



A happy school; Learning, caring, succeeding together.



Dear Parents and Carers,

The dark days of December have now arrived...and the final weeks of the Autumn term approach with the excitement of different events in school and holidays ahead. As I reflect upon the term and again the wealth of different experiences shared by children and the school community, I wish to extend my thanks to the care and commitment of the community; from parents to Governors, colleagues from within the Trust and to the school's own dedicated team. With visits from our link Trust Governor this past term, as well as colleagues visiting our SEND bases, Mrs Shrimpton working with Mrs Fernand, a Mr Howieson visit and our regular visits from Mrs Curry our school is a welcoming and purposeful place. I have also shown nearly 100 prospective new families around the school since October and it has been evident that both the environment and focused happy children supported with care have made very good impressions.

This week Year 1 are visiting the Etches Museum in Kimmeridge— a new trip for the school with an exciting focus on history learning and the world of fossils and dinosaurs. I trust it inspires them all. I know Year 1 families will enjoy their dinosaur themed story telling when they visit Year 1 at the end of the term— the dates for these open afternoons are on the weekly reminders. Nativity rehearsals are under way today before their performances to Reception families begin next week.

The Winter Bazaar and the grand finale at the end of next week—the Treehouse Pantomime are other exciting end of term events in school for the children. A bit of storytelling fun for all and we thank the PFA for funding this. Our PFA are super busy behind the scenes, as many of you may know, planning fundraising activities with the intent to support the school and offer exciting memories for your children. Can we say thank you for the wonderful toy donations from our community. I look forward to seeing many of you celebrating this festive season next week after school with Carols and the Band... as well as a few additional surprises.

Miss Donald is now planning her return to school in January which is very exciting and I pass on my thanks to Mrs Readyhoff and Mrs Curry who have been working with us in her absence. Miss Donald will be visiting us before the end of term too—it will be lovely for us all to welcome her back.

I end by saying how proud I am of all the children and all that they share with us—their thinking and doing never fails to make my day. Eco Leads, school councillors, individuals and groups of children shine with their respectful and caring thoughts about their learning and how to make our days better together. I have one more brief letter to write to end the term with...for now as ever I will continue to practice my Twelve days of Christmas actions. (we cant think of a better song to replace it!)

Very best wishes

Mrs T. Edwards

Headteacher



Children in Need 2024



Thank you everyone! We had a fantastic day and raised £404.98 for Children in Need



School Councillors Update

Congratulations to all the members of the school council who helped with this year's Children in Need Day. The School Councillors, with some help from Pudsey Bear, collected many generous donations from the pupils.

We raised a fabulous £404.98

The money raised at QPIA will go towards making a difference to children who need it most - right across the UK.

Erin from Butterflies said, 'I'm glad we've raised money because the children will feel happy and cared for'.

Finley in Foxes said, 'The money may help children have proper food and a comfy bed'.

Lily from Bumblebees said, 'It's important to raise money because some children may not have a home.'



The school councillors also helped collect for the Poppy Appeal, we raised a fantastic **£181.12**

Mrs Durrent PSHE Lead



Wellbeing Wednesday

We enjoyed a calming and tranquil afternoon focusing on wellbeing and friendship.

The children began the afternoon with a simple musical sensory massage routine to soothe the mind and body. Afterwards we talked about how to be a good friend which highlighted the importance of careful listening, encouragement, kindness and making others happy.

The children really enjoyed making friendship bracelets and cards for one another. Each child created a personalised bracelet to give to a friend to wear as symbol of friendship.



Mrs Durrent PSHE Lead

Creature Teacher visits QPIA

November 2024

Wow! What an incredible morning of learning in all the Reception classes when the Creature Teachers, Lisa and Jade came to visit along with a variety of creatures and animals.

The children got to see, touch and hold the animals including Sonic the millipede who has 204 legs and a hard shell.

Jasper the milk snake. They are called milk snakes because they used to live in cow sheds.

