

QE NEWS

Autumn Term - Issue 11 01/12/2017

Call It What You Want.....

House Point Total

This week's house point totals are.....

Wey4942

Abbot5021

Castle4808

Caroll.....4624

It's been a very long week at QE which started with our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist School (SIAMs) inspection. As I mentioned last week, this is like the Church of England's version of Ofsted. It was a tremendously detailed inspection and I really felt the expectation since our last SIAMs in 2012 was light touch by comparison. I had a number of very interesting debates with the inspector about the nature of QE and whether or not we are a distinctly Christian school. I know I do not always hold the same view as others, but I believe that the Christian nature of a school is defined by the actions of the pupils, approach of the staff and support of the parents. The inspector did say she wouldn't know she was visiting a CofE School on her approach into the building and by looking at our website. It is a fair point that we have yet to publicise our school Christian values of compassion, forgiveness, truthfulness and courage widely on the website and around school and this is something we will address in the new year.

There are clearly things we need to consider about how we promote the distinctly Christian ethos of the school, but having a slogan on your website or a bible quote in your entrance hall does not mean you have a Christian ethos to your school. I prefer to think that is clear when you enter the building but perhaps that is a naive view. Your opinions are very important to us and we will be sending out another questionnaire to get your views in the new year.

We had a great QE Factor this week which was won by Abbot. A massive well done to everyone who auditioned and took part in this year's show. It takes a lot of guts to stand up and perform in front of everyone so really well done to you all. A massive thank you to Miss Whitaker who gave up a lot of her time to help run the auditions with the House Captains. As a treat, the winning house will be allowed to wear mufti to school on Friday 8th December and a note will come out about this next week.

We also had our visit from the Good Shepherd Trust this week (I did say it had been a long week!) to check on the school's progress and to talk through our future developments. Our new SDP will be on the website in the new year and it has a number of key areas for development. Thank you once again to everyone who contributed ideas for it.

Lastly, a reminder it is our Carol Service in the Cathedral next week as well as our two parents evenings on the 4th & 6th December. The deadline for booking appointments is today so if you haven't done so yet, please make an appointment. Have a great weekend! **Mr Blackburn & the QE Staff**

Thoughtful Time....

This week in Thoughtful Time we have been thinking about the difference between right and wrong.....

- Do you know the difference between wrong and right?**
Yes, I do. Sometimes I do the absolute wrong thing, blinded by anger. But afterwards I recognise what I did wrong.
- Why is the wrong thing so attractive sometimes?**
The wrong thing just seems so pleasing sometimes because often it just means telling people exactly what you think of them at that moment. This is upsetting for them and afterwards you then realise how much you have hurt them.
- What do you need to put a stop to in your life?**
I need to put a stop to my short temper, sensitivity and doing the wrong thing on impulse. In a second I can make an argument go from a minor fallout, to irreparable damage. That must stop.

Year 6, Abbot



Weekly value

Our theme for this week's values is.....

Responsibility

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STOP PRESS

DON'T GIVE IN!

CAN YOU RESIST
TEMPTATION?

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CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Magic, Chess, Drama (Years 3,4 & 5), Football (Years 5&6), Netball (Year 6)	Running (Years 3&4), Yoga, Hockey, Swimming (Y3), Dodgeball (Years 5&6)	Judo, Basketball (Years 5&6), Art, Dodgeball (Years 3&4), Maths	Cookery, Drama (Years 4, 5&6), Multi-sports, Sewing, Netball (Year 5), Pottery, Swimming (Y4)	Running (Years 5&6), Sewing, Football (Years 3&4), Cookery, Orchestra, Swimming (Y5&6)

QE Diary Dates

Next Week

04/12/17	Prospective Parents' Tour 1.30pm
04/12/17	Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm
05/12/17	Carol Service at Guildford Cathedral
06/12/17	Parents' Evening 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Next Few Weeks

12/12/17	Parent Focus Group - 7.00 pm
13/12/17	Prospective Parents Tour - 1.30pm
13/12/17	Year 6 to Kings College
14/12/17	Christmas Jumper Day
14/12/17	Children's Christmas Lunch
14/12/17	6W Class Assembly, 2.40pm
19/12/17	Children's Christmas Parties
21/12/17	Autumn Term Finishes 1.15pm

Letters Sent Home

- * Carol Service
- * Year 5&6 Football Club Cancellation
- * Christmas Jumper Day
- * Headlice Year 3&4



QE Factor

Well done to George and Jacob in Year 5 who did a comedy act and Ella in Year 4 who played the flute. Teagan & Sophie did a tap routine and Lily-Paige did gymnastics. The house that won overall was Abbot. A big well done to all!



DAY OF DIFFERENCE



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE....

Important Info

- * **Lost Property...** All Lost Property will be on display after school outside the office all next week. There is a huge mountain of clothes, PE kit etc to be claimed. All of it is unclaimed. At the end of term all items will be disposed of. Please can we remind you to label all uniform so we can return it to the children if it's lost.
- * **Spring Term After School Clubs...** The deadline for returning the payment for the clubs is Monday 4th December.
- * **Carol Service...** A reminder that the Carol Service is on Tuesday 5th December. All parents are welcome attend but please be advised there is no parking. The service will last about an hour.
- * **Year 5&6 Football Club...** The club has been cancelled on Monday 4th December due to Parents' Evening. An additional session is on Monday 18th December.

Residentials

- * Hooke Court first instalment of £40 is due today (1st Dec)
- * Ironbridge final instalment of £45 is due 12th January
- * Normandy final instalment of £49 is due 12th January
- * Little Canada second instalment of £71 is now overdue

Many thanks

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER



PSA

The School Christmas tree has arrived after being kindly donated by Daniel Lowe Gardening and Tree Services, if any parent/carer wishes to buy their Christmas tree from Daniel the prices are as follows: Nordman Fir (non drop) Christmas Tree.

4 - 5ft - £40

6 - 7ft - £60

7- 8ft - £80

Christmas tree stands £20

All the trees are locally sourced and delivery is free of charge within a 5 mile radius of Guildford.

To order please call Dan on 07947 769 189 or email dlowegardens@yahoo.com Alternatively please visit Dan on the bridge between St Nicolas Church and Debenham's every weekend and mention QE.

