



# Headteacher's Autumn Half Termly Newsletter

## QUEENS PARK LOWER SCHOOL

### WELCOME TO OUR CHILDREN

We would like to warmly welcome the new children in Nursery and those who have moved to the Chestnut Avenue site.

We hope that all of you will be very happy in our school.

#### REMEMBER!

Always do your very best at school and try to do your best all the time.

Welcome too, to those parents who are new to the school. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.



### WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

Welcome to all of our new class teachers as follows:

Miss Nightingale Miss Wilson  
Mrs Dhesi Miss Begum

And a big welcome too, to all of our 'new' support staff that join us this year

**WE HOPE THAT  
YOU WILL BE HAPPY  
HERE**

### DIARY DATES

Please see separate sheet for these details

This is ready for you to put up on your wall

We hope that you find this useful

### ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

One copy will now be produced each half term.

We will keep you informed of important dates through the newsletter and through letters sent home with your children.

There will be more pages than before to update you with all of the news about the school.

### SCHOOL DINNERS

Would you please be aware that your child must have:

School dinners for a complete week  
OR packed lunches for a complete week

**Arrangements must not be changed during any week.**

If your child starts the school week with a packed lunch, then he/she will have to bring a packed lunch each day for the rest of that week.

If your child starts the school week with a school dinner then he/she will have to have a school dinner each day for the rest of that week.

***This ruling will be strictly adhered to***

**The cost of school dinners is  
£1.60 per day/£8.00 per week**

### HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

When children fail to come to school because of a holiday being extended without the permission of the Headteacher, the matter will be referred to the Education Welfare Office.

Parents will be asked to attend a meeting with the Education Welfare Office and could be expected to pay a fine of up to £50 - £100.

Please be aware of the consequences of taking your child out of school for long periods without permission from the school.

### FAILING TO RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR THE START OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR

There are increasing numbers of children who are not returning to school in time for the start of the new school year.

The school has NO MORE PLACES but we are asked all the time if we can take more children. You are reminded that if your child does not return back into England in time for the start of the school year, there is a risk that their place cannot remain open and you may have to send your child to another school in Bedford.

## WHEN YOUR CHILDREN ARRIVE LATE FOR SCHOOL

The school would like to make you aware that when your child arrives at school in the morning after 8.55am, the main school doors will be closed and you will be asked to take him/her to the school office in the reception area.

It is for reasons of safety that we ask you to do this. If your child arrives after 8.55am and does not report to the school office, he/she will not be marked as present in the register.

By notifying the school office of your child's late arrival, we can be sure that our records are adjusted correctly to show that your child has arrived safely into school and that we are aware of his/her presence.

Following the daily registration at 9.00am, the school's registration records are checked and the parents of children who have been marked absent at registration time are telephoned to find out why the child is not in school and learns of his/her whereabouts. In the case of an emergency, it is essential that our registration records are correct each day.

## INVITATION TO LUNCH

We will be inviting parents to join their child for lunch at school.

Menus will be available soon.



The meals will be at a cost of £2.00 for each parent and must be booked in advance through the school office. We can offer up to 10 places each day.

This will offer you the chance to observe and try out your child's school mealtime and lunch with them.

Look out for more details that will be sent home soon.

## VALUES AT QUEENS PARK LOWER SCHOOL

This year we will be teaching the children different values.

Each month we will learn how to work and play together through a different value.

Throughout September the children have been learning about UNITY. Unity is working and playing together as part of a team.

In October, the children will be learning about RESPONSIBILITY.

Keep watching the newsletter to find out which value will be next.



## TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS

Thanks once again to parents and friends who continue to make tea and coffee mornings so successful!



Take a look at the agenda on the school entrance doors

## LEARNING THIS TERM

Please find attached to this newsletter a 'web' of learning activities that the children will experience this half term.

Each term we will send home a 'web' so that families can see what the children are learning.

You may be able to support them by helping with a particular activity.

## THANK YOU!

To all parents who attended the Year 2 Fashion Show

Thank you for making this event so successful and enjoyable for the children

A great turnout and lovely clothes!