Phoenix the chuckwalla lizard who lives in the desert where it is dry. He sits in the sun to get his body hot. To keep himself safe he shows his most scary face, he wiggles and he hits the predator with his hard tough tail.

Nanuq the ferret who has a very special smell. He uses his whiskers to feel the world around him.

Heeby Jeeby the forest scorpion. When the moon shines, his body glows and Lisa used a torch to show us his glowing body.

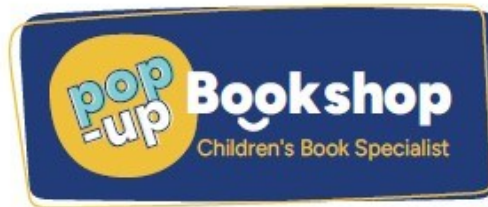
Thistle the mottled owl who we couldn't stroke because she has such delicate feathers so we felt a feather. Owls are nocturnal and they fly at night. They have very good sight and hearing and are great hunters.

The Creature Teacher visit supported the children's learning within science as we begin to learn about nocturnal animals and the different habitats and environments that animals live in.

Thank you to Lisa and Jade for our wonderful session.

Mrs Adeney– EYFS Lead





Dear Parent / Guardian,

Congratulations to Dylan from Otters who designed our brilliant new Reading Ambassador badges. If your child entered the Reading Ambassador badge competition, you can claim a Pop-Up Bookshop 10% discount voucher at this link: <https://popupbookshop.net/competition>

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our **Queen's Park Infant Academy** parents evening fundraising book fairs last month. Thanks to your enthusiasm and generosity plus our share of Pop-Up Bookshop's Community Book Fund, QPIA pupils will benefit from **£208 extra books!**

Reading Rewards

We are excited to be working in partnership with Pop-Up Bookshop for our school Reading Rewards. To encourage children to develop consistent reading habits at home and a love of reading for pleasure, Reading Rewards celebrate reading at home milestones. Check out our exciting new school page on the Pop-Up Bookshop website for information: <https://popupbookshop.net/queens-park-infant-academy>



You can view our curated lists of brilliant books for each year group which are ideal for children to explore at home. Please consider buying your children's books from Pop-Up Bookshop as **£1 is donated to QPIA** for every book purchased by our school community online, 365 days of the year!

We will help to monitor home reads at school and provide the children with the prizes. When your child reaches each Reading Reward milestone, you can claim the Pop-Up Bookshop discount vouchers via the online form on our school page: <https://popupbookshop.net/reading-rewards>

Online Ordering

You can order any titles from the Christmas Catalogue or choose from 5,000 children's books on the Pop-Up Bookshop website - plus receive free home delivery! All online purchases contribute to QPIA school book fundraising. See the website details below or contact Vanessa directly with specific book requests or for recommendations.

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Behaviours that Challenge Us Information Sessions

"I implemented one of the strategies the next day with great results!"

We are pleased to be able to offer Free one-off sessions for parents living in Dorset to understand more about 'Child Behaviours that Challenge us'

For parents with children between the ages of 5 and 11

The session is delivered by a Child Clinical Psychologist and an Action for Children Parenting Practitioner

Monday 21st October 2024
09:30am - 11:30am
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Thursday 22nd May 2025
10:00am - 12:00pm
Venue in Kinson area

Thursday 14th November 2024
09:30am - 11:30am
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 17th June 2025
09:30am - 11:30am
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Monday 20th January 2025
07:00pm - 09:00pm
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

"I found it really useful to know about why the behaviour occurs, even if you can't always change it, having the understanding makes it easier for me to cope with"

Thursday 6th March 2025
09:30am - 11:30am
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

These are one-off sessions so you only need to attend one event

Places are limited and can be booked via our website: www.actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset



Dates for “An Introduction to Autism & Neurodiversity for Parents”. Available to book by emailing Itsa@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk No diagnosis is necessary. No charge to attend. 1 or 2 spaces per family available. Please note these sessions are available to BCP families. **PLEASE CLEARLY STATE WHEN EMAILING TO BOOK , WHETHER YOUR CHILD ATTENDS THE SCHOOL THAT IS HOSTING THE SESSION. THIS IS TO ENSURE WE ALLOCATE YOU EITHER AN INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL SPACE ON THE SESSION AND THEREFORE KNOW HOW MANY OF EACH SPACE WE HAVE LEFT.**

