



24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Parents Evening**

Thank you for all your support. It was lovely to see so many parents attending. We at QPA are so proud of all the children's achievements and enjoy sharing their success with you during this evening.

### **Christmas**

We have started rehearsals for our Christmas celebration at Bournemouth School for Girls which will be held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023. If your child does not celebrate Christmas, please can you ensure that their Class Teacher is aware. We have activities set up for those children for when rehearsals and celebrations take place. Further information regarding ticket allocation to follow.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Please remember to book and pay for your child's Christmas Lunch on ParentPay for 13<sup>th</sup> December. This is showing as a normal roast but please be assured that this will be a full Christmas meal. The cut off for booking this in Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Emile**

We understand that some families have been having some difficulties with Emile – glitching and not saving the work are the 2 biggest issues. We have been going back to the developers when these issues arise and are working with them to improve the service. Please do keep reporting any issues to us and we can continue to work with them on these matters.

### **E Safety**

The attachment with this newsletter is all about the App, Discord. Discord is a free App which is becoming more popular as it allows users to communicate via text, video or voice chat. Please take time to discuss this safety guide with your children if this is an App they use.

### **Scooters and bikes**

We have bike racks at the front of QPA that are for bikes, not scooters, so please support us in not using them for scooters. We have unfortunately had several accidents involving scooters due to the lack of space at the front of school and also on the pavements to access QPA, which is why we will not have scooters left on our site.

We had an incredible uptake on the bikeability course offered to Year 5 and 6 pupils. We have booked them in to do this session for the Summer Term and will send further details nearer the time.

### **Hooke Court**

Many of our Year 4 pupils are off on their 2 night residential to Hooke Court on Monday. We are really looking forward to sharing their adventures on our Facebook page, along with details of what the remaining children at school are getting up to during the week.

### **Whatsapp Groups**

We understand that Parents find Class WhatsApp groups a useful and efficient way of communicating to the whole class.

The messages in the class WhatsApp groups come from parents in their personal capacity. The school does NOT post directly on any WhatsApp parent/carer groups.

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We would ask that parents adhere to the following guidelines when using class WhatsApp groups:

- The group should never be used as a platform to air views/grievances regarding a teacher, child or parent in the class or school
- The group is not a political platform for airing opinions on current affairs
- The group should be used keeping in mind mutual respect and cultural sensitivity between all its members

Please note, the school considers the following online activity inappropriate:

- Abusive or personal comments about staff, pupils or other parents or any member of the school's community
- Displays of anger including swearing, or using offensive language
- Bringing the school into disrepute
- Posting aggressive, defamatory or libellous comments
- Emails circulated or sent directly with abusive or personal comments about staff, pupils or any member of the school's community
- Using social media to publicly challenge school policies or discuss issues about individual children
- Threatening behaviour, such as verbally intimidating staff, or using bad language

The school takes safeguarding responsibilities seriously and will deal with any reported incidents appropriately.

Raising Concerns:

If you are concerned about inappropriate comments on a class WhatsApp group or any other social media platform, in confidence, please contact us by emailing the school [qpa@queenspark-academy.co.uk](mailto:qpa@queenspark-academy.co.uk)

Kind regards,

**Mrs S Simmons**  
**Principal**

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