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Primary School**



## All Children Back to School on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Back to School

I hope you all had a good half term break.

We welcome the announcement from the Prime Minister on Monday that all children will be back at school on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. There is mixed feeling about this with lots of you telling us that you cannot wait and the children are excited. There are others of you who have children who are worried about coming back to school. Please get in touch with us if you would like to chat anything through. As always, you can contact us by ringing the school or on email to your class teachers or to Mr Chubb and me on [enquiries@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@queensgateprimary.co.uk). Don't forget we also have [mentalhealthsupport@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:mentalhealthsupport@queensgateprimary.co.uk) if you need support or help with accessing services.

The children will still be in their year group bubbles and not yet mixing across the school. They will still be expected to wash or anti-bac their hands when arriving at school and when transitioning to another part of the school for lunch or play. Cookery will be happening for some in the class groups and Out and About will restart with off site visits within the local area or on school grounds.

We will also be continuing with the staggered start and staggered end of the school day.

Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 arriving at 8:40 am and leaving at 2:50 pm.

Years 1, 3 and 5 arriving at 8:50 am and leaving at 3:00 pm. Please continue to wear face coverings at drop off and pick up please.

### Parents' Evenings

We missed seeing you in real life, but the teachers very much enjoyed catching up with you all on Zoom. Thank you for your time. Well done for everything you continue to do with supporting your children to learn from home.

### Hardship Fund

We still have a small amount of funding. Please get in touch if you have been adversely effected by the Covid 19 pandemic. Perhaps your hours have been cut or you have been made redundant. We may be able to help out with fuel bills, food or equipment.

### Government Laptops

When the children return on the 8th March, for those that have borrowed a laptop from the school please return them. We will give them a clean and quarantine them for 72 hours. They will then be kept on the premises and used if we have to close any bubbles down as per the Risk Assessment. In the long term if we are allowed to retain them we hope to utilise them in the classes for future learning.

## Out & About

The children in school enjoyed activities on the Patch this week.

**Year 1** have begun their topic on animals. We shared the story *The Hedgehog's Balloon* by Nick Butterworth and the children had fun making their own hedgehogs (or hoglets) using clay and sticks.

The children in **Year 2** have begun learning about the local area in Geography. They learnt how to use compasses and gathered sticks to mark out the compass points on the Patch. The children identified where local landmarks are in relation to our school. They demonstrated a great sense of direction.

The **Year 3** bubbles planted sweet pea seeds on the Patch on Tuesday as part of their new Science work on plants. They've been challenged to care for them in their classrooms until they're ready to be planted.

The **Year 4** children in school used clay to design their own creatures to live on the Patch. They were tasked to think about the habitat in which they'd live and where they'd fit in the food chain. We had some super creations! If you're looking for something to do over the weekend, don't forget there are some 'Out and About' activities on the school website to get you outside, active or creative.



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## Year 2 Active Challenge

As part of Year 2's topic on the Great Fire of London, the children were given a fitness challenge over half-term. They were challenged to collectively walk/cycle/run the distance to the Monument in London (which is 90miles away from East Cowes). Mrs Gibbins is still collecting how many miles the children have done but the total is already over 90 miles!

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**ATTENTION YEAR 2!!  
You have been set a challenge!!!**

We are going to try to get to the Monument!!!

**Everyday!!**



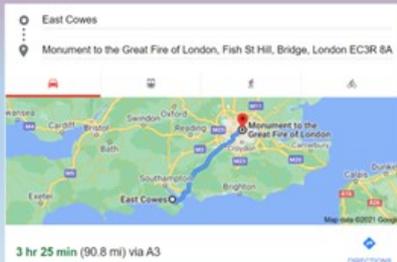
This monument is in London. It stands in the spot on Pudding Lane where the Great Fire started.

It is **90.8 miles** from East Cowes to the Monument.

The year 2 team would like to try and get to the Monument, and we need EVERYBODY'S help!

$$90.8 \div 64 = 1.4 \text{ miles each!}$$

Over the next 2 weeks, see if you can go for a walk, cycle or run. Let us know how far you go. We will add up everyone's totals and see if, altogether, we can get to the Monument!



## Skipping Results

We did really well as a school. We came 12th in KS1 with a total of 132 and we were 2nd in KS2 with a total of 1165. Well done everybody!

# ISLE OF WIGHT SCHOOL GAMES HEALTHY HEART WEEK - SKIPPING CHALLENGE

Competition Intention: To Develop Physical Skills

This certificate is awarded to

(QUEENSGATE FOUNDATION PRIMARY )

For showing the School Games values while competing in the Isle of Wight School Games Skipping Challenge in February 2021



Signed: *Andy Day*  
Isle of Wight School Games Organiser

Signed: *Tony Harris*  
Isle of Wight School Games Organiser



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# What's for dinner next week?

(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato Pizza with coucous	Sausages / Vegetable Sausages with Oven Baked Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips
Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables
Fruit Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	Fruit and Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit Salad

## NHS Return to School Countdown Resources

On our website we have uploaded some resources from the NHS to help children with the return to school. There are daily activities to carry out, 10 top bedtime tips and small steps to improve every day (see below). There is also some useful advice for parents around Acknowledge, Validate, Normalise which is worth a read. The link is here: <https://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk/assets/images/branding/NHS-resource-for-students-Return-to-school-countdown-Secondary-and-Post-16.pdf>

## These are the things you can every day to help improve your return to school

It is under the parents tab, the Covid-19 information tab then it's the second option down.



Identify your emotion/s about returning to school. If this is difficult, use emotions cards or the feelings wheel to help (these can be found online or you can ask your school)

- If you've been getting up late, start to get up a little earlier each day
- Take care of your personal hygiene
- Get dressed and make yourself presentable
- Make a short, achievable list of goals for each day. Don't make one huge list that rolls over each day. It's better to make a short list and, if you achieve it and want to do more, take something from tomorrow's list. Make expectations small and manageable.
- Reward yourself for the things you achieve
- Make a list of "What ifs" and identify whether these are worries that can be resolved. If they can, make a plan of action. If they can't, try talking to somebody about them and then physically throw the worry (list) away!

## Positive Quote

*"It is nice to be important, but even more important to be nice."*

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher