



16<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back. We are looking forward to another exciting term. The last month of the Spring term were especially busy with World Book Day, Red Nose Day, Easter Hamper and discos. As always, our thanks to our hardworking PTA and all the parents who were able to support. The children thoroughly enjoyed all these activities.

Year 6 continue to work incredibly hard for their SATs and are finishing their final preparations. Hopefully we will have some sunny weather. We are certainly due some soon. If the sun does make an appearance, please put sun cream on your child before they come to school and remind them to bring a sun hat in.

This term we are looking forward to getting outside more. Year 3 are heading to Dorchester this term to the Tutankhamun Museum, Year 4 are off to the Ancient Technology Centre in Cranborne next week. Year 5 are off to Carey Camp at the beginning of June. We then start the end of QPA events with Year 6 – tissues at the ready! In the meantime they have a trip planned to link with their next topic – details will be coming out soon ... Keep an eye on the QPA Facebook page for updates and photos regarding these events.

### **Uniform Reminders**

Please can we remind everyone that earrings must be removed for PE. Tape is not permitted. Earrings worn in school must be small plain studs. School Shoes must be black and polishable and boots are not part of the QPA uniform. Hair should all be tied up and bands should be plain and blue/black/brown or hair coloured. No tram lines or patterns should be shaved into hair. If you have any questions regarding our uniform policy, please let us know.

### **Half Term**

Please remember that Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June is a Staff Training Day so there is no school for the children. Half Term starts on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May and finishes on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Can I please remind you that no holidays will be authorised and in some circumstances fixed penalty notices may be issued for holidays taken in term time.

### **Parent Survey**

Thank you to everyone that completed the survey. All feedback is appreciated as it helps us identify areas of improvement. There were so many positive comments about the school and how well the children learn and the opportunities they are offered. The main area of improvement given was communication. This is something we have taken on board and I can assure you we have plans in place to ensure this improves.

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Please remember that myself and the Vice Principals are on the gate each day and are always happy to talk to Parents/Carers or answer questions. Alternatively, you can call during the school day or email us. Everyone at QPA is committed to making sure the children have access to the very best education, in and outside of the classroom and we are always looking at what we can do further to make this happen.

### **E Safety**

As a parent of a 14 year old and 11 year old, I know how hard it is to monitor their online activity, especially when their IT knowledge seems to be one step ahead of mine! There are some really good apps out there that you can use to monitor their internet use and also to put restrictions on the time they are on the device or on certain apps. These links below show some of the apps that can be used:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

<https://www.uswitch.com/mobiles/guides/mobile-phone-safety/>

Some of the apps also have built in trackers. There are also other ones available that you can install on your child's phone and that help locate them if they are walking to and from school. There are links below to a couple of apps that are recommended.

[Life360 | Family Tracking App | Location Sharing & Family Safety](#)

[GPS Tracker For Kids | Tracking Device - Findmykids App](#)

Finally, please see the attached summer term dates for diary.

With best wishes

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

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## Dates for Summer Term 2024

### Summer 1

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – Class 4W 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Class 4T 24 <sup>th</sup> – Class 4B 25 <sup>th</sup> – Class 4R	Year 4 trip to Ancient Technology Centre
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April and 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	Year 3 trip to Charminster Library (classes tbc)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs examination week
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> and Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 6 trip to Brickworks museum (date of classes tbc)
20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 trips to Dorchester (classes days tbc nearer the time)

### Summer 2

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Carey Camp residential for Year 5
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	QPA Summer Fair – 5pm – 7.30pm
w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 River Stour trips (classes days tbc nearer the time)
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability sessions (times for your child tbc nearer the time)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Cumulus Residential
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Prom (time tbc)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Discos – Y3&4 - 4pm – 5pm, Y5&6 – 5.15pm – 6.15pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Graduation and Afternoon Tea from 1pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET days

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