



# QE NEWS



## QE Diary Dates

18/10/13	Mufti Day for Operation Christmas Child
18/10/13	Harvest Class Assembly - Class 6CD
18/10/13	PSA Cake Sale - Years 5/6 - 3.15pm
18/10 /13	PSA Coffee morning for new parents
21/10/13	Year 5 Taster Day @ PGL Hindhead
23/10/13	Prospective Parents' Tour - 9.30am
24/10/13	PSA School Disco
25/10/13	INSET - school closed to children
28/10 - 1/11/13	Half term week
7/11/13	Year 6 Egyptian Day
8/11/13	PSA Quiz Night - 7.30pm
11- 15/11/13	Year 6 Bikeability
13/11/13	Prospective Parents' Tour - 1.30pm (HT)
18-22/11/13	Anti-Bullying Week
20/11/13	Year 3 trip to Lion King
22/11/13	Class Assembly - 4W - 2.40pm
25-28/13	Year 6 Bikeability
25/11/13	Parent Focus Group - 7.30pm
29/11/13	Day of Difference
2/12/13	Year 6 Bikeability

**In the post box this week...this week we have been thinking about what winds us up and how we deal with the stress it causes.**

*Do you get wound up easily?*

I do with my brother because he calls me rude things and I get really angry easily. Sometimes it's because I break up with my friends and I get wound up if someone just talks to me.

*How do you cope with stress?*

I usually read a book so I can just lose myself in it but sometimes I think of happier times. At Onslow, after PE we used to lie down and listen to music ( we had to close our eyes!)

*Is it ever ok to lose it?*

I think it is because it actually just comes naturally to us, we can't help it. Although its not pleasant to witness someone losing their temper, we should just forgive them.

**Wey, Year 4**

## A Very Good School.....!



What a great week it has been at QE! I was so pleased to see so many of you at Parents Evening. It's a vital link between school and home and many of you commented on what a good school QE is (hence the headline!). Feedback is very important to us and we really do consider all of your thoughts and ideas on how we can make QE a better place for your children. We had our usual divide on homework which was expected but it was nice to have so many positive comments about the changes we have made to homework this year. I know many of you are still not happy with the school dinners provided by Surrey Commercial Services but I can assure you that I moan on a daily basis on your behalf and I will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. There was also a lot of positive comments about the quality of teaching at QE. In a week when teachers have been very much in the headlines it was nice to see so much appreciation for them. But it is a collective effort and the TAs and Office staff all help to make the school good.

I was talking to a colleague today about the challenges we face in schools and it's interesting to think about the changes we have had even since I was at school (which actually wasn't too long ago!). It got me thinking about what QE will look like in 5 years' time? I fully expect it to be the welcoming, friendly and vibrant place it is today.

The picture above is of Bishop Christopher who the Year 4 children bumped into on Tuesday during their trip to Guildford. They were very excited to see him and he spent some time talking to the children. In assembly this week we have been thinking about the calming of Saul and being peaceful. Without a doubt, the biggest stress reliever for our children is reading or listening to music. You will be surprised to know the biggest cause of stress at home seems to be siblings!

We are sending out an important e-Safety letter today about a couple of issues that have been brought to my attention. Please read it carefully as it may well apply to your children and may contain information you are not aware of.

I had my first discussion about our proposed new building this week and as soon as we have plans drawn up we will be holding an open evening in school for you to come and look at them. There will also be a big letter going out next week with policy updates on it so please keep an eye out for that. It only remains for me to wish you all an enjoyable weekend. I hope the weather holds out whatever you are planning to do. Until next week.

Mr Blackburn & the QE Staff



## From the PSA....

**PSA Cake Sale TODAY** at 3.15pm.

**School Disco on Thursday 24th October.** Tickets for the Disco will be issued on Monday, so look out for them in your child's bag.

**PSA Quiz Night on Friday 8th November.** A reminder that ticket order forms have now been sent home.

Come and exercise the grey cells and enjoy a delicious chilli and a drink from the licensed bar!

**PSA Christmas Fayre** will take place on Friday 6th December - lots more details to follow.

## Letters sent out this week....

Swimming Pool now closed

PSA Quiz and Chilli Night

Medical forms/Payment plan for Hooke Court -Year 3 only

PSA 'Phil' the Bag

Medical forms/Payment plan for Ironbridge - Year 4 only

Special Menu Days

Important e-Safety Update



## Sport at QE....

### Football

Our Year 4 team took part in the District Football Festival at St Joseph's school on Wednesday. We played 3 matches and won them all, playing excellent passing football and scoring lots of goals. The most important thing though, was that our team behaved wonderfully, showed brilliant sportsmanship and were a credit to QE.

Our team were Cameron, Danny, Martha, Jamie, Alexander, JJ, Josh and Lukas.

*Coach Howells*

### Cross Country

Our QE team took part in the first race of the season at Tillingbourne School last week. Nine schools took part and our team all performed well, with a special mention going to Charlie P and Nova G-K both of whom came 4th in the boys' and girls' races respectively. Well done!

*Mrs Wilkinson*

## From the School Office....

**QE Clubs...** Payments for the second half term After School clubs are now due. If your child no longer wishes to continue with a club, please let the office know as soon as possible. Payments due are:

Football Club - Years 5 & 6 £31.50 and Years 3 & 4 £27.00

Dodgeball Club - All Years £31.50

Multi Sports Club - All Years £31.50

Cheques should be made payable to 'Queen Eleanor's School' or you can pay using ParentPay.

**School Meals...** The amount due for the next half term is £71.75. Cheques should be made payable to 'Surrey County Council'.

**Special Lunches...** Please bring in the slip and payment by Tuesday 22nd October, if your child does not already have school meals but would like to have any of the Special lunches. Please note that there will be a vegetarian sausage option available for the Bonfire meal.

**Operation Christmas Child...** A reminder that the deadline for bringing in your filled shoe boxes is Thursday 7th November.

**PGL Taster Day for Year 5...** On Monday, please bring your child to the side entrance by the Gym for registration **by 7.15am**. The coach will depart promptly at 7.30am.

## Local Events....

### Half Term Fun Activities

**Guildford Borough Council runs many events in our area - for details please go to [www.guildford.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/holidayactivities)**

### Winter Market & Fair

at

**Guildford Cathedral, Stag Hill**



Saturday 23rd November 10am - 4pm

Free admission and free parking on site

Join us for an early Christmas shopping experience!

### Guildford Book Festival

The Guildford Book festival is back with fantastic events for children over two weekends, starting on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Incredible children's and teen authors will thrill and amaze. Don't miss the Hallowe'en Extravaganza on Saturday 26th with ghoulish ghosts, cruel cannibals and wicked (and winsome) witches and wizards.

For more information check out the website:

<http://www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk/index.php?page=childrens>

and to buy tickets, contact the Tourist Information Centre on 01483 444334 or The Electric Theatre on 01483 444789

### Half Term fun at Denbies Wine Estate

Lots of activities happening during half term including LEGO Building, Birds of Prey, Creepy Crawly Road Show and Craft Activities. There is also a free Lego Exhibition.

