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Keeping you informed about Team Quinta news. Friday 24th January 2025

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Another week flies by and with it, the opportunity to celebrate and share more successes both in school and on the sports field!

A huge congratulations to our Year 5/6 cross-country team, who competed in their second race at Eaton Bank. Our talented girls secured individual 2nd and 3rd places and emerged as the overall winners of the girls' team competition. As a combined team, our boys and girls claimed an impressive second place overall. Well done to every child who participated on both race nights – you've made us all very proud!

Another round of applause goes to our hockey teams. The Year 5 team triumphed in their competition, and the Year 6 team finished as joint winners, earning a spot in the partnership finals. Brilliant teamwork all around!

In our drive to improve communication, we would like to better understand your views on how, when and why you access information about school. We are therefore inviting all parents to fill out our <u>communications survey</u>. As an extra incentive to complete the feedback, we are going to allow pupils to come to school in non-uniform for the day – winner, winner!

A further note about closing the pitches to parents and pupils in the morning. The school site needs to be available for different groups from 7:00am when breakfast club opens until 6.00pm when after school club ends. Whilst we appreciate preschool children have some waiting around if siblings are dropped off sooner, we are unable to continue to offer additional areas for parents and pupils to play games. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally, next week, we will be conducting whole-school assessments. These are nothing for pupils to worry about; they simply help us as teachers to ensure that we're capturing a mid year snapshot of progress and next steps. Wishing you a relaxing and restful week ahead, Mr. Sharpe



Mr Sharpe, Head Teacher

Looking at The Week Ahead



We like to make sure you are ready for the week ahead so here is some key information:

When: Monday 27th January

Item: Year 3/4 Cheshire Girls
Football Finals - selected children.

What you need to know:

This event is taking place during the school day and transport has been arranged. Please make sure that you send your child to school with their PE kit.

When: Wednesday 29th January

Item: Cross Country Year 3/4

What you need to know:

Year 3 and 4 pupils will be attending Eaton Bank Academy to take part in a Cross Country Competition. after school. Parents are required to transport their children to this event and please remember to pack their PE kit.

When: RESCHEDULED to Friday 31st January

Item: Year 5/6 Cheshire Girls Football Finals – selected children.

What you need to know:

This event is taking place during the school day and transport has been arranged. Please make sure that you send your child to school with their PE kit.

REMINDER

Please make sure that you have filled our our consent forms:

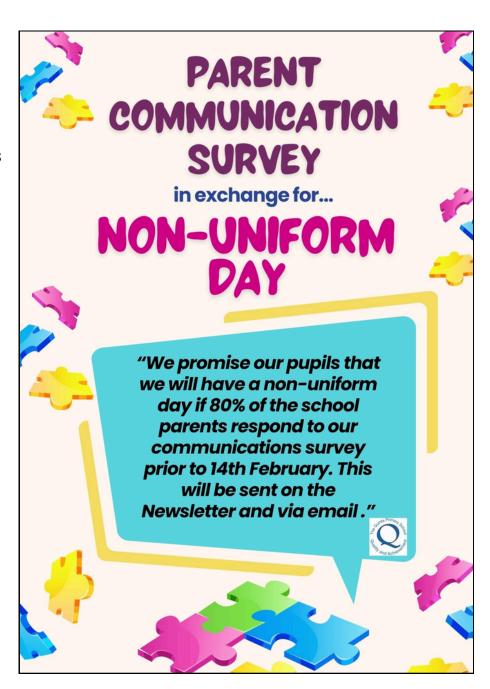
Taking Part in Activities Consent Form. As part of our educational program, we regularly arrange trips outside of the school to explore the local community.

Photographic Consent Form. During your child's time at The Quinta photographs and videos will be taken, this form allows you to give permission as to how this media is used.

Take part in our Communications Survey

We are always striving to improve the way we communicate with our families and keep you informed about your child's education. We would greatly appreciate your feedback on the communication tools we use at The Quinta Primary School. Your responses will help us make improvements to better meet your needs.

The best bit is, if more than 80% of the school responds to this survey prior to Friday 14th February we will grant the children a non-unform day:) make sure you take part and make their term that bit more exciting!



CLICK HERE

To take part in the Communications Survey!

NHS Pharmacy First Service



Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment?

Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility	
Earache	1 to 17 years	
Impetigo	1 year and over	
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over	
Sore throats	5 years and over	
Sinusitis	12 years and over	
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years	
Shingles	18 years and over	

Further information about the NHS Pharmacy First Service

A video can be viewed here

Further information on how pharmacies can help can be found here



School Milk





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

All meals are dairy free and there is a dairy free dessert option.

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



Tostiest TUNA

Tuna



Cheese



Sweetcorn



Cucumber



Tomatoes

Hot Selection



Hot pasta with tomato and mascarpone sauce



School Meal Menus







FOQ Events for your Diary

7th February ks1 and ks2 Disco

- £3.50 entry, sweets and drinks included.
- Ksl 4.15pm-5pm
- Ks2 5.15pm-6pm
- Tuckshop available with maximum spend of £2

14th February Valentines cake sale

- Taking place after school pick up
- Cake donations to be sent to school in the morning. Allergens to be clearly labelled and MUST be nut free.

28th March ks2 Movie Night

- Taking place after school
- Bring along a blanket/pillow/Oodie
- £5.00 entry includes film popcorn and a hotdog/ drink
- Tuckshop available no more than £2 spends required
- Film to be confirmed closer to the event.

9th May ksl Bounce Night

- Bouncy castles and trampolines to disco music.
- Drinks and sweets provided £3.50 entry.
- Small tuck shop selling a selection of snacks/ sweets..



FOQ Events for your Diary

20th June Family Fun Evening

- 3.30pm-6pm
- Family fun event including some of the following and many more: Inflatables, funfair and games, bar, Ice cream man, craft area, face painting, Reubens BBQ.
- Colour raffle- non uniform on the day of the event to bring in donations for a raffle.

11th July End of Term ultimate Disco

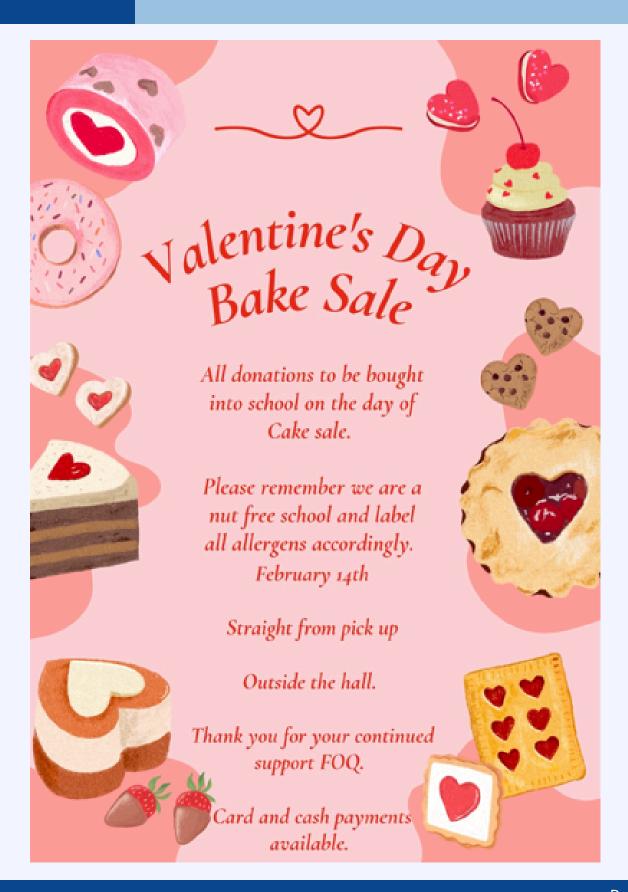
- The ultimate disco!
- £5 entry includes sweets drinks and DJ.
- Hire a DJ interactive games and plays the dance videos on the big screen for the kids.
- Tuck Shop
- Ks1 4.15pm-5pm
- Ks2 5.15pm-6pm

Some dates for the start of the next academic year...

- 17th October Halloween Disco
- 14th November Big fat Quiz of Quinta (adults only)
- 3rd December Elfridges
- 5th December Quinta Merry Markets



Friday 14th February - Cake donations to be sent to school in the morning. Allergens to be clearly labelled and MUST be nut free.





