



12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy and exciting start to the Spring Term. We are excited for the upcoming Year 3 residential to Minstead. They will have a fabulous time and we hope the weather warms up slightly.

Watches and Uniform

We encourage pupils to wear watches as it does of course support them with learning to tell the time and calculate time intervals. Smart watches or Fitbits however, are not permitted in school. Not only are they expensive and can get easily lost or broken but they can cause unnecessary distractions during learning time. Please ensure children have plain hair bands, no bows, ribbons, Alice bands, coloured slides etc are not part of our Uniform Policy. Earrings should be plain studs and removed for PE please.

Parking and Drop Off

Please can you ensure you park in areas that are safe and do not block access to East Way or adjoining roads. There is an increase in parents parking on double yellow lines in front of school and on the corners of adjoining roads. This makes it dangerous for other traffic and pedestrians. In addition, we have a few parents that stop their cars in the middle of the road and children get out to come into school. This is dangerous and I have unfortunately witnessed an accident and far too many near misses.

Charity Fun Run

Thank you for all your sponsorship money, I am pleased to confirm that we have raised over £2,200 so far. You are still able to either bring cash to the office or make payment on Parent Pay. The response has been incredible and Mr and Mrs Mitchell are grateful for everyone's donations. Once we have completed a final count we will confirm the amounts donated to Southampton NICU and Southampton Ronald McDonald House.

Christmas Card Competition 2023

I have received a personal thank you from our MP The Rt. Hon. Tobias Ellwood to all our pupils who participated in the competition. Many congratulations to Aadhya in Year 3. Her design was printed and distributed as the 2023 Christmas card on his behalf. Well done.

Snow Days

If we needed to close the school due to snow or ice, we would send a Parent Pay email as soon as the decision had been made. We would also put an alert banner across the top of the QPA website.

Dates for the diary:

30th/31st January and 1st February 2024
12th to 16th February 2024

Year 3 Residential
Half-term Holiday

Thank you very much for your support.

Best wishes as always.

Yours sincerely

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