

QE Diary Dates

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
13/11/14	Prospective Parents' Tour- Headteacher Tour (change of date)
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	5P Class Assembly
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

An academy in the Good Shepherd Trust

Enjoy your holiday....!

Half term is finally upon us and it feels like it has been a long time coming. I am very much looking forward to the break as I know many of the children are and I hope you all have exciting things planned. I will be taking my girls to Ironbridge and Blackpool to see the illuminations which links in nicely with our hero of the week who is Helen Keller. She was a remarkable women and many of the children did not know who she was or what battles she overcame to lead the tremendous life she did. I think we could all use a bit of Helen's resilience in life as she overcome more than I could ever imagine.

It was Egyptian day in Year 6 yesterday and I have to say they all looked amazing. So much hard work had clearly gone into their costumes so thank you all so much for supporting your children and ensuing they looked like real Egyptians. They had a fantastic day and enjoyed the immersive experience of being an Egyptian for a day. The Pupil Progress Gateway is currently being re-developed to fit in with our new curriculum assessment system following the abolishing of levels by the Government from 1st September. We are hopeful that the new Gateway, which will be launched in January will include more information and be easier to use. I will write to you next term about the Gateway and how we use it.

Next half term is packed with events as we build up to Christmas so please check the diary dates and school website. We have the PSA quiz on the 14th November, Friendship week from 17th-21st November, QE Factor on the 3rd December and the Carol Service on the 8th December. We also have Day of Difference on the 28th November and the PSA Christmas Fayre on the 12th December. That's a lot to fit in and we are very much looking forward to a really enjoyable term.

We have also updated the school website to include more detailed curriculum information in line with our statutory duty. You will now find more complex medium term plans on the website. A word of warning when reading this, some things maybe moved or changed at the discretion of the teacher.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Johnson today who has made the very difficult decision to leave teaching and pursue another career. We wish her all the best and want to thank her for her work with 5J this term. It only remains for me to wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable holiday. See you all on Monday 3rd November!

Mr Blackburn & the QE Staff

In the post box this week we have been thinking about coping with hard times...

When have things been black for you? How did you cope?

I have recently experienced my parents fighting over and over again, and it has made me sad as I can picture what might be going on in their heads. I cope with it because my friends are really supportive.

Who helped you and what did you learn?

My friends help me realise that no matter what, someone will be there for me.

How can you be more optimistic?

Forget what has already happened in life as I still have a lot to go.

Year 6, Castle

When have things been black for you? How did you cope?

Sometimes when me and my friends have an argument it seems really black.

Who helped you and what did you learn?

My mum comes and steps in to help me to make best friends again.

How can you be more optimistic?

All I really can do is think positive unless a miracle happens.

Year 3, Wey

Letters sent out this week....

- Lost Property
- Claiming Cake Tins
- Y6 Netball Match



TOOL OF THE WEEK

EAR PROTECTORS & GOGGLES



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO CUT FREE FROM?

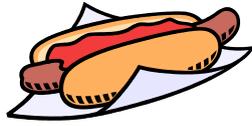
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Dates for the diary



November 7th Hot Dog Friday

Hot dog, roll + salad for sale at 3.15pm in the playground or under the gazebo if wet. £1.



November 14th Quiz Night - Tickets on sale now

December 12th Christmas Fayre



Please could everyone put aside some **empty jam jars** for the Jolly Jam Jar stall for the 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.

Sport



Only one match this week, with year 5 playing against Burpham. Our team swapped positions every quarter which was quite challenging but fun. It certainly didn't stop the girls from playing well - they won.

Result: Y5A team won 4-0

From the School Office....

Poppy Appeal... Please note that we will be selling poppies (for a suggested donation of 50p) after half term. The children will have the opportunity to buy them at break time and lunchtime and we will be selling them to adults only in the School Office at all other times.

Bikeability... A reminder that Bikeability for Year 6 starts the first day back after half term. All the children have had letters to inform them which course they are on. The first course starts Monday 3rd November and the second course is Monday 10th November.

School Dinner Money... The daily cost is £2.10, the weekly amount is £10.50 and the amount for the second half term is £73.50 with the exception of Year 5 which is £71.40 due to the Natural History Museum Trip.

Cancellation of Clubs... Now that the weather has changed we are more likely to need to cancel a club at the last minute. We immediately put this information on the website ticker and send out a ParentPay notification. We ask parents/carers to call or email the office to confirm receipt of the message and provide alternative pick up arrangements.

Parking... Please be mindful when dropping your children off at school that you park considerately. On a number of occasions cars have parked on the yellow zig zags and up on the kerbs outside the school.

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.

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.

Have a lovely Half Term. Many thanks.

Local Events....

To celebrate Half Term this October KIDS EAT FREE at Frankie & Benny's! Please visit www.frankieandbennys.com to claim your free voucher. Simply print it out and bring it in to your nearest branch.

Festive Fun at Bocketts Farm.

Visit the farm on Monday to Friday between 27th November and 12th December with at least 8 children and take advantage of our great value festive group and school package which includes:

- A visit to see Santa
 - Farm Park Entrance
 - A private Animal Handling Session
 - A private barn for your own picnic lunch
 - Christmas Badge Making
 - Children's Christmas Trail
 - Plenty of indoor fun in our heated play barn plus outdoor go-karts!
- Please call 01372 363764 for more details.

