



The Quinta Primary School

Autumn Term 2 Newsletter 9 24.11.23

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Key Information

A Plea for Parent Helpers

Christmas Lights at the School - As you will know, each year The Quinta Primary School adds a little Christmas sparkle to the estate with their festive lights. We were wondering if there are any parent helpers that would be willing to help us put these up during the week commencing 27th November please? If you are available and can help please either call the school office on 01260 221651 or email admin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk.

To set up the Merrymarket and The Quinta Wonderland - Again, please could we ask for you lovely parents to lend us a hand setting up the magical woodland and stalls within the school grounds on Friday 8th December. If you can spare us some time please let the school office on 01260 221651 or email admin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk.

To help run the Merry Market stalls - We are really struggling for volunteers to host stalls for our Merry Market on Friday 8th December from 3.30pm as our usual crop of volunteers aren't available. If you would be happy to help, bring a friend/family to do something together. You will be provided with mulled wine or hot chocolate!

For example, we have the hugely popular tombola, but with only a couple of people available the queue will be huge. This is only one of many stalls that we have up our sleeves but we need the people to host them.

All we ask for is a couple of hours or even just an hour - Grandparents, friends, aunties, uncles - we would really appreciate any support we can get to help the children have the best Christmas event yet!

If you are available and can help please either call the school office on 01260 221651 or email admin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk.

The National Dental Survey of 5 Year Olds

Every year The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) and Cheshire East Local Authority collect information on the health of peoples' teeth. This is called a dental survey and the information helps to plan NHS dental services in your area.

This year the survey is collecting information about the health of the teeth of children aged 5 years old (as at 4th December 2023). Parents/carers of the children that have been invited to take part in the study have been emailed and a paper consent form has been sent home via the child.

If you wish for your child to take part the dental team will have a quick look at your child's teeth in school on Monday 4th December. This only takes a few minutes, new gloves and clean mirrors will be used for each child and no treatment will be provided. If you feel that your child will be nervous you are welcome to come along and your child will not be forced to have a check if they do not want to.

Please can we ask that all consent forms are completed and returned to school by Friday 10st December.

Get your running shoes on!

On the final Saturday of each month we take part in the Park Run around Astbury Mere. Recently numbers have been quite low and I know how well you can all run - so let's show Congleton just how good we are!



ALL CHILDREN
Do you fancy joining us for the Congleton Parkrun once a month? Team Quinta are ready to go!

Join us for a 5km run around Astbury Mere!

Before you come, just sign up on the website and download your barcode. Bring this with you [Parkrun registration link](#) Saturday.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parents MUST stay at the mere throughout the run (and perhaps run with their children!) They CANNOT be left and picked up afterwards. Please leave your cars at home and walk to the mere, or leave your car elsewhere. Photos may be taken at the run for social media so please let an official know if you wouldn't want this. Thank you.

Meet Mrs Hopkin under the Astbury Mere bear at 8:40am this Saturday 25th November for our Quinta run. Remember to wear your Quinta t-shirt!

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child

Thank you to all of you that donated items for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child fund. Your support is invaluable.

A simple shoebox gift packed with love and fuelled by prayer can have a huge impact on children's lives around the world at Christmas time.



THANK YOU!

Samaritan's Purse sends special thanks to

The Quinta Primary School

for packing Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts and sending Good News and great joy to precious children around the world!

Nick Cole

Nick Cole, Director of Operation Christmas Child UK



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Join us for a festive feast

Children are invited to join us for our annual Christmas Dinner on Friday 22nd December. If you would like to add a little Christmas sparkle to your child's day please order via Scopay prior to Monday 11th December. Please note, the only options available on this day will be the main meal or vegetarian option.



CHILDREN'S
Christmas
LUNCH

MAIN

Traditional turkey and seasonal stuffing. Rudolph's roast potatoes. Santa's sprouts, Christmas carrots, Prancer's peas and gravy.

DESSERT

Christmas tree ice cream.

DRINK

Jolly juice.

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER
Please order via Scopay by Monday 11th December.
Vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options are available.

Safeguarding

Dates

[Click here for holiday dates](#)

Christmas dates for your Diaries

Key Stage 1

EYFS/KS1 will present the Christmas play 'The Christmas Quarrel' to parents/carers on the following days/times:

- Reception - Monday 11th December, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm.
- Year 1 - Tuesday 12th December, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm.
- Year 2 - Tuesday 12th December, 6pm - 8pm.

Reception and Year 1 will perform on the dates and times detailed above. Year 2 will be part of all three performances.

Key Stage 2

Astbury Church Carol concert Thursday 14th December at 6pm. Children to arrive at 5:30pm.

Preschool nativity

Preschool's nativity will be on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December at 2pm in the school hall. Parents of the older children (with parts) are asked to bring the children in for both showings, if at all possible, so both days have the full cast. All parents are going to be allocated no more than 4 tickets and can use them as they wish over the 2 days. Costumes to be in by Friday 8th at the latest please.

Merry Market

Friday 8th December 3:30 pm - 6pm.

General dates for your Diaries

- Tempest Photography - Class Groups and Year 6 Leavers - 23rd May 2024
- Oral health check in school for Age 5 - 4th December.

Sporting dates for your Diaries

Bee Active

- Monday 4th December KS2 Sports Explorers
- Monday 5th February KS1 Gymnastics
- Monday 11th March KS2 Inclusive sports and wheelchair basketball

- Monday 15th April KS1 Olympics
- Monday 20th May KS2 Combat Dodgeball

Skip-hop(last time as Lee is retiring)

- Tuesday 30th April and Wednesday 1st May 2024

Watersports

- Year 3 Thursday June 20th 2024
- Year 4 Wednesday 10th July 2024
- Year 5 Wednesday 19th June 2024
- Year 6 Wednesday 22nd May 2024

Swimming pool in use 9th-18th July



Key Assessment Dates

Attendance all year round is extremely important for your child's well being and progress however there are some key dates within the year that their attendance is imperative for national assessment, these dates are as follows:

- Key Stage One Phonics Screening Check - w/c 10th June 2024
- Key Stage One SATs - throughout May 2024
- Year 4 Multiplication Check - within the two week period commencing 3rd June 2024
- Key Stage 2 SATs Week - Monday 13th until Thursday 16th May 2024

The Quinta Senior Leadership Team			Who to contact
Member of staff	Position	What areas can they support me with?	How to contact/where they can be found
Mr W Sharpe	Headteacher	Escalation of concerns. Any safeguarding concerns.	head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk
Ms S Stones	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to KS2. Any safeguarding concerns.	sstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk Teaching in Y6.
Mrs K Bernard	Assistant Headteacher	Issues pertaining to special educational needs. Any safeguarding concerns.	kbernard@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs S Hoyle	School Business Manager	Any issues pertaining to the school office, preschool booking.	sbm@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk In the school office.

Exciting Opportunities

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01244 728 922



Christmas Cracker

Cross Street Church

Sunday 11th December,
4.00 – 5.30 p.m.

Christmas
crafts



Cake
decorating

Activities for
all ages

Celebrate
the birth of
Jesus!

The Christmas story, singing,
games and lots of craft
activities for all the family.

Free event

Further Information:

andrew@crossstreetchurch.co.uk



Rambert grades



CREATIVE DANCE WITH SOPHIE

Creative Dance for Early Years is an innovative dance syllabus, created by Rambert Grades. Each dance class will take the children on an imaginative journey with endless themes. An energetic warm up is followed by physical skills development as the children learn structured movement material. Creative intuition is encouraged with a closing creative exploration to dive deep into their imagination. Swimming with whales, flying rockets to the moon or adventuring through the desert- every class is different.

Each session will explore movement in a new way and help to develop physical skills, harness musicality and empower confidence in young children

WHERE? The Quinta Primary School.

WHEN? - 31st October 2023 - 5th December, 15:20-16:15 every **TUESDAY**.

WHO? The club is open to Years 1, 2 & 3.

HOW MUCH? The six-week course is £30 per student (£5 per class). This payment will be made in full, upfront, for the duration of the full course. (In the circumstance of an absence, no refunds will be made) **SPACES ARE LIMITED!**

Each child will have the opportunity to work towards taking a Rambert Grades Creative Movers exam, which are a celebration of each student's progress at the end of each grade. Each child is rewarded with a bright fabric badge and a certificate (The next set of exams will be Jan-Feb 2024, following this next term). Children who move through the grades are commended on six qualities: Communication, Teamwork, Generosity, Effort, Listening and Enthusiasm.



To secure your place and process your payment, or for further information, please email sophiemoores37@gmail.com.

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Free Swimming Lessons

Swim Bug are offering free swimming lessons to local families at Gymetc, Congleton for the rest of the year.

This is ages 3 years and up all abilities, 7 days per week after school and at weekends.

Swim Bug have small, holistic groups of 6 children with experienced teachers in the water. There is also an enclosed private "family hub" viewing area with toys/ books for younger siblings.

