



Queen Elizabeth School

# QEII Newsletter

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## This Week

**Drop Off Times:** If you bring your children to school in person (rather than them travelling on school transport) please remember the arrival times are **9.00** for all classes apart from Beachcombers, for whom it is **9.10**. For your safety please do not come onto the school site before this time as the transport vehicles are still moving around the car park.

**Open Afternoon:** We are hosting an open afternoon from 1.30pm on Thursday 30th March, to allow you to visit our new and renovated classrooms, see our new playground equipment and to see performances of Primary's Dance Time and Seniors' Shakespeare Festival "King Lear" work. Please let us know via the school office if you would like to attend, and please remember we have no parking available onsite so all visitors to this event will need to park offsite and walk in. Please park considerately to our neighbours.

**Red Nose Day:** Red Nose Day is next Friday, 17th March. Everyone is invited to wear either their pyjamas or a Red Nose Day themed outfit, in return for a suggested donation for Comic Relief of £1. We will be having related activities in school, including a danceathon, a bake off and a themed whole-school assembly. Pip, our Operations Manager, has set up a Just Giving page for the event if you prefer to donate electronically: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-queen-elizabeth-ii-silver-jubilee-school](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-queen-elizabeth-ii-silver-jubilee-school)

**Teaching Strikes:** In order to maintain safe levels of staffing in school on the strike days next week, the following classes will be closed on the days indicated below.

**Wednesday 15th March - School closed to Divers & Astronauts**

**Thursday 16th March - School closed to Adventurers & Trailblazers**

This decision has not been taken lightly and full details are in the letter that was sent home to parents/carers by email this week.

**Horsham Children's Parade:** We are again taking part in this event on **Sunday 9th July** in Horsham town centre at **11am**. If you would like your child to take part, please let their class teacher know by **Friday 31st March**.

**Bilingualism Event:** Trafalgar Infants School in Horsham are hosting a Celebrating Bilingualism event on Thursday 25th May from 9.15-10.15am. Pawel from the EMTAS team will be there to share resources which West Sussex provide, for children and families who are bilingual. The event also provides a chance for families to meet each other and discuss what works with keeping home languages developing at home. If you are interested in attending, please let Alison in the school office know and she will pass on your details.

**Buddies Club:** Please see the attached poster about Horsham Youth's Buddies Club.

## Headteacher's Award Winners

Leo V, Astronauts - Swimming 12 lengths of the pool using a noodle.

## Yoimoji of the Week: Jambop

Jambop is a brave raccoon. We are using "Yoimojis" in our Assemblies, to help with learning and celebrating OFSTED's Fundamental British Values.

Yoimoji is a blend of the Japanese words "yoi" (good) and "emoji" (slang for character.) You can see our Yoimoji posters on our website's news pages.

## Letters Home

**All classes:** Arun House letter & strike days letter sent by email.

## Class News from Cavers Class

Cavers have been enjoying their new topic of signs of spring, we love being outside so have been able to explore all the early signs of spring out and about. We started looking at flowers, particularly finding any daffodils that were starting to appear. We went on a spring walk and took photos of what we could see, hear, touch and smell. This week we have been learning about the life cycle of a frog and even have some of our own frogspawn in class, we are very excited to see them turn into tadpoles. We took a lovely trip to Warnham Nature reserve and loved spotting all the signs of spring we have been learning about. We are looking forward to heading to the farm soon to get a closer look at the lambs we have been learning about!

