

Newsletter

Keeping you informed about Team Quinta news. Friday 7th February 2025

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Welcome

It's been another incredible week here at The Quinta! Our book fayre rolled into town today. The children have had a chance to go and have a peep at what they may wish to buy so be ready for some enthusiastic readers.

On top of this, we've had another fantastic week of sports! We kicked off with a brilliant performance from our Year 5/6 girls' football team, who secured an impressive double victory for our girls' teams as Cheshire Champions. They now move on to the Northern Finals. Six matches, plenty of goals, extra time, and two penalty shootouts made for some truly tense moments, but we came out on top. We are so incredibly proud of their efforts and now look forward to the regional finals in March!

Huge congratulations also go to our Year 5 and 6 Sports Hall Athletics team, who triumphed in the competition at Congleton High. The team displayed great teamwork, supporting each other through every race and event. In addition to this, our Year 3 and 4 football teams had an unforgettable night playing at the Leasing.com Stadium in Macclesfield. Both teams showcased their enthusiasm, talent, and determination. After an intense penalty shootout, our overall winners emerged victorious. What an amazing team effort!

Finally I hope you had chance to see our communications reminder email that came out last night just highlighting how we communicate and the response times you can be guided by.





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 10th and Tuesday 11th

February

Item: Parents' Evening Telephone Calls

What you need to know:

Bookings have been made using School Spider. All appointments will be 5 minutes long and classes have been split between the two days. Please see page 5 for further information.

When: Monday 10th - Wednesday

12th February

Item: School Book Fair

What you need to know:

We have a wide selection of books available. Join us after school in the hall until

4pm each day.

When: Tuesday 11th February

Item: Boys football league night 2

CHS

What you need to know:

Football league letters have been distributed and all participating children and they will be walked to CHS, parents will then need to pick their children up from there.

When: Wednesday 12th February

Item: Hockey competition, Black Firs

What you need to know:

Hockey letters have been distributed and all participating children and they will be walked to Black Firs, parents will then need to pick their children up from there.

When: Friday 14th February

Item 1: Valentines Cake Sale

What you need to know:

Any donated cakes need to be brought into school at the beginning of the day with all ingredients listed. Then join us after school in the hall to purchase some yummy treats. Please see page 8 for further information.

When: Friday 14th February

Item 2: Valentines School Meal

What you need to know:

Order a special themed menu for your child on Scopay. Please see page 11 for further information.



Join us for our School Disco later today!



Just over 50% completed!

Come on, earn the children a non-uniform day!

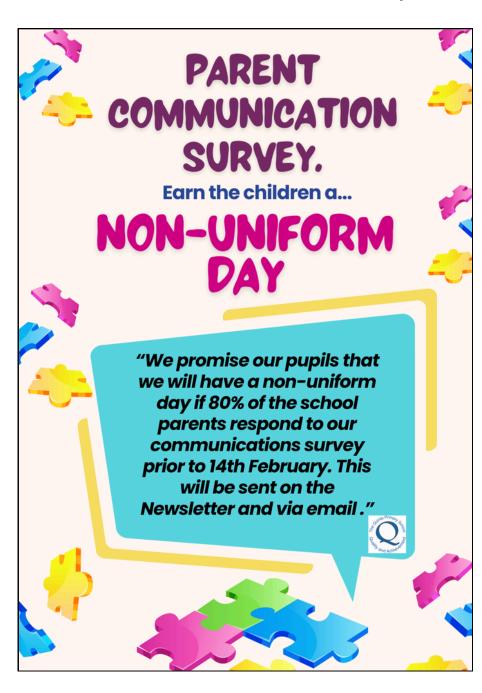
We're almost there! A big thank you to the 52% of Quinta families who have already filled out our **Communications Survey**.

Your feedback is incredibly valuable and will help us improve the way we communicate with you and meet your needs even better.

If you haven't had a chance to complete the survey yet, don't worry – you still have time! The deadline is Wednesday, 12th February. If 80% of our families participate, we'll reward the children with a non-uniform day on Friday, 14th February.

Make sure you take part and help make the final day of term one to remember!

Fill out the <u>Communications Survey</u> here.



CLICK HERE

To take part in the Communications Survey!

Parents' Evenings Telephone Appointments

Class 2, Class 3, Class 5, Class 7, Class 9, Class 10, Class 11, Class 12 -Telephone Appointments will be on Monday 10th February.

Reception 1 & 2, Class 1, Class 4, Class 8 - Telephone Appointments will be on Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th February.

Please note - the Parents' Evening for Class 6 has been postponed.





School Book Fair

Come along to our annual School Book Fair on Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th, and Wednesday 12th February in the school hall, from 3:20 pm to 4:00 pm! With a wide selection of books available, there's something for every budget — around 25% of titles are priced under £5, plus you can spend your World Book Day vouchers!

By purchasing from the Book Fair, you're not just picking up great books, you're also supporting literacy in our school. Last year, thanks to your purchases, Scholastic donated over £5.3 million worth of free books to schools across the country, enriching libraries and classrooms.

