

The Quinta Primary School

Summer Term 2 Newsletter 25 21.06.24

Everyday Excellence

Authentic Care

Independence

Opportunity

Dear Quinta Families.

It has been another busy week at The Quinta: Our PE team (Mrs Cope, Miss Hughes, Mrs Longmuir, Miss Edmondstone) deserve all the praise for organising the events brilliantly - including training our sports crew to lead the activities and support our younger pupils. Well done PE Team and well done sports crew, you were amazing.

Thank you to the families who read the additional sports day information, including the additional signage that was placed on the field and gate, highlighting the procedures and changes that we made this year. In the communications, I realised that it wasn't explained why the changes were made so let me explain.

There are many reasons the school felt the need to further tighten up the measures of security this year and going forwards for events which see our usual gates opened at different times to normal. Unfortunately we do not have enough staff to patrol the gate for these events otherwise this would be our default position. This leaves us with the option to either have sports day behind closed doors or implement a system where the gates would be opened at intervals.

Our primary concern is the school's awareness of adults on site. With gates being opened and closed at specific times we are able to easily identify any adult of concern as staff have heightened awareness at these times. We are also able to use the CCTV to review these periods should it be necessary.

There are a number of pupils with complex needs who are at risk of becoming dysregulated and attempting to leave the premises. If our gates are left open for prolonged periods of time, this would create an unnecessary security risk for the staff and pupils.

The toilets last year were accessible to adults by entering school and following a designated path. We felt this was not secure enough as there was the potential for adults and pupils to mix. We considered a portaloo but they are generally not pleasant experiences.

The picnic was cancelled this year as the school was informed of large knives being brought onto site and children freely moving amongst the adults section. We will review this for next year but may keep the picnics for other times of the year.

The feedback from many was that the experience felt much safer for all children and adults. One suggestion is for parents with a medical condition to declare this to the office prior to the event so that reasonable adjustments can be made for these adults.

It was sad to hear that a number of staff have had to deal with angry parents. We put the measures in to keep all pupils safe and respectfully ask that you understand the seriousness with which we take our safeguarding duty. All staff were instructed to stick to the timings issued unless they were completely confident in the identity of the adults they allowed to pass between the gates.

In other news, we had a super exciting visit from Sublime Science, an initiative set up by participants from the Dragon's Den. The children got to participate in colourful explosions, cool physics demos, and interactive biology activities. Each and every child from Reception right up to Year 6 felt like a scientist in every way, where they could try out experiments and discover new things. A big thank you goes out to the Friends of Quinta PTA for all of their fundraising events which facilitated such a great learning experience and the science team, Mrs Wootton and Mrs Proctor for pulling it all together.

The excitement didn't stop there, our Year 3 and Year 5 students took a trip to Astbury Mere Watersports Centre. This annual excursion offers a break from the classroom and gives the children a chance to dive into a variety of water activities like kayaking, paddle boarding, and sailing. The students not only learnt new skills on their visit but also built confidence and teamwork as they navigated the challenges of the water. We love to take the children on this trip each year; it is another strand of the strong 'opportunities' thread that runs through our school curriculum.

Warm regards,

Mr. Sharpe

Key Information



Have you got your summer childcare sorted?

We are so excited to tell you that we are running our Summer Holiday Club again this year. If you require childcare from Monday 22nd July until Friday 23rd August then look no further than The Quinta Primary School.

We have so much planned for our children this summer from a bouncy castle, ice lolly making, capture the flag, laser guns, a dance competition, plus sports special days with Mr Curry and plenty more.

Daily charges are as follows:

8:00am - 1:00 £18

8:00am - 6.00pm £28 packed lunch required. Light tea at 4.30pm

Sibling discount

8:00am - 1:00 £15

8:00am - 6.00pm £25 packed lunch required. Light tea at 4.30pm

To book, simply fill out the Summer 2024 Holiday Club Quinta Booking Form by Friday 28th June.



Is your child down for our Wimbledon themed lunch? We've got some "ace" food lined up for our children on Wednesday 3rd July. To order please visit Scopay before Monday 24th June.







During my Creative Dance summer workshop, the children will enhance their imaginative skills as we soar through space in our rocket ship, dive into the deep waters of the sea and climb up a crumbling volcano; every second is a new adventure!

DANCE, ARTS AND CRAFTS, MOVEMENT GAMES AND CREATIVE TASKS

The workshop will introduce the dancers to the foundation of Contemporary dance technique through the use of movement games and imaginative tasks.

Moreover, the young dancer will delve into some fun arts and crafts and experience some choreographic work in groups; testing their teamwork skills.

WHERE? The Quinta Primary School.

WHEN? Wednesday 7th August, 10am-12pm.

WHO? Reception and years 1, 2 and 3.

HOW MUCH? The cost of the workshop is £15.00 per child (In the circumstance of absence, no refunds will be made) SPACES ARE LIMITED!

To secure your place for the workshop and process your payment, please email Sophie Moores sophiemoores37@gmail.com





Summer Dance Workshop Wednesday 7th August

If your child would like to join us for the Ballet Summer Workshop please contact sophiemoores37@gmail.com

If any children are attending the holiday club we will facilitate their attendance and return back to club.



