



# The Quinta Primary School

Summer Term 1 Newsletter 19 19.04.24

- Everyday Excellence
- Authentic Care
- Independence
- Opportunity

Dear Quinta Families,

The start of our summer term has seen an extension to the less than wonderful weather we endured over Easter. This has caused the cancellation of some sporting events. Stay tuned for updates on the rescheduled Bee Active KS1 Olympic Day and the netball tournament.

On Monday morning, all classes across the school participated in our Eid experience morning. We delved into the traditions observed by Muslims during Eid: Zakat, the act of giving money, food, or clothing to charity; performing 'ghusl,' the ritual shower in the morning symbolising purification; enjoying sweet treats like baklava and dates to signify the sweetness of life; and gathering to witness the first sighting of the new moon from a hillside, as Eid is a lunar festival akin to Easter. Here at The Quinta, we take pride in the rich diversity that makes up our community and how our broad curriculum and values speaks to this community. The depth of cultural understanding that these experience days foster in our pupils is another way we create a more knowledgeable and cohesive society .

It was great to be able to welcome several parents and caregivers into the school this week for our Peak Sleep training, which was a resounding success. We aim to collaborate with external resources to provide further support for our Quinta families going forward.

Lastly, I'm pleased to announce that bookings for after-school sporting and activity clubs will open later today and further details can be seen below. We're excited to witness the growth and development of all our children across various areas of interest. This term we are trialling extra curricular lunchtime clubs which opens the door to those families who may struggle to arrange later collection with having siblings or other commitments.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend ahead!

Warm regards,

Mr. Sharpe

## Key Information

### After School Sports and Activity Clubs

All clubs will be available to book via School Spider at 8pm tonight. Please visit the App or log into <https://www.thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk/> to reserve your child's place. All clubs are very popular and can get booked up quickly, due to staffing these are available on a first come first served basis. We will however take a reserve list and offer places should they become available.



#### Year 1&2

Girls football (Monday until 4:15) - Goal Coaching book direct.

Gardening club (Tuesday until 12:20 - 1pm) - Mrs Plummer-Knight

Mindfulness (Tuesday until 4pm) Mrs G Proctor

Book club (Tuesday until 4pm) Miss Bailey

Creative Dance (Tuesday) Sophie Moores - Contact direct

Mixed Football (Friday) - Goal Coaching - Book direct

## Year 3&4

Girls Football (Monday) Goal Coaching Book direct

Year 4 - Drama (Mondays until 4:20) Mr Finch

Art club (Wednesday until 4:15) Mrs Lee

Homework Club (Tuesday 12-12:20) Miss Smith

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Year 3 - Creative Dance (Tuesday) Sophie Moores (external)

Football (Wednesday) Goal Coaching Book Direct

Athletics (Tuesday until 4pm) Miss Hughes and Mrs Wootton

Reading club (Tuesday until 4pm) Mrs H Williams

## Year 5&6

Year 5 only - Drama Monday 3:20 - 4:20

Girls Football - (Monday) - Goal Coaching Book direct

Art Club (Tuesday until 4:15) Mrs Hall / Mrs Lee

Boys Football (Tuesday) Goal Coaching - Book Direct

Social Skills through games and activities (12:00 - 12:35 Tuesday ) Mr Sharpe

Homework (Wednesdays 12 - 12:20) Mrs Smith

Homework (Thursdays 12 - 12:20) Mrs Smith

Girls Cricket (summer term 1 Wednesday until 4:15) Mrs Cope

Boys Cricket (summer term 1 Wednesday until 4:15) Mrs Cope

Rounders (summer term 2 Wednesday until 4:15) Mrs Cope & Mrs Capper

Athletics (Thursday until 4pm) Miss Archer & Miss Jackson

SATs revision (Y6 only) (Until May 10th Friday until 4pm) - Mrs Capper & Ms Stones & Miss O'Neil

Y6 Prep activities (Y5 only Fridays until 4pm summer term 2) - Miss O'Neil & Ms Stones

## Are your contact details up-to-date?

Please make sure that your contact details are up-to-date. Should an accident or illness occur it is imperative that we have your current information so that we can contact you as soon as possible. If you wish to update your details please contact the School Office on: 01260 221640 or [admin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk)



Are your  
**CONTACT  
DETAILS**  
up to date?

*"The opportunity to learn an instrument offers something very special that can last a lifetime"*

## Learn a Musical Instrument at School!



- Outstanding specialist music tuition
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- Learn almost any instrument including voice
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[www.musicforlife.org.uk](http://www.musicforlife.org.uk)  
[admin@musicforlife.org.uk](mailto:admin@musicforlife.org.uk)  
01244 728 922

**INSPIRE  
CREATE  
PERFORM**

## Learn a musical instrument in School

Music for Life have one final intake of the year at Easter, this will be the last opportunity for students to start a musical instrument in school this academic year, after which point we will be looking at September.