## BEDFORD CREDIT UNION

This savings project has been very successful here at the school and the meetings will continue to be held in the school library on Thursday afternoons at 3.30pm until 4.00pm.

Thank you to all parents and children who have opened accounts and are saving regularly.

In order to continue this success we need some more willing volunteers to help to run the club.

If you are interested and you can spare an hour a week, please pick up a form from the school office.

**THIS PAGE IS READY TO PIN ONTO YOUR NOTICE BOARD AT HOME!**

**DIARY DATES**

**Saturday 13 October 2007 - Festival of Eid**

Eid will be Saturday 13 October allowing everyone to celebrate over the weekend.

**Tuesday 16 October 2007 - Harvest Assemblies.**

Parents are invited to attend these assemblies

The Early Years assembly will be in the morning

The Queens Park Lower School assemblies will be in the afternoon.

**Friday 19 October 2007 - Independent Learning Day**

All children and their families will spend time in school on this day.

The children will work on a Independent Learning task today and over the weekend.

Parents will meet their class teacher for the first consultation.

More details will follow.

**Monday 22 October 2007 - Sunday 28 October 2007**

HALF TERM - ENJOY THE BREAK FROM SCHOOL!

**Monday 29 October 2007 - Training Day**

This is a Training Day for all staff.

Please keep your children at home today as there is no school.

**Friday 14 December 2007- Early Years**

The children of Early Years will perform their nativity show

**Monday 17 December 2007 - Years 3 and 4**

The children of Years 3 and 4 will perform their end of term show

**Tuesday 18 December 2007 - Years 1 and 2**

The children of Years 1 and 2 will perform their end of term show

**Wednesday 19 December 2007 - 'Christingle'**

There will be a service in 'All Saints' Church - further details will follow.

**Thursday 20 December 2007**

END OF TERM



**Thursday 3 January 2008**

RETURN TO SCHOOL.

# ATTENDANCE

YES! LAST YEAR WE REACHED OUR TARGET OF 93% - WELL DONE TO ALL OF YOU!

YOU AND YOUR PARENTS/CARERS WILL NEED TO KEEP UP THE VERY GOOD WORK  
AS THIS YEAR OUR TARGET IS 96%!

WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH WESTFIELD AND BIDDENHAM UPPER SCHOOL TO SEE IF WE CAN INCREASE  
THE ATTENDANCE ACROSS ALL THREE SCHOOLS.

LET'S SEE IF, TOGETHER, WE CAN DO THIS!

## GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

After a lovely talk from the Guide Dogs Association and a meeting with a real guide dog puppy, we are pleased to announce that the school made £52.00 for this very worthwhile association.



Thank you for all your donations.

## FAMILY READING

Details of this will soon be announced soon



## LOST PROPERTY

All lost property will be on display in the school just by the school entrance doors.

If your child has lost any item of clothing, please take time to come and look.

Please ensure that your child's clothes and belongings are clearly marked.



## HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Hafsa K Yousaf - France  
Naima Begum - France  
Sadiya Abdin - France

Olinoor Ali - Germany  
Erica Gomes Pereira - Italy  
Riece Ursell - Italy

Anhar Hussain - Denmark  
Symon Venski - Belgium  
Samina Farheen - Belgium  
Nabeel Taj - Belgium

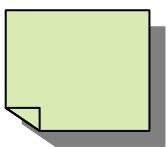
Tanjum Sultana - Norway  
Aliyah Mahmood - Norway  
Thamina Sultana - Norway

# WELL DONE TO ALL OF YOU!

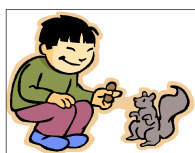
## KID'S CORNER..... DID YOU KNOW???????

A square piece of dry paper cannot be folded in half more than 7 times

TRY IT! BET YOU CAN'T DO IT!



Millions of trees are accidentally planted by squirrels who bury nuts and then forget where they hid them.



A giraffe can clean its ears with its 50cm tongue!



HELP THE DINOSAUR GET TO HIS FOOD

