

A warm welcome back to school after what I hope has been a safe and joyful festive period. We welcomed a number of new staff to join the team here at The Quinta: Mrs Robertson, Mr Curry, Mrs Brown, Mrs Semych, Mr Smith and Mrs Briggs. Miss Kidd secured a full time teaching position in another school and Ms Holovchuk moved on to gain her English teaching qualification.

Class 1 won the Key Stage 1 behaviour class of the month for December and Class 3 had the best attendance. Next week is Key Stage 2 celebration assembly, year 4 has a national writing competition and clubs will start for all year groups so you should expect a confirmation text if your child is in a club. .

Key Information

Deadline to apply for a school place for September 2024

Applications can now be made for children due to start school in September 2024 (Children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020).

All children need to make an application before Monday 15th January. If you have a child in our Pre-school you still need to apply using the following form, children will not get automatic admission.

Parents are strongly advised to apply for three preferences using the following website

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Apply online for a school place
It's quick and easy

If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2024.

If you do not have web access
call 0300 123 5012

You can apply from 1st September 2023 at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2023 for secondary

15th January 2024 for primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged

Other Information

[Cheshire Families Magazine Jan/Feb 2024](#)

Please find below the link to the Cheshire Families Magazine. This issue includes information on....

- National Geographic Science Kit giveaways
- World Book Day costumes
- Improving children's social skills
- Top cook books for kids
- and much more.....

[Families Cheshire Magazine Jan/Feb 2024](#)



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NEW LIFE CHURCH, CONGLETON PRESENTS...



A HOLIDAY CLUB FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN, WITH GAMES, CRAFT, BIBLE DRAMA, SONGS AND MORE

**MONDAY 19TH TO WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2024,
10:30-12:30PM EACH DAY**

THE COST IS £9 FOR THE WEEK

TO BOOK PLEASE SEARCH 'CEDRIC'S TIME TRAVELLING
ADVENTURE 2024' ON EVENTBRITE
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



BOOKING CLOSES ON FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL
YOUTHANDCHILDREN@NLCHURCH.ORG.UK



February Half Holiday Club

The New Life Church is running a 3 morning Easter holiday club during the February half term and they would love to invite the children at Quinta to come along!

All the details are on the flyer opposite. The cost of the club is £9. Booking is essential via Eventbrite. Any questions about booking or help with costs then email the New Life Church on :
youthandchildren@nlchurch.org.uk.

Reminders

Nut allergies - We have a large number of children with severe nut allergies. We are a nut free school so please ensure all packed lunches and snacks are nut free.

PE Kit - Please remember that your child can come to school in their P.E. kits for P.E. days. You should have had a note on Seesaw to let you know when your child has P.E. This is different in the reception classes. The children will have their P.E. kits in school to change into.

Attendance - Holidays in Term Time

This year we are looking to improve even further with attitudes to learning. Within attitudes to learning we include attendance. Last year our overall attendance was well above the national averages and this contributed to our most successful year for pupil performance. We did not issue any fixed penalty notices last year due to the national disruption and the isolated cases that fell within this permissible action. With teacher strikes and additional bank holidays it felt disingenuous to then fine for a few days over. However this year we will be issuing FPNs for unauthorised absence over 10 sessions (5 days)

We advise parents/carers to avoid taking children out of school in term time. Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised. If parents/carers decide to take child/children out of school, please call into the school office for a Leave of Absence form to be completed - this is so that we can accurately identify where a child is. Where we believe a child has been on holiday when we have been told they are on holiday we reserve the right to ask for medical evidence or fine.

Please remember that taking your child out of school without the school's authorisation may result in the school requesting the Local Authority to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to each parent/carer for each child. The penalties are shown below.

Please be aware that only a few days of absence can impact significantly on a child's attendance percentage and consequently the child's education and learning. Missing one week per school year is the same as missing half a term of primary education - 140 lessons. 60% of primary aged pupils who missed more than 19 days did not achieve the expected standard in 2019.

Holidays exceeding 10 or more sessions will result in a fixed penalty notice as explained below.

Penalties for unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One child	Two Children
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent as per the definition in the education act, section 576	£60 per child = £120 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent
After 28 days	A summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	A summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance

Children on Social Media The Quinta Primary has a presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, if you do not wish for any images of your child to be used on these platforms please let the School Office know.

