



QE NEWS



Autumn Term

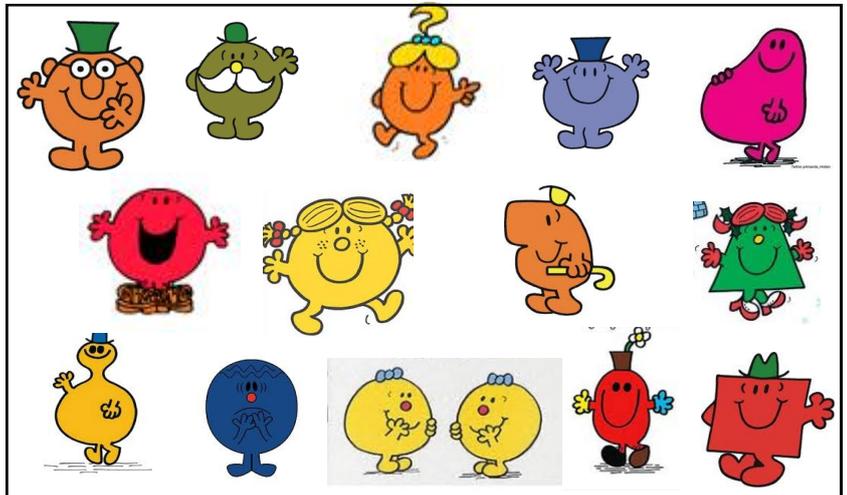
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Merry Christmas Everybody!

Dates for your diary

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| 19/12/11 | Children's Christmas Parties |
| 20/12/11 | End of Term 1.45pm |
| 4/1/12 | Start of Spring Term 8.50am |
| 20/1/12 | Class Assembly 4CH - 2.40pm |
| 25/1/12 | School Development Plan evening |
| 27/1/12 | PSA Cake Sale - Year 6 - 3.15pm |
| 3/2/12 | Class Assembly - 3C - 2.40pm |
| 3/2/12 | PSA Race Night |
| 10/2/12 | INSET day - School closed for children |
| 13 - 17/2/12 | Half Term |
| 28/2/12 | Year 5 trip to Imperial War Museum |
| 28/2/12 | Year 3 visit to Guildford Cathedral |
| 14/3/12 | QE Factor |
| 14/3/12 | Parents Evening |
| 19 - 21 /3/12 | Year 4 Residential trip to Ironbridge |



What an incredible term it has been at QE. It's been another time of change and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their dedication and hard work, they've done a fantastic job implementing all of the changes including homework, marking and the new behaviour management system. I also want to thank you for your support because without that we would achieve nothing. The children have had a really good term and I am pleased with the progress they have made following our pupil tracking this week.

The children have been thinking about the true meaning of Christmas in Thoughtful Time this week and reflecting on whether they felt Jesus did the right thing in giving his life for us. We've been trying to see past the tinsel and wrapping paper to remind ourselves of why we celebrate Christmas. As always, the children outdid themselves and reflected very thoughtfully on what Christmas means to them.

Our building work is moving at a pace now and our new canopy is installed. We are hopeful that the majority of the work will be completed by our first day back on the 4th January but we know the works will run into the middle of January by the latest estimates. The building will look amazing when it's finished though and I personally can't wait!

The new website is up and running and thank you for all of the positive feedback we have had so far. We are really keen to get your views and you can e-mail any thoughts to feedback@queen-eleanors.surrey.sch.uk.

We are having our traditional end of year celebrations next week and I think the children really deserve it. Their behaviour continues to be outstanding and that was most evident in our fantastic Cathedral carol service on Tuesday this week. Many thanks to all of you who came and I think you will agree with me that it was superb. Well done to Barbara and Mr Collins for all of their hard work in organising it and to the staff and children for their efforts in performing. It only remains for me to say, on behalf of all the staff and Governors, we hope you all have a Wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mr Blackburn & the Staff

In the post box this week....

This week we have been thinking about the true meaning of Christmas.

What does Christmas mean to you?

For me, Christmas is a time of celebrating, fun and love. Families don't argue, don't shout, but just have fun with each other. When we are happy, we think about God, and thank him for everything. Sometimes, I forget Jesus in the midst of happiness and I feel guilty afterwards.

Do you prefer to give or receive presents?