[Click here](#) for videos on a selection of instruments that are currently taught in school!

For further information on the music lessons on offer please visit our [Music For Life Page](#) on the school website.



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## School Meals

### New School Meal Menu - Summer Term

We have a new school meal menu this term. Take a look at the delicious items we have on offer below and order via [Scopay](#) by Monday for meals commencing the following week.

**FOOD MENU**  
Summer Term

**MONDAY**

Sausage roll, saute potatoes and beans.  
Chocolate brownies

**TUESDAY**

Chicken korma, vegetable rice and naan bread.  
Celebration cake

**WEDNESDAY**

Pasta bolognaise, garlic bread and carrots.  
Cookies

**THURSDAY**

Southern fried chicken strips, wrap, salad and sweetcorn.  
Chocolate crunch

**FRIDAY**

Battered fish fillet, chips and mixed vegetables.  
Ice cream tub

**AVAILABLE EVERY DAY**

Fresh fruit | Sandwiches  
Jacket potatoes | Build your own pasta

Vegetarian options are available

**SCOPAY CODES**  
Main - R  
Jacket Potato - G  
Ham Sandwich - H  
Cheese Sandwich - C  
Tuna Sandwich - F  
Cold Pasta Salad - P  
Hot Pasta Salad - B  
Vegetarian - Y  
Vegan - O

Water and milk served Monday - Thursday | Water, milk and juice served on a Friday



## Build Your Own Pasta

We have a wide selection of yummy and healthy ingredients for children to create their very own exciting pasta salad each day.

### Cold Selection



Ham



Tuna



Cheese



Sweetcorn



Cucumber



Tomatoes

### Hot Selection



Hot pasta with tomato and mascarpone sauce

### **Parental Separation:**

A new app called 'Separating Better' has been launched for parents who have recently separated. It is completely free with no in-app payments and is available to download on Android and IOS.



### **Key features include:**

- An emotional readiness assessment to determine a parent's readiness for the separation process.
- A personalised parenting plan with co-parenting agreement options to help shape the practicalities in a parent's life post-separation.
- A budget planner to help parents gain control of their finances as a new co-parent and to plan ahead for any shared or split expenses for the children.
- Work it out scenario videos to help identify any poor communication skills or disagreements between co-parents and demonstrate how to improve upon them.
- Expert advice and guidance articles on a wide range of separation topics, from communication and living arrangements to finances and practical legal advice.

Separating Better is designed to offer self-guided support for parents who are considering separation or are in the early stages of separation. This early intervention app offers emotional support and practical guidance. Separating Better is an early intervention support tool and progress tracker and therefore is NOT designed to offer support and guidance to parents who are involved in entrenched, high-conflict separation or dealing with post-separation issues such as parental alienation, interpersonal violence, or domestic abuse.

You can find more information here - Separating better <https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/separating-better>

Stephanie Massey

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Local Events & Opportunities

## 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**

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.

Please be aware, holidays exceeding 10 or more sessions will result in a fixed penalty notice.

**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](mailto: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](#)

### **April**

- **22nd April** Earth day Theme: Protect our Species (Geography)
- **30th April** Skip Hop

## May

- **1st May** Skip Hop
- **9th May** - Tempest Photography - Class Groups and Year 6 Leavers
- **13th - 16th May** SATS Y6
- **15th May** - Year 4 go to Conway
- **16th May** - Mental Health Awareness Day (PHSCE)
- **20th May** - Boys Cricket
- **21st May** KS2 Combat Dodgeball - Bee Active
- **22nd May** - Girls Cricket
- **23rd May** - Year 6 Watersports Day
- **25th May - 1st June** - Half Term

## June

- **19th June** - Year 5 Watersports Day
- **20th June** - Year 3 Watersports Day
- **20th June** - Pre-school, Early Years, KS1 Sports Day
- **21st June** - KS2 Sports Day
- **21st June** - National Music Day (Music)

## July

- **2nd July** - Year 4 Watersports Day
- **3rd July** - Town Sports Day
- **5th July** - Summer Fair
- **10th - 12th July** - Y6 Robin Wood
- **20th July** - Summer holiday starts
- **22nd and 23rd July** inset days

## Swimming pool in use 9th-18th July

## November

- **11<sup>th</sup> November** Flu Nasal Spray (FLUENZ)



### 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.	<a href="mailto:head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a>
Ms S Stones	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to KS2. Any safeguarding concerns.	<a href="mailto:ssstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">ssstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a> Teaching in Y6.
Mrs K Bernard	Assistant Headteacher	Issues pertaining to special educational needs. Any safeguarding concerns.	<a href="mailto:kbernard@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">kbernard@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a>
Mrs S Hoyle	School Business Manager	Any issues pertaining to the school office, preschool booking.	<a href="mailto:sbm@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">sbm@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a> In the school office.