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Purple Post

Friday 13/09/24

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Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

We are now fully settled into the new term and already we have lots of very exciting opportunities planned for pupils. Do keep your eye on the Dates for your Diary list so that you can make sure you don't miss anything!

We are very proud of our commitment to making sure your child has exciting learning both inside and outside of school and have a number of amazing trips planned. We try to keep the costs of these down and always subsidise charges to try to support families in these increasingly difficult times.

I'm sure you're aware that budgets for schools are also even tighter than before which means we also need to cost-cut where we can. We are asking for your support in paying for trips promptly so that they can still go ahead.

*Thank you for your support with this.
Liz Latham*

So sorry about tech issues.....

Huge apologies for the range of tech issues that continue to have an impact on ParentPay as well as the intermittent phone line issues. We are working hard to get these sorted. Unfortunately, the fault lies with the provider so we have had very limited success. Thanks for your patience with this.

Health and Safety for packed lunches

Thank you for supporting our Healthy School status by sending your children with nutritious and well-balanced packed lunches. **Please do be reminded that for health and safety reasons we are unable to allow hot/warm food in lidded flasks as a packed lunch.** Our school lunches are competitively priced and are delicious if you'd like your child to have a hot meal.

Lost property/ labels

We've already built up a large collection of lost property- please help avoid this and ensure your child's property is returned to them by labelling clothing – writing their name in biro on the wash-care label is a great way to make sure misplaced items are returned to your child.

Harvest Festival

Traditionally, at this time of year, we celebrate Harvest Festival by collecting food products to donate. This year, with the current economic crisis, pupils have decided that they would like to donate items to our local food bank. We will be talking to the whole school about this in assembly on Tuesday, please see the flyer below for items that are desperately needed however all donations are welcome. Please start sending items from Monday 16th until Friday 27th September. **No fresh produce please.**



Family Learning- Free!

Do you want to learn new skills to help support your child with their learning? We are currently working with Family Learning to offer a range of opportunities here at Queensmead- please complete the questionnaire here to let us know what you think.

<https://forms.office.com/e/RipjaUfCQd>

Dates for your Diary

Yr 6 Warning Zone	17 th Sept
Yr 5 Brass tuition starts	17 th Sept
Boys football @ New College	23 rd Sept
Girls football @ New College	30 th sept
Yr 2 Pirate Day Beaumanor	3 rd Oct
School Photographs	11 th Oct
Yr 6 Ilham Hall residential	16 – 18 th Oct
October Half Term	21 – 25th Oct

Advanced Notice – School Photographs

If you have more than one child in the academy and would like a joint photograph taken, please **click here** to request one. You must request this before 7th October.

Class Assembly Dates

Here are the class assembly dates for you to plan ahead! Class assemblies are always on a Tuesday at 2.50pm in the main hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

Siobhan Dowd	1 st October
Anthony Browne	15 th October
M G Leonard	5 th November
Katya Balen	19 th November
Satoshi Kitamura	21 st January
Jonny Duddle	4 th February
Jenny McLachlan	4 th March
Valerie Thomas	18 th March
Zanna Davidson	1 st April
Marcela Ferreira	13 th May
Joseph Coelho	10 th June
Rob Biddulph	24 th June

Dinner Dates

Here are the dates for booking your child's dinner:
For wk beg 23/9/24 order by Sun 15th Sept
For wk beginning 30/09/24 order by Sun 22nd Sept
For wk beginning 7/10/24 order by Sun 29th Sept
For wk beginning 14/10/24 order by Sun 6th Oct

Attendance Counts Moments Matter

As you know, there is a link between regular attendance and success at school. It is also a legal requirement. It is vital to ensure that your child is in school, on time, every day. Please do contact the school office if you need support.

The overall attendance for this year is **96.2%**. The classes with the highest attendance is Satoshi Kitamura with 99.4%

Very well done!



Braunstone Foodshare

Support us this Harvest Festival

We're currently in need of donations of...

 Rice pudding / Custard	 Tinned Potatoes	 Tinned Tomatoes	 Tinned Meat
 Coffee	 Tea	 Sugar	 UHT Milk
 Biscuits	 Cooking Sauces	 Tinned Spaghetti	 Cooking Oil

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