To secure a place families should email congleton@swimbug.co.uk

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Lessons will then be chargeable from January 2024.



LIVE NATIVITY 2023



Meet at Glebe Farm, 6pm ready to set off at 6.30
Entry by pre-booked ticket only

Monday
18th December

Tuesday
19th December



Adult - £6
Under 16 - £3
Family 2+2 - £15



Available online Small booking fees apply
Scan QR codes here or visit astburychurch.org.uk

Astbury Live Nativity

Why not start your celebrations this year with the true meaning of Christmas? Join the Astbury's Live Nativity, a much-loved community event, looked forward to each year as the highlight of the season.

The journey begins at the farm where attendees are greeted by the Centurion who orders everyone to go to Bethlehem.

Everyone then follows the star through the village in the footsteps of Mary and Joseph and become part of the story of the first Christmas. Along the way some smelly shepherds and angels encourage everyone to keep going. A grumpy inn-keeper tells people there is no room at the inn. Don't let him put you off ... Bethlehem is in sight!

Carols are sung to keep spirits up and everyone then starts to anticipate with excitement who they shall find at the end of their journey.

The stable scene in church awaits and everyone watches the arrival of the three Kings as they bring their gifts. Once again, the age-old story is complete and everyone raises their voices together to welcome the Christ-child. Finally, refreshments of hot chocolate or mulled wine and a mince pie are enjoyed, and everyone relishes in the fact that they have remembered and celebrated the real reason for the season.



Congleton Santa

**Santa will be touring
Congleton from Sunday
26th November 23**

All details and the many ways to donate can
be found on Santa's website and on Facebook.

Be good and see you soon!

Santa and his Elves



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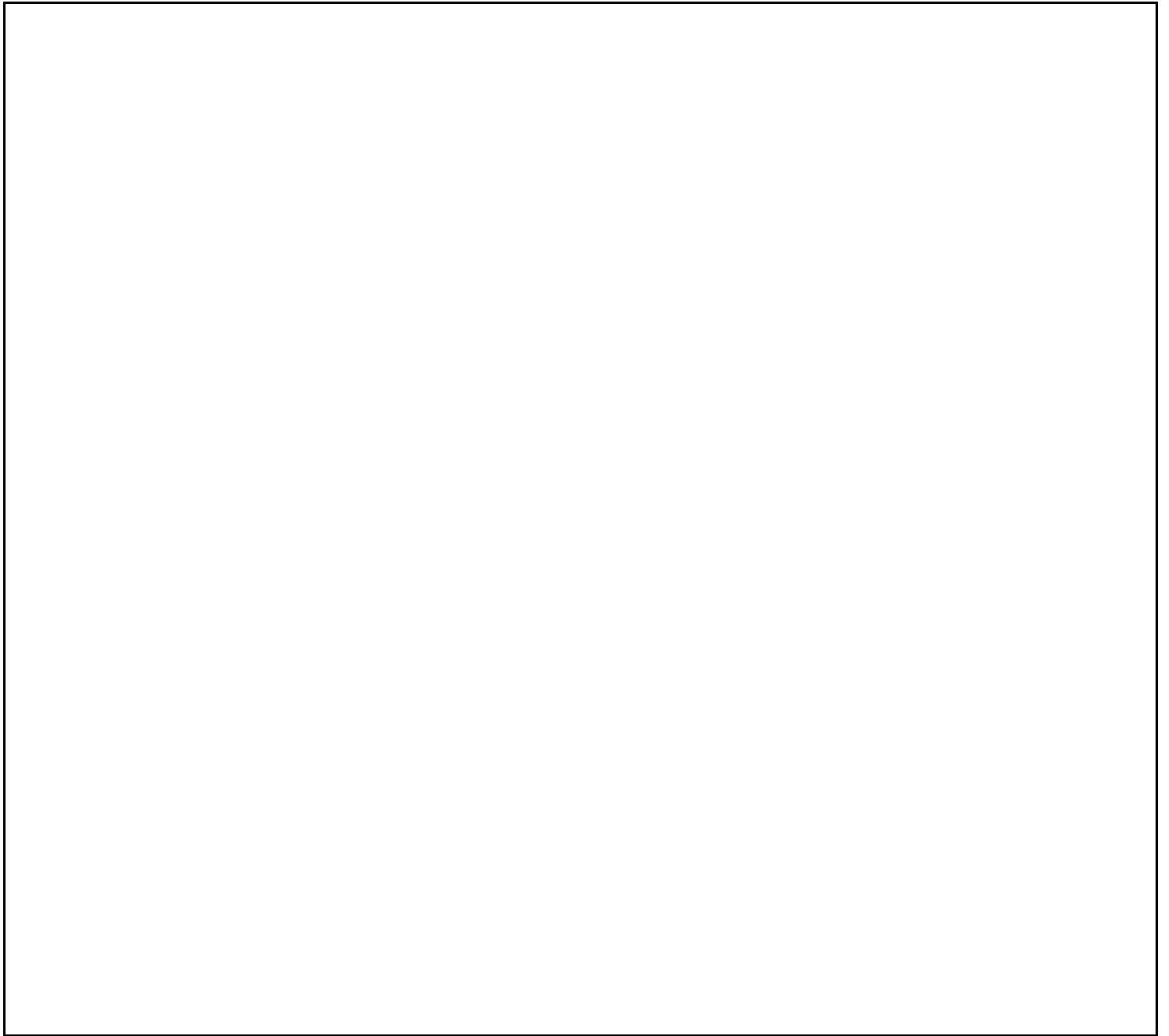


