



Queen Elizabeth School

QEII Newsletter

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A Message from Helen

I am delighted to be welcoming you back to another exciting year at QEII School.

I hope you all have had a fantastic summer and enjoyed the sunny days with family and friends. We are looking forward to getting back into the swing of school life.

The staff have had three busy INSET days of training and working together to make the classrooms exciting learning environments as we launch our new curriculum. Willows, Palms and Chestnuts will be starting the term exploring Do dragons exist? The rest of Primary will be investigating Dinosaur Planet while Seniors are being Time Travellers.

We welcome three new teachers, Carys Leach to Palms class, Rachel Branigan to Beech and Claire Smee to Limes. We also are pleased to have new SSA's. Sarah Noble is in Willows, Tanya Patterson in Cherries and Pines, Anne Kent in Beech and Victoria Wilson in Limes. Pat Parmentier has also come to join us in reception on a Thursday and Friday and I know that you will all help to make her feel welcome when you come into school. In other exciting news, Ashley and Rachel both got married and Rosie is now engaged.

Over the holidays, Dan has been busy creating our new library which is a lovely new learning space and there have been a few other changes in room usage to make the most of every area of the school. We have many exciting things on the horizon this year including the arrival of a boat in our playground in the not too distant future.

Autumn is always a really busy term at school with lots of exciting things to look forward to including our Harvest Soup Off and Shakespeare Schools Festival, as well as everything that comes with Christmas. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us for our coffee mornings and open afternoons. The pupils work hard each week to earn gems which are collected at our Friday assemblies so this term we are introducing mufti days at the end of each term, for our winning house to celebrate their achievement. The school calendar is attached for your information.

As you are aware our car park can become exceedingly busy. To help staff be able to park in the morning, please can no one arrive in our car park before 8.35. It can also become very congested at our front door at the beginning and end of each school day. Please can anyone waiting to collect pupils, stand to the right of the front doors and wait for the staff to come to you. We hope that both of these actions will help to make our school a safer and calmer environment and I really appreciate your help in making this happen.

I am really looking forward to all this new year brings and I am sure that we will have a fantastic year full of fun, learning and achievement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries; my door is always open.

Helen Elphick

This Week

Stage Right Juniors Volunteers Needed: Our Stage Right Juniors drama group has spaces for children aged 8-16 but really needs more volunteers to enable it to run. If you know anyone who might like to volunteer on a Tuesday evening please contact Rosie Huggett at school via the Office.

Vaccinations: Consent forms are being sent home for flu vaccinations for children in Reception up to Year 6. These will be given on Wednesday 9th October, but **only if the consent forms have been returned** so please be sure to do this.

Information was sent home last term for students who will be in Year 8 in September for the HPV vaccination. Information has also been sent home about the teenage booster vaccination for students who will be in Year 9. Both will be given on Friday 20th September 2019. The second dose of HPV will be on Friday 15th May 2020. It is **very important** that the consent forms are signed and returned, as without them your child will not be able to be vaccinated. If you have not received your forms and think you should have, please contact the school office ASAP.

Nut Free School: Can we please remind you that we are a nut-free school, as we have some students and staff with severe nut allergies. Please do not send anything in to school containing nuts, either in packed lunches/snacks or as treats. (This includes chocolate bars such as Snickers that have nuts in them.)

School Day Times: Our school day runs from 8.50am-3pm. We would ask you to please support our learning process by ensuring your children arrive at school by 8.50 and are not collected before 3.

Surf Club: A group called The Wave Project run some fun surfing and related activities for people with disabilities, with some sessions locally in Brighton. You can find out more about them online at www.WaveProject.co.uk

BEST Relationship with your Child: Please see the attached flyer about a Therapeutic Parenting Course that may be of interest.

Barnardo's Skill Groups: The Moving Forward Project in Crawley, with Barnardo's and Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust, are running a free 8 week Health Skills Youth Group that may be of interest to some of our students in Years 10 and above. Please see the attached flyer for full details.

Waitrose: We are the nominated charity for Waitrose in Horsham this October, thank you to everyone who voted for us using their green Community Matters tokens when shopping there. Their store will be collecting for us during the month.

Diary Dates: Please see the attached Diary Dates sheet, which is also now on our website.

Support Groups

Behaviour Support Clinic: These are on Fridays, the dates for this term will be announced soon. To book yourself a clinic slot to see Dr. Elizabeth Scott Gliba please contact Alison Mitchison in the Office.

Tina Knight's Continence Clinic: These are on Fridays, the dates for this term will be announced soon. If you have a current referral to Tina Knight from the Children's Continence Team for toilet training and/or continence products for your child and would like an appointment, please contact her office directly by telephone on 01273 242145.