



10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Minstead feedback:**

Our Year 3 children really made the most of the learning opportunities on offer during our residential visit to Minstead last week. We found out lots about life in early Britain including how to make fences by weaving willow and how to light and keep a fire ablaze. We experienced a traditional round house and tasted a delicious hot drink made with elderflowers. We also spent time enjoying the beautiful surroundings of the New Forest. It was a long walk but with so much to look at and learn about the children didn't complain once! We saw cows, ponies, donkeys and even a Muntjac deer as well as a spectacular view down into the valley. We made it safely, if not cleanly through the lowland bog, laughing and supporting each other along the way. Perhaps the most important of all the skills we learned was that of independence and we are pleased to say that all the children can now make their own bed and clear up a dinner table without too much fuss! We had a truly amazing week and the Year 3 team would like to thank you for your continued support with our learning outside the classroom.

The children remaining at school also had a jam packed week, learning more about their topic, cooking and recreating Stonehenge from Clay!

### **E Safety**

With increasing use of technology, it is important that children are always aware of how to keep themselves safe online. At Queen's Park Academy we teach E Safety every half term through assemblies and as part of our PSHE and Computing Curriculum, regularly reminding children to screenshot, block and report anything online which makes them feel unsafe. There are many parental control apps (such as Qustudio, Google Family Link and Norton Family) which can support you as parent/carers in monitoring your child's safe use of online devices. In addition the attached with this newsletter is 'Building Online Resilience'

### **Reading Prizes**

Well done to all the children across the school who have earned a reading prize this week, in particular Classes; 4L, 4M, , 4T, 5N, 5M and 6B.

It was great to see our children continuing to foster a love of reading. The classes earn prizes from their collective class reading scores. They need to work together to earn over 100 reads and move along our reading board game. Over 125 reads earns 2 moves on the board. Please encourage your child to read at least 3 times per week and help their class earn their rewards.

### **World Book Day Information**

We will be celebrating this at the start of March – further information to follow

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