(WHO?) Well don't worry if not, you can still join in our Ocean Challenge this summer and learn more about why clean healthy Oceans are so important for you and...



1. HEY LET'S ROCK...(POOL)!!!!

Imagine that you feed with your feet in the air, or that you could grow another arm if you hurt yours!!! Look no further than your nearest rock pool to find the creatures that actually live like this! Barnacles actually do feed upside down with their legs and Starfish can grow another arm if one gets eaten or damaged! There are more weird and wonderful discoveries waiting for you.

YOUR CHALLENGE: GET OUT ROCK POOLING AND SEND US YOUR ROCK POOL PICTURES and COOLEST FACTS. Email us info@planetaware.co.uk

Get permission to share on Facebook @PLASTICAWARE or INSTAGRAM #PLANETAWARECHALLENGE

(Remember to read the Seashore Code and how to stay safe. more rockpool info at www.planetaware.co.uk)



2.GO NURDLE CRAZY!

Nurdles are tiny pieces of plastic that look like lentils—you can find them on sandy beaches ON THE STRANDLINE (where bits of seaweed and things like crab legs get washed up)

YOUR CHALLENGE: Grab the nurdle ID chart (download from the website) and a jam jar, plus tweezers and an old sieve if you have them... and get nurdling... Let us know how many you find!

WARNING! once you start nurdling you might not be able to stop!



Leave the car at home walk or cycle to the beach if you can

3. PICKERS TO THE READY...

No we are not thinking about those fingers that go up your nose but LITTER PICKERS!

YOUR CHALLENGE:

No one loves a beach or a sea full of litter

So get a bag and gloves on and you'll be amazed how many people will think you are a true SUPER HERO for cleaning up! We find lots of interesting things like shoes! Combs! toothbrushes and even vegetables like parsnips! Ask a grown-up to share with us a photo of your most interesting find! FB @PLASTICAWARE #PLANETAWARECHALLENGE

(safety note: If you see something really yukky like dog poo please leave it for someone else to take away)



4. BE AN ECO SWAPPER

The less stuff we use and buy the less rubbish there is in the world. So why buy water in a plastic bottle when you can just take your REUSABLE...yes be happy to be boring and use the same bottle over and over and over and over again!

YOUR CHALLENGE:

Time to explore cupboards and shelves, the deepest darkest recesses of your house and find what else you can swap. How about making some of your own snacks instead of buying snacks in plastic wrappers, or swap buying a new toy for making one out of broken bits!

5. GET CRAFTY!



So many bits and pieces get washed up on the beach from the not so good plastic to sea glass and crabs legs..

YOUR CHALLENGE:

Let the beach be your canvas and create a piece of art. Clean small plastic pieces, pebbles and sand, it doesn't matter what you use. Make a sea monster or a message to help care for the Ocean and share with your friends. #PLANETAWARECHALLENGE

6. KEEP THE POSTMAN BUSY!

Ok we all know computers and phones are great for sending messages to people but good old fashioned letters are sometimes good to grab someone's ATTENTION!

YOUR CHALLENGE:

Find out who your MP is or maybe a head of a company who you think can help change things to help the Ocean. Tell them why you like the sea and what you are concerned about -tell them what you would like to see happen. You can send a picture or cartoon too.



I can't believe it's another letter!



Always follow the Seashore Code

- Tread carefully over rocks and don't trample seaweed and animals living here
- Always put rocks, seaweed and animals back where you found them
- Try to watch creatures in the rock pools rather than taking them out.Don't put creatures that might fight or eat each other in the same bucket or leave them for too long



7. GET NOTICED!

When did you last see an advert or poster that made you go WOW and stop in the street or walk into a lamp post?(OUCH) Maybe never but here is your chance to change all that...

YOUR CHALLENGE:

Create a poster for next year's Summer Ocean Challenge. Use paint, pens or take you camera out and about to get some great sea based shots. Make the most eye catching, mind blowing poster on the planet ! (check out details on our web page).

mirror mirror on the wall Am I the best poster of them all?

REMEMBER! Keep yourself safe!
Wash your hands after.
Keep an eye on the tide and weather.
If it feels unsafe don't do it.
Follow advice on Covid-19.



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