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Keeping you informed about Team Quinta news. Friday 10th January 2025

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Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready for the new term ahead. As we begin, there isn't too much to report, but I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support.

This week has presented some challenges, particularly with the weather. I know that the school closure on Monday may have added pressure to families, and I truly appreciate your understanding. On a positive note, I'm pleased to report that our attendance has reached a fantastic 97% this week, which is a testament to your efforts in ensuring your children are able to attend school – thank you!

In light of the unpredictable weather, I want to reassure you that, should the school need to delay opening or close, we will communicate this as quickly as possible via School Spider. A decision will always be made before 8am but as closing is a last resort we are still working incredibly hard behind the scenes to remain open whilst being aware of a need to communicate the decision early enough for parents to accomdate.

Lastly, I'd like to draw your attention to our extra-curricular clubs. Sign-ups will open at 6pm this evening, and you can find the timetable on our website and the sign-up form here.

Thank you once again, and here's to a successful term ahead!

Best regards, Mr Sharpe Head Teacher



Mr Sharpe, Head Teacher



Notices

Time is running out to apply for a primary school place for 2025

- Is your child due to start reception in September 2025?
- Submit your application by the deadline to maximise your chances of securing a spot. Please note, if your child is in preschool you still need to apply for a place at The Quinta.
- → Apply at https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx
- Cor call 0300 123 5012 for other options.



Grab a Bargain Book

Pop to our School Book shop were we have a number of titles for just 10p and 20p.

This is found in the school foyer next to the school office and payments can be made via the honesty box provided.



Cheshire East



SEND



PARENT CARER WORKSHOP:

Understanding Sensory Needs

The Sensory Processing Occupational Therapy Support Service (SPOTSS) is an Autism focussed service.

Within this session Denise & Tarryn, Occupational Therapists, will share information on how to support your child on their sensory journey. The steps you can take, to help you shape their world, so it is a better fit for them.

Book your place via our Eventbrite link https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1110228626709?aff=oddtdtcreator Free for Members of Cheshire East Parent Carer Forum

THURSDAY January 30th 11am

With the SPOTSS Team

Online via Microsoft Teams

Cheshire East Parent Carer Forum

www.cepcf.org

info@cepcf.org





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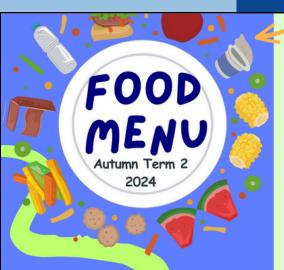


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School Meal Menus





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

MONDAY

Battered chicken nuggets or vegetable nuggets, skinny fries and baked beans.

Muller yoghurt - strawberry or toffee.

TUESDAY

British pork sausages or vegetable sausages with sauté potatoes, gravy and carrots.

Flapjack.

WEDNESDAY

Crispy chicken strips or Meadowvale vegan strips with a wrap and sweetcorn.

Vanilla cupcakes.

Water and milk served Monday -Thursday

Water, milk and juice served on a Friday

THURSDAY

Pasta bolognaise or plant-based bolognaise, garlic bread, sweetcorn and carrot mix.

Chocolate brownie.

Vegan options are available

FRIDAY

Birdseye Omega 3 Fish Fingers or vegetable fingers, chips and mixed vegetables.

Cookies.

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY





Fresh fruit

Sandwiches





Jacket potatoes Build your own pasta

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



TunA

Tuna



Cheese



Sweetcorn



Cucumber



Tomatoes

Hot Selection



Hot pasta with tomato and mascarpone sauce



Fundraising for School

There are so many ways that you can help support your school, lots that don't even cost you a penny it's just simply the knowledge of how to do it and sign up. Take a look at the below, with just a few moments of your time you could make a massive difference to the school fundraising.



The Quinta Primary School Lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

The School Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for schools in the UK. All schools supported by the lottery will benefit the UK and its residents. Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination will be picked. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT!

There is also a guaranteed winner for each school every Saturday which is drawn on a raffle basis, so there are two chances to win a prize.

The lottery and its prizes are our way of putting the fun in fundraising. The real winners are the schools. From every £1 ticket sold 40p will go to schools in the UK! To put this in perspective when you play the National Lottery 25% goes to good causes – we've nearly DOUBLED the ticket percentage that goes to schools.

Even better, you can choose which school benefits from 40p of the ticket sales. You know (and you can see) that your money is going back into your community and your school will benefit from your contribution.

Click here to take part - https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-quinta-primary-school



Fundraising for School



You spend, brands donate.

Sign up to easyfundraising and see your favourite brands donate to the cause you care about whenever you shop with them. All you need to do is nominate a PTA to get cashback when you shop at hundreds of retailers including Amazon, Marks and Spencer, Argos plus insurance companies and travel companies are included. We have raised over £1200 to date from our supporters this way – have a look, sign-up is easy – Sign up here.



Support our Local Community Fund through the Co-op!