Important Dates And Events

January

- 27th 31st Whole School Assessment Week
- 29th Cross Country Year 3/4 EBA 3-5:30pm
- 31st RESCHEDULED Year 5/6 Cheshire Girls Football Finals

February

- 7th KS1 Bee Active
- 7th ksl and ks2 Disco Ksl 4.15pm- 5pm, Ks2 5.15pm- 6pm
- W/c 10th Online Safety Week (whole school)
- 10th/11th Parents evening calls
- 10th 14th Year 6 assessment week
- 14th Valentines cake sale. After school. All donations to be sent into school on the morning. Allergens to be clearly labelled and MUST be nut free.
- W/c 24th Anti Bullying Week (whole school)
- 25th Young Voices

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
- 28th KS2 Bootcamp Bee Active
- 28th March ks2 Movie Night. After school.
- 31st Eid celebration day (R.E.)

April

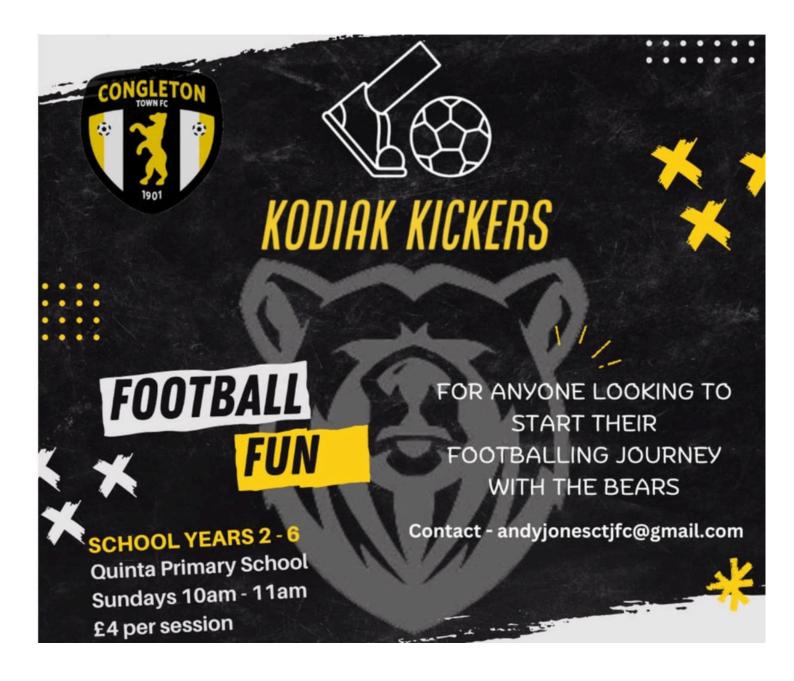
- 1st Global Astronomy month (Science whole school)
- 2nd Autism Awareness (Year 2 to lead KS2 assembly & fund raise) theme: forging a world that is inclusive in its thinking, actions and essence
- 3rd Easter egg celebration day Thursday
- 4th Easter Experience morning
- 4th Easter Service
- 30th until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



Local Events and Opportunities



Music for Life

Lessons may be available on guitar, piano, keyboard and violin (usually suitable for Year 2 or above) cello, clarinet, saxophone, flute, cornet, trombone, trumpet and euphonium (usually suitable for Year 4 or above) bass guitar, drums and singing (usually only available at secondary school). For further information please contact Music for Life on the below details.





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.

<u>Seesaw app information</u>

You will receive a handout from your child's class teacher with a QR Code specific to your child. 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 opposite.

School Spider - For New Parents

How to create a School Spider Account:

- 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

School Spider - 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 areast App Cuido address.

<u>Parent App Guide.pdf</u>





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 – <u>Sign up here</u>.



Support our Local Community Fund through the Co-op!

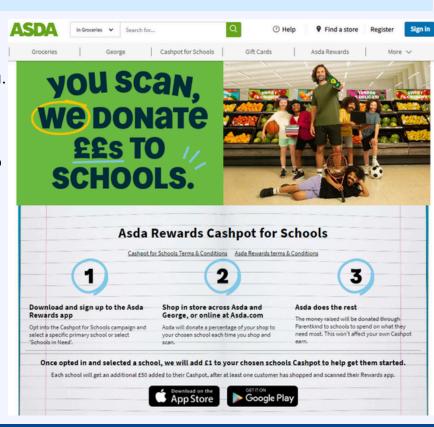
Members of the Co-op can select Friends of Quinta as their cause of choice, helping us make a difference together.

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.





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

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.