



# QE NEWS



## QE Diary Dates

### AUTUMN

21/12 12 Last day of term - 1.45pm finish

### SPRING

7/1/13 Start of Spring term  
 18/1/13 Class Assembly - 5P @ 2.45pm  
 23/1/13 School Development Plan Eve 7.30 pm  
 29/1/13 Year 3 trip to Guildford Cathedral  
 1/2/13 Class Assembly - 5W @ 2.45pm  
 15/2/13 INSET - school closed for children  
 18-22/2/13 Half Term  
 1/3/13 Class Assembly - 4W @ 2.45pm  
 13/3/13 Parents Evening from 3.30pm  
 15/3/13 Red Nose Day  
 19-20/3/13 Level 1 Bikeability for Year 5  
 19- 23/3/13 Year 4 Residential trip to Ironbridge  
 28/3/13 Last day of term - 1.45pm finish

### SUMMER

15/4/13 Start of Summer term  
 6/5/13 Bank Holiday  
 24/5/12 INSET - school closed for children  
 1/7/13 INSET- school closed for children  
 24/7/13 End of term - 1.45pm finish

## We Wish You A Merry Christmas.....!



The QE Choir

It's been a very long and very busy term at QE and I think the children (and staff!) are ready for a well-earned rest. We have had a great week celebrating Christmas which included the excellent Choir concert on Tuesday night followed by yesterday's school lunch then children's Christmas parties. I want to put on record my thanks to Clare and her staff for the 191 dinners she served yesterday and also to the teachers and teaching assistants who gave up their lunch time to serve the children. The staff at QE work incredibly hard and this year have taken on board a lot of changes to the way they plan, teach and assess. It has meant a lot of extra work for them. I am sure you will join me in thanking them and wishing them all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We still didn't manage to have a visit from Ofsted this term but I am sure it will come in the Spring as we are now quite a long way overdue. I got a copy of the Ofsted Annual Inspection of Schools report which makes very interesting reading. We have also had visits from other schools to look at the way we have developed maths and it's nice to know our good work is being recognised.

The recently published School Performance Tables were also very positive and shows the impact the changes we have put in place have made. In addition to that, we have had the excellent Book Week which the children loved and the Anti-Bullying week as well. As I said, it's been a busy term!

We finished our assembly theme this week with Moses reaching the Promised Land and God telling him he would not see it. It is a slightly depressing end to the story but the message for the children is clear. Sometimes we don't always get what we desire and it's really important to do things for other people. This is especially relevant with Christmas around the corner!

Which brings me to the end of this newsletter, the last one of 2012. We really hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2013!

Mr Blackburn & the QE Staff

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

**This week we have been thinking about how we cope with disappointment and failure.**

*Are you good at coping with disappointment?*

I would say I am ok at coping with disappointment because my dad and mum help me by saying it could have been worse. By putting this, everyone will know how I am but when I was put on crutches, my mum and dad told me it's better than being deaf or blind.

*When have you been disappointed?*

When I hurt my foot, because at the moment it feels like the hospital is my second home and not only that, I was hoping to audition for Alice in Wonderland in January but I don't think I can!

*When have you felt failure?*

When I did not do very well in my end of year spelling test.



Castle, Year 5

## From the PSA....

**PSA Christmas Fair...** We are now able to let you know that the Christmas Fair raised around £1900. Thank you all once again for making it such a success.

**Phil the Bag...** The bags will be coming home with your children after Christmas, for collection on the 24th January. Please save all your unwanted textiles over the holidays. This is a great way to raise funds for the school and have a good clear out at the same time! Many thanks from the PSA.

## Letters sent out this week....

Register check letters (selected children by post)

Dinner Money invoices (children on school meals)



## Snow closures....

We try our hardest to keep the school open in the event of snow. However, there are occasions when we have to close the school (access is dangerous or not enough staff are able to reach the school). On these occasions, the following steps are taken to notify parents of the school closure:

A message will appear on the school website ([www.queen-eleanors.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.queen-eleanors.surrey.sch.uk))

A ParentPay email message will be sent out to all parents registered with ParentPay.

All school closures are listed on the Surrey County Council website ([www.scc.gov.uk](http://www.scc.gov.uk))

Eagle Radio will also make announcements about school closures on a regular basis throughout the day and usually put closures on their website ([www.964eagle.co.uk](http://www.964eagle.co.uk))

If you do not have access to a computer or to ParentPay, we ask that you speak to other parents at the school who will be able to advise you of the latest situation. Any decision to close the school will be made, if possible, by 8a.m. However, please continue to check the website as weather conditions can deteriorate very quickly and could force us to close the school later than this time.

## From the School office....

**After school activities next term...** There are still places on most of our after school clubs/activities but GymKatz is now FULL for next term.

**Lost Property...** The Lost Property basket in the foyer is packed with items all waiting to be reunited with their owners. If your child is missing anything, please come and have a rummage. Any named items will be returned to their owners after the break and un-named items will be recycled.

**Dinner Money...** Please note that dinner money for next half-term is **£58.00**, or ten pounds per week, and needs to be paid on or before

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013**. You should have received a slip at the beginning of the week with details of any credit/debit on your account (as of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December) so please make any necessary adjustments to this figure.

You can either pay online through the Surrey County Council website [[www.surreycc.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schoolmeals)] or, alternatively, by bringing in cash or a cheque made payable to 'Surrey County Council' in an envelope marked with your child's name, class and 'School Dinners' to the School Office.

Thank you in advance for prompt payment.

**School Lunches...** If you would like to sign up to school lunches, particularly with the colder months approaching, please provide the office with a note/email with a week's notice.

**Contact details...** Please remember to notify us of any changes to your addresses, email addresses or telephone numbers so that we can contact you, if necessary.

**Year 2 Primary Transfer Deadline...** Don't forget that if your child is in Year 2 and will be choosing a primary school in September 2013, applications for a school place have to be in by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2013**.

**INSET – School closed 15th February 2013...** Although a little way off, this is a reminder that the school will be closed on the last day of the first half of the Spring Term [Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013] for INSET.

**The Giving Machine...** With the January Sales coming up, why not combine your online shopping with fundraising for QE. The Giving Machine is a not - for - profit social enterprise whose aim is to raise money for UK schools and charities. By visiting [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk) and joining up, you can make free cash donations every time you shop online. For a reminder of the details, please see the letter on the QE Website.

**And finally...** We wish you a Merry Christmas and a fabulous New Year from all of us in the Office.

## Local Events....

### Stars at Clandon



National  
Trust



*Tuesday 8 & Wednesday 9 January, 5.00pm-7.30pm*

Join us for an evening of stargazing with the help of telescopes and expert advice. Indoor and outdoor activities for all the family and the shop and restaurant will be open.

In association with BBC Stargazing Live, Surrey Space Centre.  
Pre- Booking essential as space limited - contact Clandon House

# God at Work

## DEFEATING

ROAD  
AHEAD  
CLOSED

# DEATH

ROAD  
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How do you cope  
with failure?