So why wait? Come to the school hall on the dates listed above and help foster a love of reading in your child while supporting our school! You can easily pay for your books via the QR code on the poster or with mobile phones and credit/debit cards.

Household Support Funding Application Window Open

The allocation of Household Support Funding has changed this year and therefore Cheshire East will not automatically send out funding vouchers to those who require them.

The application window is now open in relation to the period 6 January 2025 – 28 March 2025. If you require support in order to afford food, energy, and wider essentials then please consider applying. As a school we are seen as a trusted professional by the Government and can assist you in with this process.

If you would like support please contact Miss Massey on SMassey@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk prior to Friday 28th February and she will be able to go through the application process with you.

If we do not hear from you prior to this point we will assume that you do not require the support for the above period.





Irresponsible Parking

Irresponsible parking and driving by some members of our school community is a serious problem. Whilst the duty to patrol outside of the school lies firmly with the police and local authority, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that we do everything possible to keep our children safe.

Parents have raised with the school on a number of occasions, incidents where children and adults have been put at risk due to careless, negligent and often illegal driving and parking practices. I urge you to log and inform the non emergency police (101), as well as Cheshire East Highways using the following reference number so we can build a case for better traffic patrols, systems and markings as this may in future save a member of our community being seriously injured. REF: 3460938

Communication Channels and their Uses

As we near parents' evening, it is a good time to remind our community of the different communication channels we have in school and the best time for each.

Seesaw:

This is for parents and guardians to engage with their child's learning and for staff to post important messages for the class/school. Some of this information may be specific to that class (such as reward afternoons or PE day changes) so it is important to engage with this platform as well as the school newsletter.

If you are not connected to your child's Seesaw please contact Ms Stones (sstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk)
If you require a new Seesaw code for your child, please contact a member of your child's year group team.

Newsletter/Newsflash and Download:

These are the best documents for whole school information, celebrations, safeguarding updates and advice.

- The Newsletter/Newsflash is shared each Friday through School Spider.
- The Download is shared once a month through School Spider.

Class teachers:

Please be advised that class teachers endeavour to respond within a 48-hour timeframe (excluding weekends and holidays) to emails. We appreciate your patience and understanding as they balance teaching responsibilities with responding to enquiries. Therefore, for pertinent messages such as those listed below, please catch teachers on the door or contact the school office.

- Excusing a child for PE that day.
- Medicines/appointments.
- Leaving early.
- Urgent circumstances which may affect your child's day e.g. family emergency.



Communication Channels and their Uses

SEND:

For SEND questions such as adaptations in the classroom that are in the control of the class teacher, please contact the class teacher around this via email or asking for a phone call to discuss further.

For SEND questions which are more complex or require additional information such as referrals or a more targeted support through the inclusion team (behaviour/wellbeing/safeguarding), please use the inclusion email address inclusion@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk. This email inbox will be shared with Mr Sharpe, Ms Mothershaw and Ms Stones and will support you with queries being answered and streamlining channels for communication for all.

Senior leadership team:

Where you have attempted to raise a concern with your child's class teacher and remain unhappy with the outcome, you may feel the need to discuss this with the senior leadership team: Miss O'Neill, Ms Stones, Mrs Hoyle or Mr Sharpe. They will be best placed to resolve any concerns.



Help for our younger families



Apply now for your childcare code to start in April

In the beautiful chaos of parenthood, balance is everything – but it can sometimes be hard to find. Childcare Choices is here to help you find the support that fits your family, giving your child a great start and you the choices you need.

If you're an eligible working parent in England, you can <u>apply for your</u> <u>code online on GOV.UK</u> for:

- Up to <u>15 hours childcare</u> per week for your child between 9 months until they turn 3 years old, over 38 weeks of the year.
- Up to 30 hours childcare per week for your 3 or 4 year old, over 38 weeks of the year.

The deadline to apply for a code is 31 March to use from 1 April. Make sure you apply as early as possible and speak to your provider to find out more about their arrangements.

You will then need to reconfirm your code every 3 months on your GOV.UK account. Don't worry, you'll get a reminder when it's time.

For a step-by-step guide on how to apply for your code, watch the below video with Early Years Educator, Steff, explaining the application process.

Click here to apply for your childcare code

Coming soon!

From September, if you're an eligible working parent, you can access up to 30 hours of childcare per week from the term after your child turns 9 months old.



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





Support Our Year 6 Swimmers!



Help our Year 6 swimmers raise money for local charities, simply click on the button above to donate.





New School Menu Starting 24.02.25



Note - all meal choices will change from this date onward. If you have already selected meals for your child beyond this date, please be aware that these will be updated to reflect the new menu.



