

QE Diary Dates

29/09/14	Prospective Parents' Tour—Headteacher Tour
03/10/14	Harvest Assembly
07/10/14	Prospective Parents' Tour
10/10/14	Prospective Parents' Tour
10/10/14	Year 6 Cake Sale
13/10/14	Prospective Parents' Tour
15/10/14	Parents' Evening
22/10/14	Prospective Parents' Tour
23/10/14	Year 6 Egyptian Day
24/10/14	6CD Class Assembly
24/10/14	PSA Disco
27-31/10/14	Half Term
03-07/11/14	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2
03/11/14	Prospective Parents' Tour
07/11/14	Hotdog Sale
10-14/11/14	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2
12/11/14	Prospective Parents' Tour—Headteacher Tour
14/11/14	5P Class Assembly
14/11/14	PSA Quiz Night (change of date)
17-21/11/14	Friendship Week
18/11/14	Prospective Parents' Tour
21/11/14	6CS Class Assembly
24/11/14	Parent Focus Group
27/11/14	Prospective Parents' Coffee Morning
28/11/14	Day of Difference
03/12/14	QE Factor pm
04/12/14	Prospective Parents' Tour—Headteacher Tour
08/12/14	Carol Service (Cathedral)
10/12/14	Prospective Parents' Tour
11/12/14	Children's Christmas Lunch
11/12/14	Sharing Successful Maths
12/12/14	PSA Christmas Fair
18/12/14	Children's Christmas Parties
19/12/14	Last Day of Autumn Term - 1.15 finish
05/01/15	Start of Spring Term
09/01/15	Prospective Parents' Tour
09/01/15	Year 3 Trip to Butser
13/01/15	PSA Meeting, 7.30pm
27/01/15	Young Voices Concert
13/02/15	Inset Day
16-20/02/15	Half Term Week
17-20/03/15	Year 4 Residential Trip to Ironbridge
21/03/15	PSA Bingo Night
23-25/03/15	Year 3 Residential Trip to Hooke Court
27/03/15	Last Day of Spring Term - 1.15pm finish
13/04/15	Start of Summer Term
22/04/15	Class & Sports Team Photographs
04/05/15	Bank Holiday
07/05/15	Polling Day - School Closed
19-22/05/15	Year 5 Residential Trip to France
20/06/15	PSA Summer Fair
26/06/15	Inset Day
25-29/05/15	Half Term Week
06-10/07/15	Year 6 Residential Trip to Little Canada
17/07/15	Last Day of Summer Term - 1.15 finish
20/07/15	Inset Day
21/07/15	Inset Day

# QE NEWS

## Academy is upon us.....

It's been a great week at QE this week and the children have been finishing off their baseline tests. We have had some very interesting topic work too and yesterday I saw a lesson in Year 5 on mountains. They are making volcanoes next week, can't wait to see that! I am writing this at 12.58am on the Year 3 sleepover. The children are mostly settled and have had an amazing time. I want to thank the Year 3 teachers firstly for devoting so much time and staying over with the children along with Mrs Wilkinson and Mr Amos. We have also had a lot of support from TAs and other teachers so thank you to them too. If you are a Year 3 parent you will soon be receiving a questionnaire about the sleepover. Please take some time to complete it and return it to school as your feedback is very important to us.

We interviewed yesterday for a permanent class teacher for class 4DC and have appointed Claire Dawson who will join us in January. I want to put on record my immense thanks to Mrs Clarke and Mr Day who have done a fantastic job with 4DC so far this term. We are very pleased that Mrs Clarke will be staying on to work with our booster and intervention groups.

As the headline suggests, we have been advised by the Good Shepherd Trust that the final confirmation of our Academy status will be confirmed next week by the DfE. That means we will become an Academy with the Good Shepherd Trust on 1st October. It has taken a huge amount of work to make this deadline and Mrs Mackenzie has put in a large number of extra hours to ensure we met our deadline. Luckily, the teachers and I have had to do very little so far which has allowed us to focus on our core purpose of teaching the children. There will be very few changes you will notice when we become an academy, with the most significant being a change to our school branding.

I also want to say well done to our netballers who have played twice recently. There is a match report on the back of the newsletter and I know they did very well in both matches. Keep up the good work girls.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Blackburn & the QE Staff

**In the post box this week we have been thinking about standing up for others...**

**Do you stand up for the rights of others?**

Well I try to but sometimes I am too scared but if I feel it is right I will try my best to do it.

**How does unfairness make you feel?**

Unfairness makes me feel angry and annoyed with myself and the world because we are here and we have everything we need when other people don't.

**What is worth fighting for?**

Fairness and peace and kindness are all of the things I think are worth fighting for because it would make the world a better place to be for everyone.

