



QUEENS PARK LOWER SCHOOL

Spring Half Termly Newsletter January 2008

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We would like to wish all of our parents and children a very Happy New Year.

We hope that 2008 brings you good health and happiness and all the things that you would like.



We also wish all of our staff and governors too a Happy New Year!

2008

TOPIC WEBS

With this Newsletter you will receive a 'Topic Web'.

This will show you what your child will be studying this term.

Please take the time to look at this and discuss it with your child.

Pin it up on the wall at home so that you can look at this together during this first half of the spring term.

If you are unsure of any of the content, please see your child's teacher who will be pleased to advise.

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION WINNERS

Thank you to all of the children who entered the Christmas Competition and well done to the winners!

A list of winners is on the last page.

We will be running another competition to raise some money for indoor games which the children have asked for.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Please look out in our next Newsletter for an introduction to the Governors of Queens Park Lower School.

We will be displaying their photographs and giving you a little information about who they are and what they do.

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Remember, 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.

We welcome any comments about our Newsletter.

THANK YOU TO TESCO!

The School would like to say a huge THANK YOU



to Tesco at Cardington Road for their donation towards the children's Christmas crackers.

The children had such fun with these!

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



THANK YOU TO KEMPSTON SWIMMING POOL!

The school would also like to say another huge THANK YOU

to Kempston Swimming Pool for their generous donation of tickets to the school as prizes for our competitions. This means such a lot to our school and the children.



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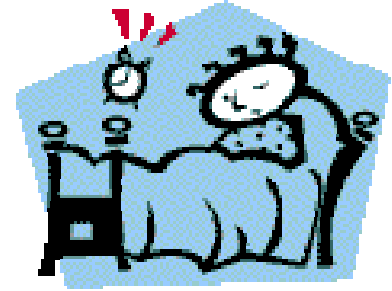


PUNCTUALITY COUNTS



10 REASONS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO BE LATE FOR SCHOOL

1. If your child is late for school, he/she will miss the start of the first lesson.
2. Being late for a lesson means that your child may not understand the work he/she has to do.
3. Your child may find it more difficult to settle down in the classroom.



4. Your child could miss some very important messages or information that is given out by the teacher.
5. Being late on lots of days soon adds up and can your child really afford to miss nearly two weeks of schooling? This is what being late 10 minutes each day can add up to.

6. Getting into the habit of being on time for school is important as it sets the pattern for later in your child's life. Employers want people who can be on time.
7. Schools, colleges and employers will ask for details of your child's attendance and punctuality when the time comes.
8. As your child gets older and moves on to other schools, he/she may have to stay late after school to make up the time missed by being late.
9. Being late means your child's day does not start well.



10. Your child may be embarrassed and/or upset by walking in to class late.

PIN THIS UP TOO!

REGULAR REMINDER PAGE

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please remember to let the school office know.

When a child is not present at registration time, we worry!

Please let us know when your child is absent and why. Please let both the teacher and the school office know if your child has an appointment during school time

Thank you. This is very important to us.

The telephone numbers are:

Early Years 01234 261854
Queens Park Lower School 01234 352901

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.

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 on time, there is a risk that their place cannot remain open and you may have to send your child to another school in Bedford.

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.

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

LUNCH TIMES FOR CHILDREN

Queens Park Early Years
11.35am to 12.45pm

Queens Park Lower School
Years 1 and 2 - 12 noon - 1.00pm
Years 3 and 4 - 12.30pm - 1.30pm

HEALTHY EATING

EXAMPLE OF A HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH

Wholemeal roll or sandwich with marmite, cheese spread or chicken

Rice salad or Pasta Salad (with fork or spoon)

Cheese string, Babybel or cheese triangle

Breadsticks or Twiglets

Box of raisins or slices of raw carrot or apple or celery

Banana, apple or tangerine or any fruit

Yoghurt or fromage frais

Apple or orange juice or water (not fizzy drinks)

Small cake or chocolate bar (occasionally as a treat!)

YUMMY AND HEALTHY!



UNIFORM REMINDER

Your child should wear a school sweatshirt which is available from the school office at any time

The boys should wear this with a white shirt, dark blue or black trousers and sensible shoes.

The girls should wear this with a white shirt, dark blue or black skirt or shalwar kameez (or trousers), a headscarf if desired and sensible shoes.

Your child should also have a school book bag which can be bought from the school office

FOR PE LESSONS

Your child needs shorts and a T Shirt (these can be any colour) and training shoes or plimsolls. When the weather is colder, a tracksuit will be required.

PARENT REMINDER

Please check your child's school book bag regularly for letters from the school.



**MANY OF THE
LETTERS
HAVE
IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**



THE NAMING OF YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS

Please can you clearly name *all items* belonging to your child. Name kits can be ordered from the school office.

These are not expensive and ensure that your child's belongings are easily found if misplaced.

SCHOOL GATES

Please be aware that the school gates at the Chestnut Avenue School Site are closed for your child's safety as follows:

8.45am - 9.15am
3.15pm - 3.45pm

They will not be opened during these times to ensure the safety of the children in the school.

