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## **QUAINTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND - SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The value for this half-term is:

### **ENDURANCE**

*"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert".*

**Isaiah 43:18-19**

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### **MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

Dear Parents,

At the end of a full week back from the summer holiday, I am impressed with how readily the children have got down to their learning and routines.

This week saw our Year 6 taking the transfer tests (11+) for selection to their secondary school next year. It seems quite hard to face them with exam situation on the 4<sup>th</sup> day after a summer break, but they were cool calm and very focussed, and certainly appeared undaunted by the experience. I hope they will be able to be proud of their efforts when the results come in.

The teachers have been busy organising visits and trips and have already been booking the History Off the Page days for their classes. We are determined to make learning enjoyable as well as successful. The plans for the Year 4 and Year 6 residential trips have also already been booked for next July.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our first Macmillan Coffee Morning on 28 September (only 2 weeks away). We hope that many of you will be able to come and that you may bring or encourage other family, friends and neighbours to come too. The Macmillan organisation has no funding except from donations and is an amazing support for families experiencing this very challenging illness. Details will be sent out during next week asking children to bring in cakes, which can be used at the coffee morning and also to sell to the children later in the day.

We have also set the date for our Open Morning on 16 October, when we hope to be inundated by parents considering where their little current 3 year olds will go to start school. Last year's event was very successful, and I hope that if you know of anybody in the area, or indeed outside but close enough to consider Quainton you could spread the word. Budget for the school is determined by the numbers on roll, so all children benefit when the numbers are high. This year had a big dip in the number of 4 year olds across the area and all the schools have had low entry numbers. Hopefully there was a surge in births 3 years ago and will generate higher numbers of children looking for schools for next September. Any parents who have older children and looking to transfer them for whatever reason are also very welcome to come and see the school in action on the Open Day.

Finally, I hope lots of you will encourage your children to have our Hot Dog lunch on Thursday 4 October. These will be cooked on site by our new chef Danny Toop who is looking at ways to improve our lunch provision generally, and has an invested in this, as his own son has joined us in Foundation this year. This will be more possible if we have a greater uptake of school lunches. Typically, it is a chicken and egg situation, but economies of scale play a very big part. The Hot Dog lunch is the first step in making school lunches more appealing.

Wishing you a very pleasant weekend,

Kind Regards  
Krys Kuzminska  
Interim Headteacher

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## **HOUSE COMPETITION**

<b>Klee</b>	<b>Brett</b>	<b>Cautley</b>

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## **OUT AND ABOUT**

### **EYFS**

Reception have had a wonderful week settling into their new environment. They have been singing lots of nursery rhymes, new and old, adding actions, percussion instruments and learning Makaton signs.

They met their Year 5 buddies on Thursday, who will accompany them at lunchtime next week.

**Please provide your child with a packed lunch next week and pick up will be 1.30pm.**

**Mrs G Tinto/Mrs C Lembke-Davies**

### **CLASS 1**

The children have made a fantastic transition from EYFS in to Year 1, quickly becoming familiar with their new routines and expectations.

We have had a very busy week:

In Maths, we have been ordering numbers to 20 and finding one more and one less. We have also been identifying 2D shapes.

Whilst in English we have been making predictions about the characters and settings of stories.

We have also introduced our Science topic, beginning to find out about ourselves and have had some fantastic discussions and Art Work of our own toys.

**Mrs L Haynes/Mrs K Howard**

### **CLASS 2**

This week, Year 2 have really got going with all of our learning. We are really enjoying the start of our topic on The Great Fire of London, and have explored countries and capital cities of the UK and focussed in on what London was like in 1666. We have linked our English work to our topic and started looking at the diary Samuel Pepys kept during the Great Fire.

In Maths, we have been working hard on place value of two and three digit numbers and in Science, we have started working on materials.

**Miss Hamish-Wilson**

### **CLASS 3**

Year 3 have had a good week investigating place value, partitioning and ordering 2 and 3-digit numbers. We have started our topic on the Stone Age where the children have delved into some brilliant conversion of what it might have been like to live in the prehistoric ages. From our topic, we have linked our English work to it, focusing upon the story of UG Boy Genius of the Stone Age, where the children have written about their likes and dislikes, and found any puzzles or patterns within the story.

