

# QUEEN'S CRESCENT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> September - 19<sup>th</sup> October

Newsletter No.3 (2022/23)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the third edition of the school newsletter. Term 1 is whizzing by and I can't believe we are already approaching October half-term. It has been another busy couple of weeks with our new Foundation Stage cohort starting with us full time, a visit from the Chippenham Museum who came to visit our Year 1 children and Year 3 attending the cluster Mini Mudder.

## Creating Wonderful Writers at Queen's Crescent



At Queen's Crescent, we recognise that a love of reading and books is vital for children to be successful. Since introducing our reading spine, every child has been guaranteed a minimum of six carefully-chosen stories per year to read and share with their peers - that means nearly forty books read before leaving us at the end of year 6! This exposure to different story types and authors, as well as challenging vocabulary, ensures our children develop a vivid imagination and a love of the written word.

Through our discreet writing curriculum and *Talk for Writing* approach, we learn a range of stories and non-fiction texts off-by-heart. This method supports children to memorise the structure of a text, in addition to the key vocabulary and required punctuation. In my role as a writing moderator for Wiltshire, I have opportunities to visit other schools and frequently come away thrilled that our children's writing at Queen's Crescent is among the very best!

If you have any questions about *Talk for Writing*, writing in general, or can offer enriching opportunities for our authors, please feel free to contact me through the admin email address.

Mr Carpenter  
Lead writer.

## Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is funding allocated to schools by the DFE to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England. Evidence shows that where children face additional challenges out of their or their family's control, they often struggle to reach their full potential at school and often do not perform as well as other pupils.

Pupil Premium funding is allocated to schools based on the number of children attending the setting registered as Pupil Premium and the funding ringfenced to be spent on this specific group of pupils. The table below shows the pupil groups entitled to Pupil Premium funding.

|  Pupil eligibility criteria   | Amount of funding for each primary-aged pupil per year | Amount of funding for each secondary-aged pupil per year | Funding paid to |
|---|--|--|-----------------|
| Pupils who are eligible for free school meals, or have been eligible in the past 6 years (including eligible children of families with no recourse to public funds) | £1385  | £985   | School          |
| Pupils who have been adopted from care or have left care  | £2410  | £2410  | School          |
| Children who are looked after by the local authority  | £2410  | £2410  | Local authority |

Military families are also entitled to funding called the Service Pupil Premium, with these families entitled £320 per parent serving in the forces.

If you think your child might be entitled to benefit from this additional funding or have any questions relating to Pupil Premium, please contact Mrs Lobb the School's SENCO and Pupil Premium Lead.

### Y3 Mini Mudder



Year 3 had a fantastic time at the Mini Mudder. All of the children in the year group competed and enjoyed negotiating their way over and around various obstacles, under cargo nets and even had to roll tyres along part of the course, whilst being sprayed with water! The children were taken around the course by Year 11 and sixth form students from both Hardenhuish and Sheldon, who commented on how determined the children were whilst tackling the course. Here is what they said;

*"It was good because we got to go over benches and under a little platform"* Florence. M

*"I thought it was really fun as we got to do parkour and run and jump around, they also squirted us with water"* Noah. T

### FOQC Bake Sales

We are excited announce that the Friends of Queen's Crescent bake sales will be returning this year, with the first one being held on **Monday 10 October**. Money raised from the Bake Sale will be matched by the Friends of Queen's Crescent and then donated to Year 4. Other year groups will subsequently have bake sales over the course of the year.



Although it will be year 4 donating cakes and treats this time around, the sale is open for all to enjoy. The school gates will open at 2.45pm on Monday to allow parents to get onto the playground slightly early to spend their pennies.



## FOQC & Queen's Crescent Disco



We are really looking forward to the Friends of Queen's Crescent Discos, which will be held in the school hall on Monday 17 October. The FS2 and Year 1 disco will start at 5:30pm and finish at 6:15pm, followed by the Year 2, 3 and 4 Disco, which starts at 6:15pm and finishes at 7:00pm with the Year 5 and 6 Disco running from 7:00pm until 8:00pm. We look forward to seeing your children there with their dancing shoes on!

## Coats and Winter Wear

With the colder and wetter weather coming in, can please we remind you to send your child into school with a warm coat etc to keep them warm whilst they are out at breaktimes.



## Absences and Sickness

If your child is absent due to illness, could you please ensure that you telephone the school on 01249 460190 and leave a message on the dedicated absence line. Also forms to request any other absence are in the foyer of the main entrance.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who have also completed the summer reading challenge;

|           |         |         |            |            |
|-----------|---------|---------|------------|------------|
| Zachary F | Lucas F | Hugh H  | Florence H | Eva H      |
| Samuel H  | Thea A  | Ethan H | Harley R   | Dougie R   |
| Evelyn T  | Emily B | Lexi B  | Poppy B    | Sophie R-H |

Mr J Essam  
Head of School

## DATES FOR DIARY - TERM 1

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October    | - Y4 Bake Sale - 3.00pm                  |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October  | - 2023 FS2 Parent Tour - 5.00pm - 6.00pm |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October  | - Y3 Owl Visitor                         |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October    | - School Disco - See above for details   |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October   | - KS1 Harvest Festival                   |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October   | - Y2 Wiltshire Scrapstore Visitor        |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October | - KS2 Harvest Festival                   |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October | - Last Day of Term 1                     |



## Celebrating out of School Achievements Congratulations to:



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|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Rory B &amp; Max M</b> | - For earning their Chippenham Rugby Medal   |
| <b>Annabelle O</b>        | - For completing her 5m swimming badge   |
| <b>Lucy E</b>             | - For earning her superstar gymnastic certificate and completing her 5m swimming badge |
| <b>Isabella S</b>         | - For completing her stage 8 in Gymnastics   |
| <b>Sebastian A-S</b>      | - For winning player of the match for football   |
| <b>Audrey E</b>           | - For completing her Level 2 in Gymnastics   |

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