Date	Start time	Finish time (Approx.)	Venue name and address
Autumn term 2024			
Friday 6 th December 2024	9.30am	12pm	Somerford Arc, 20 Southey Road, Christchurch, BH23 3EH
Spring Term 2025			
Wednesday 15 th January 2025	9.30am	12pm	The Epiphany School, Shillingstone Drive, Muscliff, BH9 3PE
Thursday 27 th February 2025	9.15am	11.45pm	Talbot Primary School, Talbot Drive, Poole, BH12 5ED
Tuesday 4 th March 2025	9.30am	12pm	Corfe Hills School, Higher Blandford Road, Broadstone, BH18 9BG
Friday 28 th March 2025	9.30am	12pm	Somerford Arc – 20 Southey Road, Christchurch, BH23 3EH
SUMMER TERM 2025			
Tuesday 29 th April 2025			The Grange School, Conference Room, Redvers Road, Christchurch, BH23 3AU
Monday 19 th May 2025	9.30am	12pm	Moordown St John’s School, Vicarage Road, Moordown, BH9 2SA
Tuesday 17 th June 2025	9.30am	12pm	Oakdale Junior School, 3 School Lane, Oakdale, Poole, BH15 3JR.
Monday 7 th July 2025	9.30am	12pm	Virtual delivery via Zoom

After School Clubs

QPIA Bee Happy

We offer a secure, fun and caring after school childcare environment exclusively for children who attend Queen's Park Infant Academy, from 3.10-5.30pm

For new reception children and for all new enquiries, please send an email with your child's name and class. I will then send out a welcome letter including details of how to book sessions for the new term. Reception children can only be booked in from their first full school day on 16th September.

Please can all payments for Bee Happy sessions be made at the time of booking as follows:

For online payments: top up is required before booking.

For childcare voucher payments: Please transfer childcare vouchers, (we are registered as Queens Park Infant Academy), at time of booking. You will also need to advise Miss Abel by email, of the amount sent along with the date transferred. This can then be verified and added to your account.

Email address is: bee.happy@coastalpartnership.co.uk

New parents using childcare vouchers: please advise Miss Abel on the above email address if you are using Bee Happy for the first time and wish to pay using childcare vouchers. She can then adjust your child's account so you can book sessions while waiting for the payment to arrive.

Foundation Sports

An award winning and Ofsted registered childcare provider.

After-school Club: A specific sport each day

15.15 - 16.30pm £6.50

Mondays: Football

Tuesday– Multi sports

Wednesday– Gymnastics

For more information and to book please click the link below;

<https://www.foundation-play.com/qpia>

Forest School After School Club– Year 2 Only

Forest school runs on Tuesday straight after school, until 4.15pm, to book please click the link below.

<https://www.primary-forest-school.co.uk/bookings>

Office Reminders

The Late Book

If you arrive at school after the gates have been locked and enter through the main office please sign your child into school by completing the late book.

Medication

If your child needs to take a dose of prescribed medicine during the school day, (4 x a day only) please come to the main office where you will need to fill in a form with one of our first aiders. Please do not send medicine into school in book bags.

Please be aware that we are unable to administer Calpol to children unless prescribed as part of a medical plan.

Named clothing

Please can all items of clothing including: School uniform, hats, coats, PE kit, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc be clearly named.

It makes it much easier to reunite them with the right person if they are lost.

Bikes and Scooters

The school cannot accept liability for bicycles and scooters left on the school grounds. The gates and bike sheds are locked during the day between 9am and 3pm, but at all other times they may be insecure and unattended, so please take bikes and scooter home at the end of each day.

Please remember bikes and scooters are not allowed in the playground unless being carried by an adult.