Coats Your child will be outside if it's raining. **If they do not bring a coat to school they will be wet.** Children will have the option to stay under the lodge, shelter under the key stage 1 classrooms or under the hall canopy. Children will only be inside if the temperature is unbearably cold.

Healthy School Snacks

Snacks play a major part in children's diets. Here are ideas for healthy snacks for children in the classroom and afterschool programs:

Fruits and vegetables

Dried Fruit – raisins, dried apricots, dried mango.

Healthy Grains - bread, crackers, cereal bars

Dairy – yogurt, cheese

Children will be told to put unhealthy snacks back in their lunchboxes if they are seen eating them at playtime.

Bread, fruit, vegetables and dairy are permitted. Crisps, chocolate, sweets and *cakes are not permitted. The school occasionally allows unhealthy treats such as cake as part of fundraising or celebration days. You will be notified of these days.

Drinks in school

Please can you ensure your child has water in their bottle. There are occasions where some children will only drink water with cordial and if this is the case then exceptions can be made. However, if your child brings energy drinks, carbonated drinks or other branded bottles, they will be given them back at the end of the day to take home. Children have access to water to fill up during the day.

School Uniform

Here at The Quinta we pride ourselves on how smart all our students present themselves everyday. As we approach half term we would like to politely remind parents to ensure the correct school uniform is used - no trainers with uniform, remember ties and correct PE kit.

Our school uniform can be purchased from DP Sportswear, please see contact details below. All items of uniform can be purchased from DP Sportswear not just our logoed uniform.

Address: 50 Bromley Road, Congleton, Cheshire CW12 1PT

Telephone: 01260 274400 Email: sales@dpsportswear.co.uk



Consent Form - Participating in activities 2023-2024 and ongoing

We require a parent/carer/guardian consent form for 2023-2024 and ongoing. Please read the following agreement and give your consent to your child participating in the listed activities. If at any time you wish to withdraw your consent please inform the school in writing.

Please [click here](#) to access the consent form for activities.



Consent Form - Photographic and Video 2023-2024 and ongoing

We require a parent/carer/guardian consent form for 2023-2024 and ongoing. Please read the following agreement and give your consent to your child being photographed or videoed. If at any time you wish to withdraw your consent please inform the school in writing.

Please [click here](#) to access the consent form for photographs and video.

School Communications and Applications

Seesaw

Seesaw is the application that we use within school to document your child's learning journey. If you require further information regarding this please see below.

[Seesaw app information](#)

[Welcome to Seesaw handout](#)

It might help you to print out the QR code and keep this as once you log out of your child's account you will need the code to log back in again. If you are having difficulties please see your child's class teacher.

School Spider

School Spider is The Quinta Primary School's main form of communication. If you are new to the school or are having problems using the application please follow the steps below.

For new parents

To create an account with School Spider:

- Download the FREE School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click 'Create Account'
- Input the email address we have on file for your child/children
- Follow the steps in the email you receive. Please note, your username is NOT your email address

For existing parents

If you have used School Spider before but you cannot remember your login details:

- Make sure you have the latest version of School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click Forgot Password
- Enter your email address and it will send you a reset password link and username. Please note, your username is NOT your email address

[Parent App Guide.pdf](#)

Safeguarding

- Mr Sharpe (headteacher) DSL - Designated Safeguard Lead
- Mrs Bernard (SENCO) Deputy DSL
- Ms Stones (assistant headteacher) Deputy DSL
- Mrs Wootton (Y4 class teacher) Deputy DSL
- Miss S Massey (Deputy DSL)

Parking.

As you are aware, traffic around school both at 8:30-9:00 and 14:50-15:30 is terrible. In considering the safety of your children please consider alternatives for example:

- Walk to school
- Park a little further away and walk
- Car share with others who are local to you
- Make use of the before and after school clubs
- Cycle / scooter to school

If none of the above are options for you then please arrive in plenty of time and park safely.

Dates

[Click here for holiday dates](#)

- Tempest Photography - Class Groups and Year 6 Leavers - 23rd May 2024

Sporting dates for your Diaries

Bee Active

- 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.