SCOPAY CODES

Main - R Vegetarian/Vegan - Y Jacket Potato (DF/VE)- G Ham Sandwich (DF) - H Cheese Sandwich (V) - C Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich (DF/V) - F Cold Pasta Salad (DF/VE) - P Hot Mascarpone Pasta Salad (V) - B

> DF = Dairy Free VE = Vegan V = Vegetarian

Dairy free desserts are available.

MONDAY

Battered chicken nuggets (DF) or vegetable nuggets (VE), skinny fries and baked beans.

Strawberry and vanilla mousse or chocolate and vanilla mousse (V) and assorted fruit (VE/DF).

TUESDAY

Pork and beef meatballs (DF) or Birds Eye meat-free balls (DF/VE) in a tomato sauce served with Pasta, garlic bread and carrots.

Cookies (V) and assorted fruit (VE/DF).

WEDNESDAY

Homemade Pizza Bap (V) (cheese and tomato) with sauté potatoes, sweetcorn and a choice of ketchup or BBQ sauce.

Flapjack (VE/DF) and assorted fruit (VE/DF).

Water and milk served Monday -Thursday

Water, milk and juice served on a Friday

THURSDAY

Chicken Strips (DF) or Meadowvale vegan strips (VE), with a wrap, salad (lettuce, sweetcorn) and a choice of ketchup, BBQ or mayonnaise.

Vanilla sponge cake (V) and assorted fruit (VE/DF).

FRIDAY

Sausage rolls or vegan sausage rolls (VE/DF), French fries and baked beans.

Vanilla, chocolate or Strawberry ice cream (V) and assorted fruit (VE/DF).

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



Ham (DF)



Tuna Mayo (DF/V)



Cheese (V)



Sweetcorn

(VE/DF) Hot Selection



Cucumber (VE/DF)



Tomatoes (VE/DF)



Hot pasta with tomato and mascarpone sauce. (V)



School Meal Special Menu







FOQ Events for your Diary

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



Important Dates And Events

February

- 7th KS1 Bee Active
- 7th ksl and ks2 Disco Ksl 4pm- 4:45pm, Ks2 5pm- 5:45pm
- 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

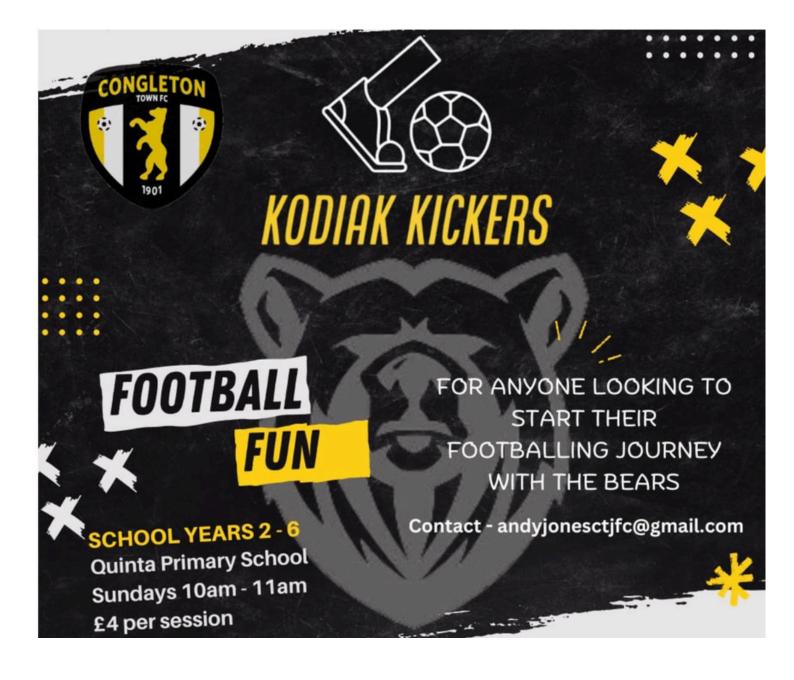
- 1st Global Astronomy month (Science whole school)
- 2nd Autism Awareness (Year 2 to lead KS2 assembly & fund raise) theme: forging a world that is inclusive in its thinking, actions and essence
- 3rd Easter egg celebration day Thursday
- 4th Easter Experience morning
- 4th Easter Service
- 30th until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



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.

Seesaw app information

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.

Parent App Guide.pdf





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!

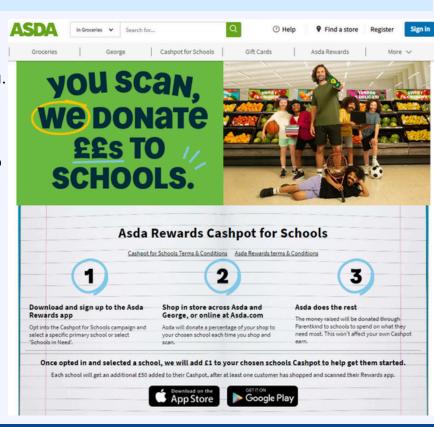
Members of the Co-op can select Friends of Quinta as their cause of choice, helping us make a difference together.

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.