



Queen Elizabeth School

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This Week

Message from Helen: With the new national lockdown in place please can we ask that parents / carers do not arrive early and wear a face mask at collection and drop off while they are on the school site. School staff will be doing the same when they collect and bring the pupils out to you. Our staff will also be wearing masks in school when they are in communal areas or needing to cross the communal space of another bubble.

The guidance is also asking that all secondary aged pupils should wear masks on school transport. While this is not possible for many of our pupils and they are exempt, please can those pupils who are able and to whom it will cause no distress, wear masks while they are on the transport. While the updated guidance does not specifically refer to special schools, you may find it helpful and it can be found by [clicking the link here](#). I am sure that many of us are feeling more anxious with the new lockdown coming into effect and the increasing rates of Covid 19 transmission nationally. We will continue to do everything that we can to keep everyone in school as safe as possible while continuing to give the best learning environment and care we can. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns and thank you for your ongoing support.

Parent Governors: We currently have two vacancies for parent governors. Peter Wright's (father of Bobby in Elms) term of office is coming to an end, and he has confirmed that he wishes to seek re-election for a further four year term but this still leaves us with another vacancy. If parents would like to put themselves forward for the role of parent governor, please could they contact the Office for further details about how to apply and what the role entails.

Stage Right: Following the Government's new announcement about restrictions on activities, Stage Right has sadly had to be put on hold again. We will keep you all updated as and when this changes.



Parents Evening: Thank you to everyone who took part in our online parents' evening on Wednesday. We are keen to know how you found the experience and would be grateful if you could complete this short online survey. You can [click here](#) to access the survey, or use the QR code to the left.

Salvation Army Christmas Support: As in previous years, the Salvation Army are again offering Christmas support packages of gifts and shopping vouchers for families who may be struggling at this sometimes difficult time of year. If you would like to be considered, please contact Alison in the school office in the strictest confidence.

Children in Need: Children in Need is next Friday! We are joining in by having a "bright colours" non-uniform day. Everyone is invited to wear their brightest coloured clothes in exchange for a donation (suggested minimum of £1) to Children in Need. Classes will be taking part in themed activities during the day and we are also working on a new song video, which we hope to premiere on our website and Facebook page on the day.

Reaching Families Information: Some flyers from Reaching Families are attached to this newsletter. Copies of their books "Making Sense of it All" and/or "Making Sense of Adult Life (aged 14+)" are still available via the school office (at no charge to you.) Please contact the office if you would like one.

Letters Home

The following letters have been sent home electronically this week. Copies will be available to download from your child's Class eSchools homepage for the next week.

Everyone: COVID update from Helen.

Class News from Chestnut Class

At the beginning of every new topic, we celebrate with a 'brilliant beginning' which is a memorable experience intended to engage the students in their learning.

This half term, the topic in primary is 'Rio de Vida', and we are learning all about Brazil, Rio and carnivals! Chestnut class had their own colourful carnival to kick-start the topic! We dressed in bright colours, made carnival masks and decorated carnival bunting. We then moved and danced to carnival music and played percussion instruments. Everyone in chestnut class is very excited about their new topic!



Headteacher's Award Winners

- Robert, Palms** - Great problem solving at Forest Schools.
- Noah, Palms** - Transitioning between activities really well.
- Aisha, Palms** - Exploring at lunch times and tasting new foods.
- Amelia, Cedar** - Being welcoming to Mark on his return to school.
- Mark, Cedar** - Coming back to school and settling in so well.
- Lucy, Oaks** - Excellent problem solving in Maths.
- Theo, Willows** - Brilliant first swimming session.

Yoimoji of the Week - Ferris

Ferris is collaborative. "I work well with others. When I'm in a group, I can join, listen well and help other people." 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.

The next Yoimoji is Scoop the Curious Dog. If your child has been curious at home, please tell us via eSchools so that we can celebrate it in school.