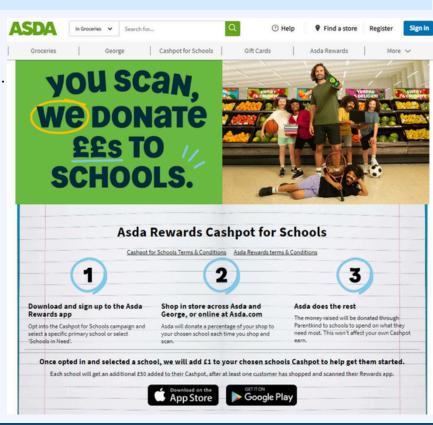
Members of the Co-op can select Friends of Quinta as their cause of choice, helping us make a difference together.

Joining the Co-op is easy membership costs just £1, which you get back with your first shop. With a Co-op right here in Congleton, many of you may already be members!

To learn more and select our cause, visit: Friends of Quinta Cause.

Raise Money while you shop

Support school while shopping at Asda. all you need to do is simple download and sign into the app. Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select The Quinta Primary School. Shop in store across Asda, George or Asda.com. Then Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to us each time that you shop and scan. This money will be gifted by Asda to us and will not cost you a penny.





Important Dates And Events

January

- 16th Quick Sticks Hockey CHS
- 21st Cross Country Year 5/6 4-5pm
- 23rd Year 3/4 Football Tournament CHA 3-5:30pm
- 27th 31st Whole School Assessment Week
- 28th Cross Country Year 3/4 EBA 3-5:30pm

February

- 10th Anti Bullying Week (whole school)
- 10th/11th Parents evening calls
- 10th 14th Year 6 assessment week
- 11th Safer internet day (Computing)

March

- 6th World Book Day (English)
- 7th 16th Science Week theme: Change & Adapt (whole school)
- 21st Red Nose Day (whole school)
- 24th Y6 Mocks for SATS
- 31st Eid celebration day (R.E.)

April

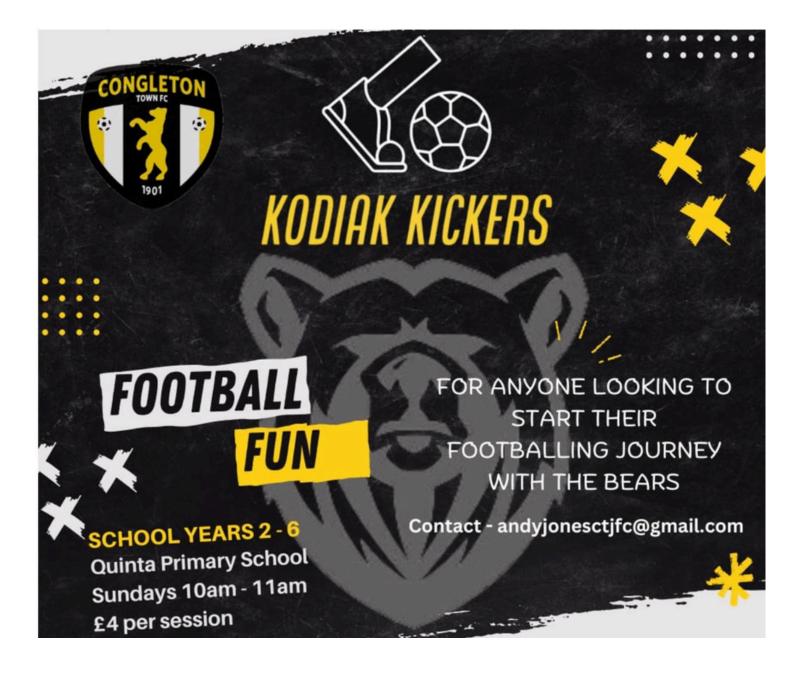
- 1st Global Astronomy month (Science whole school)
- 2nd Autism Awareness (Year 2 to lead KS2 assembly & fund raise)
 theme: forging a world that is inclusive in its thinking, actions and essence
- 3rd Easter egg celebration day Thursday
- 4th Easter Experience morning
- 4th Easter Service
- 30th until 2nd May Year 5 London Residential



Local Events and Opportunities



A new opportunity for budding footballers, held at Quinta on Sunday mornings don't miss out! Email the following contact for further information - andyjonesctfc@gmail.com





Local Events and Opportunities



Rambert GIFACIES



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? 7th Jan – 11th Feb 2025, <u>15:20-16:15</u> every <u>TUESDAY</u>.

WHO? The club is open to reception and years 1 & 2.

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 examinations will take place in the new year. 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.



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



Taking Holiday in Term Time

Here at The Quinta we are passionate about providing your child with the best learning experience. We understand on some instances it is essential to take your child out of school but please be aware of the new fining structure.



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024.

Penalty Notices will be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.

However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.



Further details regarding fixed penalty fines

Please see fixed penalty notice table opposite.

Penalties for unauthorised absence (See Appendix 5 for further information)		
Timeline	One child	Two Children
Paid within 21 days	£80 per parent as per the definition in the education act, section 576	£80 per child = £160 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£160 per parent	£160 per child = £320 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

Fixed Penalty Notices have been introduced as part of the Government's drive to improve attendance.