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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Santa is raring to get on his sleigh and visit the people of Congleton again this year, where he'll be waving to everyone, blasting his festive music and having photos taken with the sleigh, but he asks that you keep a safe distance and don't try to board the sleigh. As usual, Santa's elves will be bringing some good cheer and handing out treats as they collect for all the local good causes.

Santa plans on visiting come rain, shine or snow, and any route alterations will be posted on Santa's Facebook page and website. You can find detailed 'routes' at congletonsanta.org.uk and under 'events' on Facebook @congletonsanta. If your street is not listed, please come find Santa by using our Santa Tracker, which can be found on the website.

Santa and his elves have been planning the routes (and checking them twice...), This year we aim to visit the following areas:

Sun 26 Nov	West Heath Close/Longdown/Somerford Grove/Loachbrook Meadow
Mon 27 Nov	Somerford Reach/Black Firs Park/Somerford Gate/Turnstone Grange/Blossom Gate
Tues 28 Nov	Ullswater/Spenn View
Weds 29 Nov	Solly/Westville/Meadow/Hornby/Birch Road/Melton
Thurs 30 Nov	Elmwood/Marsh Farm/Mount/Ennerdale
Fri 1 Dec	Bankyfields/Crescent/Astbury St/St James/Ruskin
Sun 3 Dec	Lower Buglawton/Tall Ash/Hudson Meadows
Mon 4 Dec	Upper Buglawton
Tues 5 Dec	Belgrave/Woodlands/Forge Lane
Weds 6 Dec	Havannah/Eaton Meadow/Lower Heath
Thurs 7 Dec	Daisybank/Hillfields/Wellington Close
Fri 8 Dec	The Green/Giantswood Grove/Westlow Heath/Cranberry Gardens
Sat 09 Dec	Alderley Gate/Round Hill Gardens
Sun 10 Dec	Henshall Hall/Reade's Lane/Southlands
Mon 11 Dec	Grangelands/Derwent/Isis
Tues 12 Dec	Astbury Lane Ends
Weds 13 Dec	Canal Road
Thurs 14 Dec	Leek Road
Fri 15 Dec	Townsend Road/Astbury Place/Brunswick Street/Bromley Road/Shaw Close/Bath Vale
Sun 17 Dec	Bromley Farm

Your donations help support all of Clause's Causes, and keep Santa's tour happening. Please consider donating to Congleton Santa. There's lots of different ways to help, such as at Santa's website congletonsanta.org.uk/donate, or via Facebook Donate. You can even donate by texting SANTA to 70450 with the amount you wish to donate (e.g. SANTA 2 will see you donate £2).

If you have any loose change to give, what about dropping it off at a Congleton Santa donation point? They can be found in Lower Heath Chippy, Jolleys, Iceland, Leek United, Astbury Garden Centre Cafe, Bargain Booze West Heath, High Town Post Office and Bromley Co Op. On Santa's 'nice list' so far this year are: Alpha Street Legal Tyres has been kind enough to check the sleigh over, while Dave and the fantastic team at Pooles Towing & Recovery have once again generously provided Santa's towing vehicle, fuel and driver. Also on Congleton Santa's nice list this year are Congleton Town Council (who store the sleigh), Dane Housing, Congleton Chat's back, Congleton Radio, Congleton News & Views, Entwistle Group, Arch Publications and the Congleton Chronicle.

Be good, and we'll see you soon, Santa and his Elves.



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