

QUEEN'S CRESCENT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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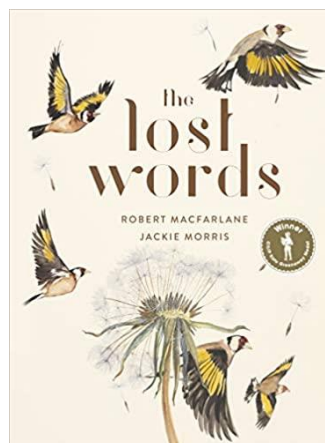
Dear Parents and Carers,

Things are feeling very festive at Queen's Crescent, the Christmas decorations are up, the hall is full of the sound of festive singing and I have even spotted the odd Christmas jumper around the school as well. We are really looking forward to once again being able to invite our families back into school for our Christmas performances and being able to spread a bit of Christmas cheer.

Class Name Changes

Over the last year, the School Councillors have been tasked with collecting ideas for themes to change the names of the classes at Queen's Crescent. The class names are currently named after Local Streets, which are named after British Race Course. We thought it time for a change and the School Council have really risen to the challenge, collecting lots of fantastic ideas from their classmates holding a vote to decide on the winning theme. The favourite theme by some margin was words from "The Lost Words book". The School Council then had the final decision on the words chosen from the book. The new class names are as below:

Current Name	New Name
Sandown	Conker
Cheltenham	Acorn
Newbury	Bramble
Haydock	Bluebell
Ascot	Newt
Aintree	Otter
Chepstow	Fern
Catterick	Willow
Epsom	Kingfisher
Exeter	Heron
Newmarket	Starling
Goodwood	Wren
Hamilton	Raven
Lingfield	Lark

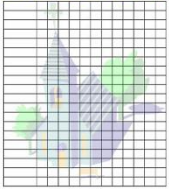


To mark the change of the names, which comes into play from the first day back after Christmas, the children will spend the day completing learning based on the lost words book and their classes new name. The day will start with a special assembly where each class will receive a copy of the book and a signed postcard from the author. Following on over the course of term 3, each class will be writing poetry based on the lost words. There has also been a competition running for the children to design a new door sign for their classrooms, the winners will be announced in assembly and turned into a brand-new sign for the classroom door.



Attendance

Attendance Chart



We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of our duty to ensure that all children attend school during term time whenever they are fit and well enough to do so. Leave of absence requests will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. We have noticed an increase in leave of absence requests over the course of the autumn term and also increased levels of non-attendance. We therefore felt it important to remind our families that Wiltshire Council may issue Penalty Notices for truancy (unauthorised absence) as well as for unauthorised leave of absence (holiday). If a pupil accumulates 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence or unauthorised leave of absence within a specified 6 month period the school must notify the Local Authority and a Penalty Notice will be issued to each parent for each child where that applies.

A penalty of £120 will apply, if paid within 21 days this is reduced to £60. £120 21- 28 days. If after 28 days the penalty has not been paid, legal proceedings will be taken through the magistrates' court for the unauthorised absence.

Friends of Queens Crescent



The Friends of Queen's Crescent perform an invaluable role at school, raising funds to support the school to achieve things that otherwise would not be possible. More recently they have helped finance the new TV screens in the classrooms, the purchase of books for the school reading spine, resourcing classrooms with stationary, class Christmas gifts and resourcing our new sensory space and much, much more. If you would be interested in supporting the fantastic work that the friends do to support the school, please speak to a member of the Friends, often visible at Friends events wearing their red t-shirts or alternatively speak to a member of school staff who will be able to point you in the right direction. The Friends can not carry out all of the wonderful work that they do without the support of the wider school community so additional volunteers are always appreciated.

Coats

As the weather continues to turn colder can we please remind all of our families to send their children into school wearing warm clothes with coats for break and lunchtime.

Sensory Hut

We are really pleased to announce that our Sensory Space is now open and in use. For anyone who hasn't spotted it yet, it is the large green hut situated on the edge of the playground near the Y3 classrooms. It has heating and lighting so we are lucky to be able to use it even as the weather starts to get wintery. Children have started to access it for intervention work and it is proving really popular. Thank you to the FOQC who have helped fund the resources and everyone who has helped in the planning stages of making this a reality. We are really looking forward to using it in the future.

QC Football Tournament

On the last newsletter we proudly reported how well some of our year 5/6 children did at the Football Tournament held at Stanley Park, however, we forgot to add the photo of how happy they were so here you are, congratulations once again.





Birthday Books



Thank-you to the following children that have contributed birthday books to the school, they are much appreciated.

Joanna N & Violet B

Mr J Essam
Head of School

DATES FOR DIARY - TERM 2

Tuesday 6 th December	-	FS2 Nativity 'Ralph the Reindeer' - 9.30am
Thursday 8 th December	-	KS1 Nativity - 'The Lucky Owl' - 1.30pm
Friday 9 th December	-	KS1 Nativity - 'The Lucky Owl' - 9.30am
Friday 9 th December	-	FOQC Christmas Fayre - 3pm
Tuesday 13 th December	-	Y3/4 Christmas Performance - 1.30pm - Ladyfield Church
Wednesday 14 th December	-	Whole School Snowman Production
Wednesday 14 th December	-	Y5/6 Christmas Performance - 2.00pm - Ladyfield Church
Friday 16 th December	-	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Friday 16 th December	-	Last day of Term 2

DATES FOR DIARY - TERM 3 - 2023

Tuesday 3 rd January	-	TD Day - No Children in School
Wednesday 4 th January	-	First day of Term 3



Celebrating out of School Achievements Congratulations to:



Ethan P	-	For placing 1 st in his age category at his Swimming Gala
Darcey I	-	For completing her 20m Swimming Badge
Layla R	-	For completing her Level 2 in Swimming and 5m Swimming Badge
Lexi D	-	For completing her Level 1 in Swimming
Harry K	-	For his Park Run Marathon Club Certificate
Cameron B	-	For Completing Level 2 in Swimming
Millie H	-	For being awarded her Gymnastics Superstar Certificate

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