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Purple Post

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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.

Happy New Year!

I very much hope that you have all had a peaceful and enjoyable holiday break and made the most of your chance to recharge and refuel ready for whatever the New Year brings!

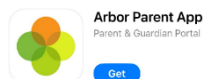
We've a 6 week half term in front of us and, as usual, we'll be organising lots of fun and exciting things for pupils to experience both inside the classroom and out.

With the recent colder weather, please do make sure that you send your child with a warm coat (named on the label if possible). Please do ensure you've downloaded the Arbor app onto your phone so you can keep updated with essential information such as if the school is open despite the snow!

Thanks, as always for your support.

Liz Latham.

Arbor App



Arbor Parent App
Parent & Guardian Portal

Get

As you will be aware, we changed our information service before Christmas from Groupcall to Arbor. We will be using Arbor

for all home/school communications and the easiest way to receive messages/ check details and see vital information about your child is to download the app directly onto your phone. It's easy – go to wherever you get your apps and download – then follow the instructions to access your child's information and receive all updates and messages.

Dinner Bookings

Here are dates for booking your child's dinner: please do discuss option choices with your child so that they know what to expect!

For wk/b 19/1/26 order by Sun 11th Jan

For wk/b 26/1/26 order by Sun 18th Jan

For wk/b 2nd Feb order by Sun 25th Jan

Attendance Counts- Moments Matter

It is vital to ensure that your child is in school, on time, every day. Please contact the school office if you need help with this- we are happy to support if we can.

Last year our attendance was below national expectations - **We must work together to improve % this year.** Pupils must be in class for the start of the school day – classroom doors open at **8.45am** to help with a calm start. The class with the highest attendance this week is Onjali Q Raúf with 96.2%. Classes are very excited to win the attendance cup- you can help by ensuring your child attends every day.

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! Y2 parents, please note the date change:

Joseph Coelho	20 th January 26
Yr 2 – date change!	10 th February 26
Nadia Shireen	3 rd March 26
Satoshi Kitamura	24 th March 26
Marcella Ferreira	5 th May 26
Tom Fletcher	19 th May 26
Oge Mora	9 th June 26

Dates for your Diary

Y4 Roman Day	14 th Jan
Boys Football @ New College	19 th Jan
Yr 3 Leicester Museum	28 th Jan
Y1+ 2 specialist dance	5 th Feb
Girls Football @ New College	9 th Feb
Y3 specialist dance	12 th Feb
Half Term	16 th – 20 th Feb

Leicester City Council Toothbrushing

Programme.

LCC are very concerned about promoting oral hygiene and regular toothbrushing for children of all ages.

- 1) Take your child to the dentist every year;
- 2) Brush teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste;
- 3) Brush your children's teeth until age 7, then supervise them afterwards;
- 4) Spit, don't rinse after brushing;
- 5) Limit sugary foods and drinks - choose healthy alternatives.

We have a limited number of free 'hygiene kits' including a pack of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo etc- please call in the office to collect your free kit then use the new animated [Healthy Happy Teeth](#) video, which includes a timer and song on how to brush effectively.

Please see the link to Bad Teeth: Children's stories video [https://youtu.be/mcPVg5AsbXk?](https://youtu.be/mcPVg5AsbXk?si=poWvYhWDx5RJ1aEK)

[si=poWvYhWDx5RJ1aEK](https://youtu.be/mcPVg5AsbXk?si=poWvYhWDx5RJ1aEK) - warning there are images of tooth removal.

School Closure

We will always do our best to remain open to pupils but in extreme circumstances (heavy snow, heating malfunction etc) we may need to remain closed. We will aim to let you know as soon as possible via the Arbor app and the School website: [Queensmead Primary Academy - Home](#)