



QM Newsletter


Friday 7th September 2018

'Strive, Believe, Achieve'

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Dates for your diary	
Event	Date & Time
Y6 Secondary transition meeting	Tues 11th Sept 3.45—4.30pm
Parent information sessions Years 1—6	Tues 18th Sept 3.45—5pm
Rhyme Time begins	Tues 2nd October , 9am
After school clubs start	Mon 24th September
Parent Learning Reviews	Mon 15th and Tues 16th October

Is your child missing any school clothing? If so, please encourage them to look in the large lost property baskets which have now been placed on every level in the halls. We seem to have acquired a number of items since the end of the summer term, so please ensure that all clothing is labelled clearly with your child's name and class.

Welcome to the start of the new school year. This is always an exciting time, as we arrive in our new clothes, shiny shoes and full of anticipation for the year ahead. We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and we can't wait to hear about all your adventures.

The teachers have been busily preparing and are looking forward to some really exciting events and super learning. You can look forward to trips, visits, activities, sports, the arts and much, much more.

Our aim this year is to build on all of the good work of recent years and we look forward to working in partnership with you. Please make sure you continue to read the weekly newsletter to keep up-to-date with key events and information. This is the main point of contact.

Attendance is – as always – high on the agenda this year and we look forward to seeing all children in school at the correct time, unless they are very unwell.

Children need to wear correct school uniform at all times and please also ensure PE kits are also those specified in the uniform guidelines (these can be found on the school's website).

Talk Homework



What did your friends do over the summer break?

Home/School Contract, Acceptable Use Policy and Media Permissions



You will be receiving several forms in the coming days which you need to read carefully before signing and returning. The forms provide permissions for the school to use your child's image, to take children on local area outings and they highlight expectations of parents, staff and pupils. These permissions are vital in supporting us to safeguard all children effectively and we do not want any children to miss out on any activities because their forms have not been returned.

Value of the Week—The 6 Rs

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We reminded ourselves this week of the 6Rs and why they are so important to us. During assembly we looked at what makes the perfect pupil, drawing on the 6Rs to describe their qualities.



Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance continues to be very high on our agenda this year and we are keen to see children in school every day, on time. Unless your child is very poorly, we expect to see them in school. Doctor and dentist appointments, unless urgent, need to be arranged after school or during school holidays. If your child does need to attend urgent or hospital appointments, we will need to see medical paperwork to evidence the appointment.

A number of parents at QM have, in the past, chosen to arrange holidays during term time. We can see why this is tempting but we would strongly advise that this does not continue to happen. Your child's education is paramount and in order for them to make the best progress and develop good attitudes to learning, they need to be in school. Emma Jordan and the admin team will be liaising with our attendance officer at the local authority to monitor attendance and will follow up where we have concerns. Unauthorised absences may result in a penalty notice, issued by the local authority. For more information about penalty charges please refer to the ACE Team page on www.lbhf.gov.uk.

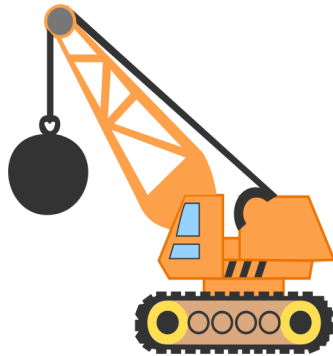


Meet & Greet

Come along and meet your child's teacher on Tuesday 18th September at 3.45. You will have the opportunity to see the classroom and hear about all the exciting things that they will be doing this year!

Build Update

Most of the external landscaping works are now complete and the children continue to enjoy the new facilities and resources. We were expecting the KS1 playground at the front of the school to be finished over the summer holiday, however there is still some outstanding snagging to be resolved by the local authority.



We are working very hard to secure completion of all works in order that the younger children can enjoy their playground. We are also working very hard to ensure that the bike shed is reinstated, to allow children to cycle to school. We thank you all for your continued patience and will keep you updated.



Wonderful Wetlands!



During the summer term, some QM children were invited to experience amazing hands-on experiments at London's Wetlands Centre in Barnes. They were also the first to try out some fantastic new activities that the centre have been developing over the last few months. It was a great day, with perfect weather which the children all thoroughly enjoyed. Look out for their cheerful faces on the new Wetlands Website!