Lastly, the children have started their science topic on rocks, which has really captured them when investigating the differences between rocks, focusing upon their texture.

**Mr M Woods**

### **CLASS 4**

This week we have enjoyed stating our lessons in all topics. We are linking our English work to our ancient Egyptian topic, studying a book called "The Egyptian Cinderella".

In Science, we started looking at our digestive system.

I am really impressed with how the children are keen on learning!

**Mrs D Mason**

### **CLASS 5**

Great first week back in Year 5.

We have been exploring lines of latitude and longitude; identifying countries around the world through their coordinates.

In Science, the children researched myths concerning the Sun, Earth and Moon and discovered that it would take 19 years to fly to the sun in a jumbo jet!

We have also begun our class read for this term - 'The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Rook' - the story of a boy who defies the laws of gravity.

Next week we will begin our swimming lessons - **don't forget those permission forms.**

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

**Mr J Vernon**

### **CLASS 6**

Year 6 had a great start to their last year at Quainton.

In History, we have been learning about Britain since 1948. We have been reading the book 'The Street Child' based on a true story that gave the inspiration to Barnardo's charity.

We have been showing a great attitude towards our work...

Miss Monteiro is very proud of Year 6 for not only their maturity but also their commitment towards their Maths and English challenges.

In Music, we learnt the song 'I'll Be There' by Michael Jackson and we sounded like professional singers...

Some of us are applying for House Captain Posts and the vote will be happening next week.

**Ms R Monteiro**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BURSAR**

**We would be grateful if there are any parents who are qualified accountants, who may assist the school office with auditing accounts.**

**Please get in contact, if you are able to help. Thank you.**

**Mrs Tara Newman**  
**School Bursar**

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## **WATER BOTTLES**

Please make sure your child comes to school with a named water bottle every day.

## **FAMILY WORSHIP**

Family Worship is every Wednesday morning at 9.05am. All are welcome to attend.

## **NUTS**

Please do not send your child in to school with any sort of nuts. We have children in school who have severe nut allergies.

## **PARKING**

Please **DO NOT** use the school car park to drop or pick up your child. The only time parents can park in the car park is when you need to pick up a sick child. Also please do not use the school driveway to walk your child up to school. It is an accident waiting to happen.

## **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Just a reminder for the parents/carers that breakfast clubs starts at 8am and finishes at 8.20am.

**Please note that if you wish your child to attend breakfast club you will need to use Parent Pay to register your child with payment. We can add them to Parent Pay on your behalf but require notification by 15.30 the night before unless it is an emergency. Thank you for your attention and support. If you have any problems please contact the school office.**

## **START OF SCHOOL**

Please make sure your child arrives to school by 8.50am each day. School starts at 8.55am followed by registration.

## **AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP SERVICE**

The Jonathan Page Play centre continue to operate an after school pick up service for our school. They accept advance and last minute bookings. To register and book the sessions with pick-up for your child please visit <http://jppc.myplayservice.co.uk>

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2018**

17th September	Meet the teacher	3.15pm
19th September	Family Worship	9.05am
20th September	History Off the Page Year 4	
21st September	Swimming for Year 5	
25th September 2018	Fire Brigade in to talk about fire safety (Year 5)	2.00 – 3.00pm
28th September	Swimming for Year 5	1.30pm
28th September	Macmillan coffee morning	9.00am
4th October	 <p><b>'American Hot Dog Day'</b>  <b><u>PLEASE DO NOT PLACE A LUNCH ORDER ON PARENTPAY</u></b></p>	Order to be placed via the school office - details to follow
12th October	11+ results	
16th October 2018	Open Morning	
18th October	Individual & family photographs	Details to follow
19th October	Swimming Year 5	School Finish
22th- 25th October	HALF TERM	
29th October 2018	History Off The Page Year 2	School Resumes
2nd November 2018	Flu Vaccinations EYFS – Year 5	
5th November 2018	Book Fair in all week	
6th November 2018	Parents Evening	3.30 – 6.30pm
8th November 2018	Parents Evening	4.30 – 7.30pm