



# QE NEWS



Autumn Term

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## Dates for your diary

10/11/11	Cross Country @ St Thomas's/Boxgrove
11/11/11	PSA Quiz Night
18/11/11	Year 6 Egypt Day
21/11/11	Year 5 Hydro Drama Workshop
21-24/11/11	Year 6 Bikeability - two courses
24/11/11	Cross Country @ Tillingbourne
25/11/11	Day of Difference (MUFTI day)
2/12/11	PSA Christmas Fair
5/12/11	QE Factor
9/12/11	Class Assembly 6CR - 2.40pm
13/12/11	Carol Service @ Guildford Cathedral - 10.30am
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
27/1/12	PSA Cake Sale - Year 6
3/2/12	Class Assembly 3C



## In the post box this week....

**This week we have been thinking about our conscience and who helps us to do the right thing.**

Go to the New Forest. This is the best thing I've ever done because you've got a feel for nature in your body. There are also lots of broken trees so it's perfect for a game of hide and seek. Once when I was there, I got about 18 centimetres near a wild pony!

**Harry, Carroll, 3C**

I think the best thing I've ever done is to be alive and to breathe and if I wasn't breathing I would be dead and not here to be the person I am and all the things I do would be gone. I'm not sure what the worst thing I've done is. I think that should be left to other people to decide and maybe not me! My friends, well my best friend, can make me a better person.



## It's good to be back!



Welcome back! I hope you all had a good week off and feel relaxed and ready for the run up to Christmas!

I am sad to start this news letter with some bad news but unfortunately, for personal reasons, Mrs Bhasin has had to resign. It was a very difficult decision for her and the Governors and I but we felt it was in everybody's best interests if we allowed her to leave. Needless to say she will be greatly missed by all the staff and children and we wish her all the best for the future.

As you can see our building works are progressing nicely and we have the shell of a new office and teaching area. We are lucky to have good builders and their progress is very impressive! We are hopeful we will be able to open up some of the area by Mr Day's room soon and should at the end be left with a very good looking school. As you will notice by now the work on digging the new ramp has also started. It's going to need a lot of concrete which will be poured once the pouring from the sky stops!

Our new music clubs started for the children this week and the turnout has been great. All the students from Surrey University have enjoyed working with the children and it's nice to be able to offer this opportunity for the more musically inclined members of the school. We are also hopeful that the Playground Pals, sent by the University before I arrived, will be reinstated in the next few weeks which will also be a great boost for the children.

We have been looking at our conscience in Thoughtful Time this week and as usual got our regular cluster of excellent responses. The children really seem able to reflect on the things they have done in the past that they shouldn't have and also the good things they have done to help other people. It's important to reflect on these things every once in a while and the children certainly did that this week.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Blackburn

## From the PSA....

**PSA Quiz Night...** There are just a few tickets left for our Quiz and Chilli Night on Friday 11th November so we have extended the deadline for ordering to this coming Monday, 7th November. Tickets are £8 each and include a chilli and jacket potato supper. A bar will be available. We look forward to seeing you on the night! The evening starts at 7.30pm and the quiz will begin at 8pm.

## Letters sent out this week....



The following letters have been sent out this week..

Letter to 4B only

Reading FC v Brighton FC match

Worship for Everyone - selected participants only

PSA Quiz and Chilli Night

Christmas Card competition

Cross Country race at St Thomas's - team members

## From the School office....



**Poppies...** Poppies will be on sale next week until the 11th November. Year 6 children will be selling them at break times, so please give generously to this very worthy cause; may we suggest a minimum donation of 20p.

**Piano Club...** We have had exceptional demand for the new Piano Club and have had to disappoint some of the children who signed up. However, we will be able to run another club on Mondays after school if we can find a willing parent volunteer to help! This would be purely to help supervise the children; no musical knowledge required. Please contact the office if you can help.

**Are you joining us for lunch?...** If you have signed up to join your child for lunch at QE next Friday, 11th November, please note that lunch will start at 12.10pm. We look forward to seeing you!

**Phoenix Cards & Wrap...** A reminder that the closing date for orders from the Phoenix Catalogue is Monday 14th November.

**Can you help?...** We would love to provide a good blackout facility in our Hall for use in bright weather during school productions etc. If you, or anyone you know, has any expertise in this area, we would love to hear from you.

## Sport at QE....



### Netball

Thanks to all the parents who drove patiently to Holy Trinity yesterday afternoon only to find the match was cancelled because of the rain. At least we enjoyed a cupcake and a drink!

Could all Year 5s please return their kit to school by Monday. Many thanks,

*Mrs McManus*

## Local Events....

### All Saints' Church Pantomime



Come and see Sleeping Beauty performed by All Saints' Church! Performances are at the church hall (Vicarage Gate) on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November (7.30pm) and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November (2.30pm and 7.30pm).

Tickets cost £4 for adults and £2.50 for under 16s and are available from Lucy Wallis (302122).

### Shopping & Pamper Fundraising Evening (In aid of Cancer Research)

**Guildford Children's Centre,  
Hazel Avenue, Guildford**

**Friday 11th November**

**Entrance £2 donation, includes complimentary glass of wine.**

**Come and enjoy beauty treatments and a variety of shopping stalls.**

**Tickets available from Guildford Children's Centre.**

### Hello from Guildford Tourist Information Centre



Have you started your Christmas shopping yet??? Its never too early you know! Why not treat your family and friends to tickets for events (much lighter to carry than heavy boxes!) Don't forget we also sell Theatre Tokens for the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre and National Theatre Tokens too.

A date for your diary—Thursday 24 November 2011—it's the switching on of the Guildford Christmas Lights by Bonnie Langford who will be starring in Jack and the Beanstalk at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre this year.

While on the subject of preparing for Christmas, the next Guildford Farmers Market is on 1 November and the Christmas Farmers Market with local produce and crafts will be on Tuesday 6 December 2011—don't miss it.

## Wisdom of the Week

**LITTLE MISS  
TWINS**  
*By Roger Hargreaves*



**Two's  
Company,  
Three's a  
Crowd**

*(Proverb 20, 9)*

*Be the Best You Can Be All the Time*