

## Queensgate Closed until Further Notice

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Coronavirus – Covid 19

What sad and difficult times for us all.

We close today and we don't know when we will reopen. We will follow Government advice so please listen to them for updates. Here is the latest information we have received:

*It is important to underline that schools, colleges and other educational establishments remain safe places for children. But the **fewer** children making the journey to school, and the **fewer** children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society. Schools are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.*

Therefore if you are a **key worker** (as defined by the government) you need to contact the office if you require your child to come into school. This has to be by prior arrangement. The school will be open 9 am – 3 pm staff permitting. There will be no breakfast or after school clubs. There will be a school lunch for those that attend.

School will be fully closed for the Easter break from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April until Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### Now for some good news...

Abbie C in Year 6 was the winner of a poster competition for new energy company Utilita. Abbey was awarded an amazon voucher and the school received a cheque for £500! The presentation was made at Utilita's Hub in Newport. Well done Abbey - and thank you, the money will come in very handy for the new build!



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## OUT & ABOUT LEARNING

Our Reception Out and About group had a super time at the Donkey Sanctuary on Tuesday morning. The donkeys were so happy to be out in the paddocks eating fresh grass in the sun, after a long winter indoors due to wet ground. The Sanctuary welcomed two more donkeys this week, mother and son - Freida and Rupert, putting their numbers up to 99 donkeys and 24 ponies. Tracey gave us a tour, introducing us to all of the Jacks and Jennys and explaining how they are cared for. Thank you to those families who sent in some money for their child to put in the donation box.

At the moment the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary in Wroxall remains open to visitors (please check their Facebook page for updates). They would love to welcome you into their outdoor space to enjoy some fresh air with your children (whilst still sticking to the social distancing recommendations) and meet the donkeys! It's free entry although they would be very grateful for any donations to help run the sanctuary.

This week our **Year 5** Swimming Superstar certificates are awarded to...

Bobby, Joe, Jordan-Lee, Cruz, Jenson, Jacob M, Henley, Dougie, Alicia S, Summer and Zachary.

Our **Year 3** children to receive Swimming Superstar certificates this week are...

Riley O'B, Lacey, Malachi, Ellie S, Emilia, Zak, Ollie, Ethan, Leo E and Lily F

All of the Year 5 and Year 3 swimmers worked exceptionally hard this week. They took part in their assessments and all swam the furthest and best they could. It has been amazing to see the progress the children have made each week and wonderful to see how proud of their own achievements they are!

### Positive Quote

*Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are.*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support through these unprecedented times. Please be assured that I will continue to update you as the situation changes and that we will continue to work for the best interests of the children at our school.

Best wishes,



**Samantha Sillito**

**Headteacher**