I prefer to give presents. Although I like playing with toys, they aren't everlasting or real. The warm glow inside when you see people opening your presents is everlasting.

Jesus died for us. Do you think he did the right thing?

It may sound selfish but he did do the right thing. He saved many more people, though he had to die, he rose again from the dead and saved many more. **Anonymous, Castle,5W**



From the PSA....

PSA Christmas Fair... We are delighted to announce that we raised a magnificent £3200 at the Christmas Fair, with the likelihood of a bit more to come from sponsorship. A huge thanks to everyone involved !

PSA Race Night... Look out for details of our next PSA event, the popular Race Night, which will be held on Friday 3rd February.



Letters sent out this week...



End of Term Update

Before School Club Booking form for next half term

Class Teacher for next term - 4B only

Chess Club - Spring 2012

Design a T Shirt...

A newly launched charity needs young people from Surrey Schools to use their creative skills to come up with an eye catching T-shirt design. Bag4Sport has already helped youngsters from Aldershot & Farnham Hockey, Maxforce Trampoline Club and Whyteleafe Youth FC to name but a few, by turning textiles collected by the group into cash to pay for coaching and equipment.

Anyone aged 16 or under who belongs to a sports club, school or other youth organisation can enter the competition and be in the running to win £500.

The charity, based in Devizes, Wiltshire, was launched a few weeks ago by Olympic gold medallist Tessa Sanderson and aims to raise £100,000 over the next year to help grass root sport and budding stars of the future.

The winning T-shirt design will play a big part in their promotional work. They are looking for something creative that catches the sporting theme. It can be abstract or symbolic like some of the artwork for the 2012 Olympics or it can be a more real life representation of sport. Everyone will have a different idea and they will be looking for the most creative that captures the work of the charity.

Entries for the competition should be created on white A4 paper and can either be sent as a hard copy in the post or by email by February 10 to Bag4Sport, Unit 2A Roundway Business Park, Hopton Industrial Estate, Devizes, SN10 2HU or by email to claire@bag4sport.co.uk . www.bag4sport.co.uk

From the School office....

Children's Christmas parties... A reminder that the children will be having their class Christmas parties on Monday 19th December. They may bring in some party clothes to change into after lunch. Please send in some finger food eg a plate of sandwiches, cakes, biscuits or sausages. Please don't send in anything containing nuts, peanuts or their derivatives as some children have severe allergic reactions to these products.

Coughs and Sneezes... There are plenty of these around at the moment so we would like to appeal again for boxes of tissues. We bulk buy tissues but the children get through them very quickly! Many thanks for your help.

Lunchtime Helper Needed!

At Queen Eleanor's School

12.10– 1.10pm, term time only, to join our friendly team supervising the children during lunchtime.

For further details and an application form, please contact Sarah Mackenzie on 01483 561323



Local Events....

All Saints' Church Christmas Services



18th December - 6pm – carols by candlelight

24th December – 4pm – crib service (for everyone, but especially the children)

11.30pm – candlelit Midnight Mass

25th December – 8am – Holy Communion (BCP)

10am – Christmas all-age communion service.

Merry Christmas from All at Guildford Tourist Information Centre



Its been such a busy year that Christmas has crept up on us! The High Street is now buzzing with Christmas shoppers— you can even pop into Tungate Shopping Centre and get your gifts wrapped up in aid of charity on 15 and 16 December! There are lots of carol concerts going on too!

Whether you are visiting the town shops or buying online, don't forget that we have lots of tickets for new year events and theatre vouchers which make ideal Christmas presents—and lots of Olympic and Jubilee items that make ideal stocking fillers too!

When all the shopping is done and everything wrapped, maybe we'll see you at Jack and the Beanstalk at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, or Joseph at G Live! See you all in the New Year!

Parents' Pages launches winter 2011 e-zine

Don't miss out on the first [e-zine version of Parents' Pages winter 2011](#). The e-zine should be easy to view and gives you the chance to comment on and rate articles.

Parents' Pages is a termly magazine for parents, grandparents and carers of 0-19 year olds in Surrey which includes news and information as well as features on issues that affect you. Hardcopies are available at children's centres, larger libraries or from Surrey Family Information Service

Wisdom of the Week



So I commend the enjoyment of life, because nothing is better for a man under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad
(Ecclesiastes 8)

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus