



Queen Elizabeth School

QEII Newsletter

Issue 304
08.09.23

This Week

Message from Helen: Welcome back to a new school year. It has been lovely to feel that summer has continued with the weather! Thank you for remembering to put suncream on your child and for sending some in for staff to apply. All the pupils have been settling into their new classes and it has been great to see them already enjoying their learning.

Over the summer our new school fence has been erected. This has made our site so much safer and is enabling our older students to once again be more independent as they move around the school. Thank you for bearing with us as we seek out how to best manage transport in the mornings and evening with less space. I am sure we will get there with everyone's help and co-operation.

It has been exciting to welcome our new staff. Anastasia O'Donoghue has joined our senior leadership team as our pastoral assistant head. We have two new teachers; Laura Watkins in Adventurers and Fi Hayley in Trailblazers. Harriet Stoffell has joined us as an SSA in Balloonists. We are also very excited to have our new personal support assistants who are supporting our pupils with personal care in each of the Islands. Welcome to Claire Hurst, Hilary Sanders, Jasmine West, Sarah Fleming and Wencke Verpoorte. We will share photos of our new staff in next week's Newsletter. Please do come along to our meet the teacher afternoon next **Friday, 16th September** from 1.40 - 2.20. It will give you the opportunity to see your child's class and meet the staff.

Pupils have come in looking very smart in their uniform, thank you. If you do need anything please order on line at Taylor Made: www.taylormadeuniforms.co.uk

This term, our topic in Early Years and key stage one is Dangerous Dinosaurs, Once Upon a Time, in key stage two it is Dinosaur Planet, key stage three are being Time Travelers and key stage four and five are exploring The Frozen Kingdom. Further information can be found on our website and eSchools. Please do also remember to look on Earwig where photos of learning are uploaded and where you are also able to add photos of what your child has been doing at home. It is great to have an overview of all that our pupils are getting up to.

Please can I remind everyone that pupils are collected from the school buses at 8.50 and everyone coming in with parents and carers should be here at 9am. If your child is not going to be in school please phone the school office before 9.15am and if you can let us know of any appointments in advance that is really helpful. At the end of day pupils should be collected by parents/carers at 3.10.

Please do look on the school calendar on the website where you can see all the things that are happening throughout the year. We are all looking forward to lots of events and activities and seeing our wonderful pupils continue to grow.

Southern Water Gardening: We would like to say a huge thank you to staff from Southern Water, who volunteered to do garden clearance work in our Forest School area over the summer, making it ready for this year's lessons. You can see some photos of the work on page 2 of this newsletter.

Outdoor Clearance: Thank you as well to our fundraiser, Caroline, and her family who came in over the summer to help clear and tidy our outdoor classroom learning area.

Horsham Station Artwork: You can now visit our artwork on display at the gallery above Horsham railway station. You do not need to purchase a train ticket to see the gallery, please tell station staff you are there to view the QEII artwork and they will let you in.

Email Delays: We are experiencing an issue with group emails sent from school to anyone with a Gmail or Googlemail email address, such as those messages containing letters home and this newsletter. The problem is being addressed, but please bear with us if you receive some messages more than once.

Southern Water Volunteers At Work



Horsham Railway Station Artwork Display



Letters Home

All classes: After-school music club letter (sent by email.)

Seniors classes: Seniors After-School Club (email.)

Adventurers, Pioneers & Trailblazers: Pavilions swimming letter

Trailblazers: Avon Tyrrell residential letter

Sailors, Cavers, Divers & selected Globetrotters: Forest School letter (sent home in bags.)