EVENTS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY AT QUEENS PARK LOWER SCHOOL

THE BIG HUSH

23 January 2008

Our assembly will be led by a speaker from the Macmillan Cancer Support Group

We will be holding a sponsored

BIG HUSH

to raise money for this excellent charity

More details will follow. Each child will have the chance to enter a colouring competition.

YEAR 4

The children of Year 4 have been invited to watch a production of 'Sleeping Beauty'.

Monday 4 February 2008

More details will follow very soon so look out for the letter!

UNICEF

Day for change - 1 February 2008

The children will be invited to attend school in non-uniform clothes in return for the donation of a 50p coin for this charity.

More details will follow shortly
Money raised will help UNICEF to provide water and sanitary conditions in The Gambia

FAMILY READING



This will begin again on Wednesday 16 January.

It will be in the meeting room at Queens Park Lower School

from 3.00pm to 4.00pm

PARENT LEARNING AFTERNOONS

We have been pleased to see parents/carers joining their children in school to work together.

Be sure not to miss your child's

'Parent Learning Afternoon'

Look out for your invitation for details or ask your child.



USED STAMP APPEAL



Mrs Kim and Mrs Bartram from the school office are still collecting used stamps.

Don't try to peel the stamp off, just cut the stamp out and give to the school office.

UNWANTED MOBILE PHONES



Do you have any unwanted mobile 'phones. We can exchange these for prizes for the children.

**LAST COLLECTION DATE
FRIDAY 18 JANUARY 2008**

COFFEE AND TEA MORNINGS

These have started again this week.

Look out for the notices and letters from the school.

These will give information as to what will be talked about each week and where it is to be held..

Please bring your friends and family.
We are sure that you will enjoy these mornings.

9.00am until 10.00am



WILDLIFE NEWS!

Attention all children!

The squirrel at the school has got a wife!

Look out for babies in the Spring!



FRANCE 82%
GERMANY 84%
SPAIN 87%

AUSTRIA 93%
GREECE 89%
ITALY 92%

CURRENT OVERALL ATTENDANCE

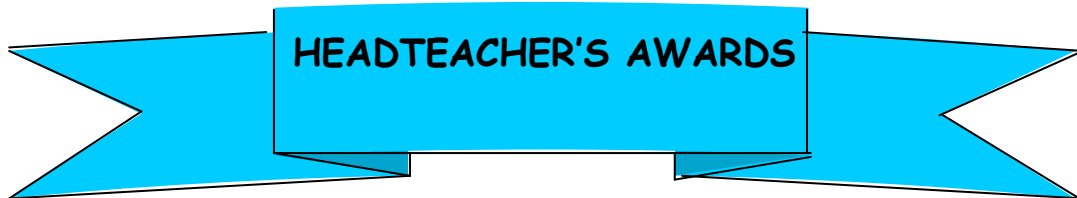
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REMEMBER - WE ARE AIMING FOR 96%

SWITZERLAND 92%

BELGIUM 91%
DENMARK 92%

NORWAY 92%
PORTUGAL 92%



Fizah Fatima - Germany

Riece Ursell - Italy

Nabeel Taj - Belgium

Kaiser Ahmed - Germany

Halima Begum - Denmark

Shajil Ali - Greece

Ummerah Fatima - Spain

Eshan Dar - Denmark
Subhan Hussain - Denmark

Tasnim Begum - France

WELL DONE TO ALL OF YOU!

COMPETITION WINNERS

EARLY YEARS

NURSERY
Laiba Mahmood

RECEPTION
Yasmin Begum

Well done!

COLOURING YEAR 1

SPAIN
Khadija Rezwan Raece

FRANCE
Hafsa Zoya Mohammed

GERMANY
Sahar Prya Fizah

COLOURING YEAR 2

AUSTRIA
Ajhar Ammarah Misbah

GREECE
Aliyah Tasmin Cheryl

ITALY
Manish Ilja Zakir

WORD SEARCH YEAR 3

BELGIUM
Jubuyed Ayesha Fateha

DENMARK
Nadia Amna Hussien

SWITZERLAND
Zain Akbor Shakir

CROSSWORD YEAR 4

A 'tricky' one! There were just three first prize winners for this!

Leya (Switzerland)
Aqsa (Norway)
Muneeba (Norway)

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

Squirrels make their nests high up in the trees. They are called Dreys.

The babies of squirrels are called kittens.

There may be up to 7 kittens born at the same time! They have no hair, no teeth and their eyes are closed when they are born.



The Bee Hummingbird is the world's smallest bird.



ACTUAL SIZE!
On a pencil!

75% of wild birds will die before they are 6 months old

Remember to feed the wild birds in the winter.

To survive, most birds must eat at least half their weight each day.

Feed nuts and fat to give energy.



Shark's skin is made up of small spikes called denticles.

These are so sharp that the skin of a shark can be used for sandpaper!