Carroll-Year 6



**Letters sent out this week....**

- Headlice—Yr 3
- Natural History Museum Trip—Yr 5
- Bikeability—Yr 6
- PSA Contact List
- Transition Process Questionnaire—Yr 3
- New Class Teacher—4DC
- Voices of QE Book



**TOOL OF THE WEEK**

**CUTTER**



**WHAT DO YOU NEED TO CUT FREE FROM?**

## PSA

Please look out for a new parent contact list, this is very useful for communication between parents for play dates, parties etc.

### Dates for the diary

October 10<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 cake sale

October 24<sup>th</sup> Disco

November 14<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night

December 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fayre

If you would like any more information, have any fundraising ideas or would like to help at an event please have a chat to Liz Godfrey or Jo Sellen.

Thank you to everyone who came to the PSA meeting last week.

## Sport



The Year 6 netball teams got the season off to a great start this week. Everybody played in the matches against 2 schools and I am hard pushed to say who played best. All the girls worked really hard. Both matches were at home.

### QE v Holy Trinity

A team won 5-2  
B team won 7-0  
C team lost 6-3

### QE v St Teresa's

A team won 8-7  
B team won 5-2  
C team won 4-1

## Harvest Assembly

Please don't forget our Harvest Assembly on Friday 3rd October. We are supporting the work of The North Guildford Food Bank which is at St Clare's Park Barn, The New Hope Centre, Bellfields and in Merrow (at the Bushy Hill Community Centre). The following list of specific food that we require at present includes:

Table Sauces (ketchup, mayonnaise, salad cream and brown sauce)  
Drinking Chocolate  
Squash  
Tinned fruit  
Tinned vegetables (NOT baked beans please)  
Tinned pasta (spaghetti hoops, macaroni cheese)  
Biscuits  
Soup (tinned or packet)

We are unable to distribute fresh food—all products must be non perishable.

We are asking you to support this project by sending in any suitable donations to school on either **Thursday 2nd or Friday 3rd October**. We can then forward these to the food bank itself. We will be explaining the project to the children as part of our Harvest assembly.

Many thanks in advance for your donations.

## From the School Office....

**Uniform...** Please remember to name your child's school uniform. If you have written the name in on the label, please check after washing that it hasn't faded. We have a big pile of unnamed uniform which is growing on a daily basis. If any uniform is unclaimed by the end of half term it will be recycled. Also, we are having a meeting with the uniform suppliers shortly, any comments gratefully received.

**Guildford County Open Evening...** The date for this is Thursday 9th October from 6—8.30 pm. There will also be talks and tours on Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th, Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st October 2014—all at 9.30 am.

**School Dinner Money...** The daily cost has increased to £2.10, the weekly amount is £10.50 and the amount for this half term is £79.80. **Please note that there is still a considerable amount of dinner money outstanding. Please can this be settled as soon as possible.**

**Swimming/PE Kit...** Please make sure that your child's swimming/PE kit are in school all week. I'm afraid we cannot call home if your child has forgotten it.

**Parking...** Please remember that parents/carers must not park on the school premises at the beginning or end of the school day.

**ParentPay...** This is a quick and convenient way to receive letters from QE and to also pay for trips, clubs etc online. If you have not already signed up for this service and would like to do so, please come to the office for more details. Using ParentPay also greatly reduces the amount of paper used in school.

**Residentials...** Thank you to everyone who has sent in their payment for Ironbridge and Normandy, these trips will be going ahead. A payment schedule will be going out shortly. The deadline for Hooke Court is Thursday 2nd October—please return your deposits by this date.

**Swimming Club...** Due to the building work please can all parents pick up from outside the office after swimming club.

Many thanks

## Local Events....

### Guildford Borough's Big Draw 4th October - 1st November 2014 Free Events for all the Family

Guildford Borough Council has programmed free events for all the family in conjunction with The Big Draw and the Family Arts Festival.

The Campaign for Drawing's successful and accessible initiative started in 2000 and hosts events in the UK and abroad. For more details please contact Guildford Borough's Art Office on 01483 444767 or email [artsdevelopment@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:artsdevelopment@guildford.gov.uk)



## Super Camps

UK's no.1 for childcare during the school holidays. Daily and weekly packages, open 8am—6 pm, ages 4-12, multi-activity. This will be held at Christ's College, Larch Avenue, Guildford, GU1 1JY, tel: 01235 467300 or visit [www.supercamps.co.uk/october](http://www.supercamps.co.uk/october).

## Vacancies....



**Midday Supervisor** 12.10 - 1.10 pm  
Monday to Friday, term time only. Come and join the team at Queen Eleanor's School.

For this post, please contact Sarah Mackenzie on 01483 561323.