BALLET SUMMER WORKSHOP

My Ballet summer holiday workshop will immerse the young dancer into the beautiful world of Classical Ballet. As we explore movement quality, performance skills and technique, the dancers will experience;

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The workshop will be full of princess themed fun as we look closely at Classical Ballet technique through technical exercises, visual aids and movement games. Moreover, allowing the young dancer to delve into some creative chorographic work and use their imaginative skills to draw and create in our arts and crafts time.

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Measles in Young Children

Please find below information regarding measles in young children. This note has been forwarded to us form a local GP surgery.

NHS England urges those unprotected against measles to come forward for their vaccinations

Measles cases are continuing to rise across England, with a number of unvaccinated children and adults requiring hospital as infections take hold.

This month, millions of parents and carers in England are being contacted by the NHS to book their children in for their miss ed measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine as part of a major new campaign to protect children from becoming seriously unwell.

NHS figures show almost 3 million children under the age of 16 years are either unprotected or not fully protected and at ris k of catching these serious and completely preventable diseases.

Measles is not just a childhood disease and can be serious at any age. If caught during pregnancy it can be very serious caus ing stillbirth, miscarriage and low birth weight and NHS bosses are also urging young adults to catch up on any missed doses before thinking about starting a family.

Two doses of the safe and effective MMR vaccine are needed for maximum life -long protection, with the first dose given around the echild's first birthday, and the second dose given at around three years and four months old.

However, anyone can catch up at any age on any missed doses and it's never too late to protect yourself.

If you or your child have not had both dose of the MMR vaccine contact the GP surgery to book an appointment as soon as possible and catch up.



Addictive Behaviour

Thursday 11th July (7pm to 9pm)



An online session looking at the process of addiction and how we can fight back

Available to book now £24

facefamilyadvice.co.uk on the PARENT page



50 Bromley Road, Congleton, Cheshire CW12 1PT

Tel: 01260 274400

As your local Schoolwear supplier we wanted to get in touch and let you have some helpful information for the summer season.

We encourage all our parents to book in for our free fitting service before the 16th August to allow us time to have your uniform ready for the first week back to school.

You are welcome to walk in at any time to purchase items, however priority is given to appointments so we ask for your patience when you come to see us and you may have to wait for

fittings rooms if required.

Normal Opening times: Opening Times from 22nd July to 3rd Sept

Monday 9.30am - 5pm Monday 9.30am - 6pm Tuesday 9.30am - 5pm Tuesday 9.30am - 6pm

Wednesday 9.30am - 5pm Wednesday 9.30am - 6pm

Thursday 9.30am -7pm Thursday 9.30am - 7pm Friday 9.30am - 6pm Friday 9.30am - 6pm Saturday 10am - 3pm

Where to find us:

- 50 Bromley Road, CW12 1PT.
- Off road parking is available.

Free Fitting Service offered in the shop. Please book in online.

- Visit the website- www.dpsportswear.co.uk
- Click on the shop tab at the top. https://www.dpsportswear.co.uk/shop/
- Scroll to the bottom of the page to schedule an appointment.
- Choose the fitting service and click on select button, click on any of the fitting rooms, choose a date and time and complete your contact details.
- You will be sent an email to confirm the fitting which also allows you to cancel and rebook if required.
- Please take the time to book now, even if you feel your child may grow. We accept returns if the labels are kept on garments so you can always change the size.
- If you require a private appointment, please contact the shop to discuss.

Other ways to shop with us:

- All uniform can be ordered online at https://www.dpsportswear.co.uk/shop/
- You can visit the shop to buy items without an appointment.

Payment Plans

- We offer payment plans for those parents who wish to spread the cost over the summer months.
- Please come into the shop to ask for more details.

Learn a musical instrument in school with Music for Life

Learning a musical instrument brings so many benefits to a child's overall development as well as developing a skill and interest that a child can have for life. Music for Life is a not-for-profit music service working in partnership with schools which currently arranges lessons for more than 3,500 young people across our area. If you do wish to start lessons in September, bookings are now open via the Music for Life website: www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now

Please note - If your child already has lessons with us, we have already sent a continuation link for the new school year so please follow this or get in touch with Music for Life should you require any further information or assistance.

Payment for courses can be made using almost any debit or credit card and can be spread over several months or paid in full in advance on booking if you wish. Financial support with the cost of lessons may be available in cases of hardship; please contact Music for Life before booking if you would like to discuss this. All bookings are subject to tutor and school availability, however for September, as the tutors' timetables are completely reassembled, we can accommodate all bookings made by the 31st July.

When you book, you are only committed to the first term of lessons to see how things go. After that time, a report on progress will be sent and you can then decide to continue with lessons, cancel further lessons or change the course.



Learn a Musical **Instrument at School!**

- Outstanding specialist music tuition
- · Learn almost any instrument including voice
- Independently rated an "outstandingly effective service" offering "outstanding value"
- Free access to ensembles and performances
- Tutors are DBS checked and first class musicians
- Award-winning not-for-profit organisation with a small, friendly and efficient team

www.musicforlife.org.uk admin@musicforlife.org.uk 01244 728 922















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 may 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



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 <u>click here</u> 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

- 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)

<u>July</u>

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

Swimming pool arriving in use 8th-18th July

October

9th October Tempest Individual Photographs

November

• 11th 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.	head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk
Ms S Stones	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to KS2. Any safeguarding concerns.	sstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.u k 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.