



Queen Elizabeth School

# QEII Newsletter

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## This Week

**Message from Helen:** This has been a strange term and period of time that none of us expected. It has not been a summer of outings and whole school events but that does not mean it has been uneventful. Staff, pupils and families have worked together in different ways and by so doing have learnt more about each other and the support and understanding gained at this time will last into the future. Pupils have continued to learn, embracing the topics of festivals, how high can I jump and bounce! They have shown their wonder of both the real and imaginary world and have continued to overcome any difficulties they have encountered. I am immensely proud of all that they have achieved. We have not been able to hold our awards evenings or our leavers' assembly but I hope that you have all enjoyed watching our online versions celebrating this year. We wish our pupils who are leaving, Rishi, Blessing, Emma, Tyler, Leo and Rhys, every happiness as they move on. May you take all that you have learnt here with you and go on with confidence into the next phase of your lives. To our staff, Sue K, Stella, Evelyn and Georgina, thank you for all you have brought to this school family, for your enthusiasm and dedication and the memories you have left us with. We wish you every success as you embark on your new adventures. While we look forward to a more normal September let us not forget what we have learnt during this time - the importance of caring and supporting each other, that learning can be creative and fun wherever or however it is presented and that overcoming challenges help us grow and reach even further than we thought possible. I wish all of you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

**Stage Right Volunteers:** Our Stage Right drama groups need extra volunteers to support their Tuesday night sessions from 5.15-5.45pm and/or 7-8.30pm. If you or anyone you know would be interested in this, please contact Rosie via the School Office.

**Salvation Army Food Bank:** The Salvation Army will be running a food bank to support the most vulnerable families who may struggle over the summer time. If you would like to access the service please call their office number which is 01403 254624 between the hours of 09.30 and 12.30 Monday - Friday.

**Christmas Art Competition:** The Visit Horsham Facebook page is running an art competition to help design this year's Christmas lights. It's open to children up to Year 8, the deadline is 16th August and you can see full details here:

[www.facebook.com/horsham.uk/photos/a.402016164138/10157820745659139/?type=3&theater](https://www.facebook.com/horsham.uk/photos/a.402016164138/10157820745659139/?type=3&theater)

**Playskills Workshops:** Please see the attached poster for a Reaching Families playskills workshop taking place over the summer break.

**INSET Days:** We have INSET days in September on Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Monday 7th. Students return on **Tuesday 8th September**.

**Staggered Dropoff/Collection:** When we return in September, please remember our staggered dropoff and collection times for parents bringing their children to school in person. Please arrive onsite no earlier than 9am and collect no earlier than 3.10pm.

**Leavers' Video:** In place of our annual Leavers' Assembly, we have compiled a special video to celebrate our 2020 leavers. It will go "live" on our website and Facebook page at 2pm on Friday 17th July, the time our assembly would usually have been held.

This link will take you to the video on our website, but remember it won't work until the right time on Friday:

[www.queenelizabeth2.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/leavers\\_video\\_2020/499234](https://www.queenelizabeth2.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/leavers_video_2020/499234)

**Summer Events:** Please see the attached poster for Reaching Families summer events.

**Photo Competition:** Please see the attached poster for St. Margaret's Church's photo competition.



## Working from Home!

Oaks have been fantastic - working from home and at school. Students have had fantastic projects including making their own scarecrows, developing independence skills, baking, joining in with virtual sports week and developing Oaks fantastic allotment to grow and use their own produce. They have focussed on developing the garden, putting up bug boxes, weeding, watering and making delicious lunches. Have a fantastic summer and well done for all your hard work.



### Summer Birthdays

Happy birthday to Oscar, Daniel, Armaseena, Savannah, Bobby, Imogen, Callum, Taylor, Samson, Leo, Joseph, Swati, Theo, Emily, Noah, Angie, Lily and Damon who would usually have celebrated in Assembly with us.