



Queen Elizabeth School

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This Week

Staffing: Our congratulations go to Michaella Titherley who is expecting her second baby and will be going on maternity leave after the February half term. Ellie Capas will be returning to work in Pines Class, on a Monday and Danielle Newton who is currently in Pines Class will move to Chestnut. Sarah Richardson will be covering the four days in Pines and one day in Chestnut. After Easter, Ellie will be working three days a week in Pines and Sarah will continue to cover the other two days. Tony Bright will be working in Limes Class on Fridays. Danielle will be spending time with Michaella before half term to ensure a smooth hand over.

SALT Training for Parents: Our Speech and Language Team are holding a training session about Aided Language Boards (ALBs) and PODD communication books on Thursday 31st January 2019. Please contact them via the school office if you would like to attend.

Parent Support Group - Benefits: Our next Parent Support Group, on Thursday 24th January, will be with Robert Hayes, Benefits Advisor for WSCC. This will be a really useful session that could help you access extra resources for your child. Please see the attached poster for more information.

Stage Right: Our Stage Right drama group are looking for more Buddies to support their students, so if you know anyone aged 18+ who would like to volunteer to help out on a weekly basis please contact Rosie via the Office. Stage Right meet on a Tuesday evening and volunteers would need to undertake a DBS disclosure check.

Car Park in the Mornings: Can we please remind you not to arrive before 8.30 when bringing your children to school in the mornings, otherwise staff are sometimes unable to get to their parking spaces!

INSET Day: Our final INSET day for this school year is on Tuesday 23rd April.

Class News from Beech Class

On Wednesday, Beech Class had a lovely trip to Hilliers Garden Centre. As part of our trip we identified what was a plant and what was an animal and the differences between the two groups. We used symbols to help us sort the things we saw. Beech Class were very excited when they found a cactus, having just started our new topic The Wild West!



Class News from Chestnut Class

We are all enjoying finding out about our new topic 'The Wild West'. We have been making cowboy food in cooking, and really enjoyed trying the different ingredients for trail mix. We have also been learning about the landscape of deserts, and went to the local garden centre to find out what cacti look like. We have also been engaging in lots of cowboy crafts and learning activities including making wanted posters, sheriff badges and decorating cowboy boots and hats!



Support Groups

Behaviour Support Clinic: These are on Fridays. The upcoming dates are 08/02/19, 08/03/19, 10/05/19, 14/06/19 & 12/07/19. 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. Upcoming dates are 01/02/19, 08/03/19, 03/05/19 & 12/07/19. 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.

Parent Support Group: These are on Thursdays. Upcoming dates and topics are 24/01/19 - Benefits Advice, 28/02/19 - Short Breaks & Holiday Clubs, 28/03/19 - OCD & Obsessive Behaviours, 25/04/19 - Dental Hygiene/specialist dentists, 23/05/19 - Makaton basics & 27/06/19 - Wikis. If you have a topic you would like covered, please contact the school office. If you are planning to attend please let us know in advance as we are unable to order lunches on the day.