Second Hand Uniform

Please email the PFA for all second hand uniform enquires on; qpia.pfauniform@gmail.com

Parking Outside School

To keep children safe & healthy, please turn your engines off when parked on the road outside school.



ARBOR—PARENT PORTAL

Thank you to those that have signed up for the Parent Portal already.

Did you know on the Arbor Parent Portal you can:

- Check the contact details we have registered for your child
- Amend contact details
- Add dietary requirements
- See your child's attendance
- Pay for trips online
- Book Bee Happy After School Club

It is best, once you have registered via the Arbor website, to then download the App onto your phone with notifications activated, as you can also receive messages via the App.

If you need the register email re sent, please email the office on

gpia.office@coastalpartnership.co.uk

Important Information regarding Absence Messages

If your child is unwell and going to be absent from school please telephone the school office and leave a message on the absence line.

The phone number is **01202 528805** and choose Option 1. Please leave your child's name, class and reason for absence.

If no explanation for absence is received, you will be sent a text via the Arbor system, you can then either respond to this text or phone the school.



Attendance

School Matters!

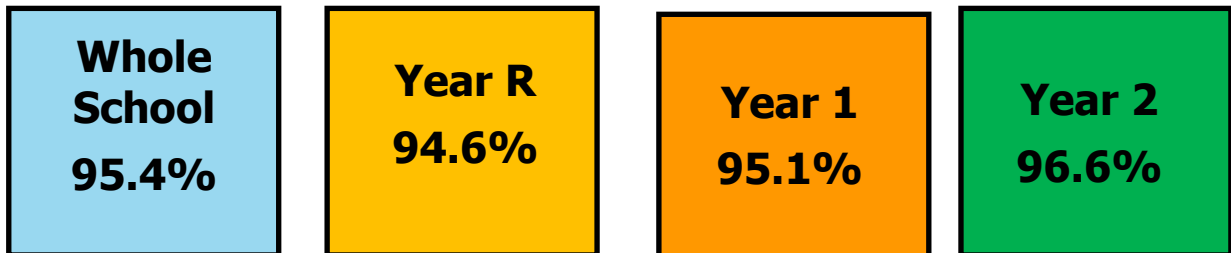


At QPIA we continue to work together to ensure that every child's attendance is the best it can be.

Quite simply, children do better at school if they attend regularly and we aim for at least 96%.

Well done to Year 2 who have the highest attendance:

Attendance figures since September.



If your child has a medical or dental appointment during the school day, please let the office know in advance of the absence.

We will ask for an appointment letter to be seen.

Please remember you can speak with Mrs Parker, our Family Support Worker , if you have worries or concerns in regards to attendance and thankyou for your ongoing support.

Attendance Matters



Dates for your Diary



December

Monday 2nd Yr1 Trip to Etches Museum—Badgers
Tuesday 3rd Yr1 Trip to Etches Museum—Otters
Wednesday 4th Yr1 Trip to Etches Museum—Hedgehogs
Thursday 5th Yr1 Trip to Etches Museum –Foxes

Monday 9th Yr1 Visit St Francis Church
Tuesday 10th 9.15am– Kingfishers Nativity
10.15am Robins Nativity

Wednesday 11th Yr1 Visit St Francis Church
9.15am– Blackbirds Nativity
10.15– Barn Owls Nativity

Thursday 12th Winter Bazaar & Christmas jumper day
Friday 13th 5.30pm Carols with the Band
Treehouse Theatre present Cinderella

Tuesday 17th 2.45pm Year 1 Parents welcome afternoon
Wednesday 18th 2.45pm Year 2 Parents welcome afternoon
Christmas Lunch menu
Thursday 19th Christmas party day
Friday 20th Last Day of term- **1.00pm Finish**



Christmas Holidays

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January

2025

Spring Term:

First Day Wednesday 8th January

Last Day Friday 14th February

Half Term

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

First Day Monday 24th February

Last Day Thursday 3rd April

Easter Holidays

Monday 7th – Friday 18th April

Staff Training Days

Monday 6th January 2025

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Friday 4th April 2025- CLP Trust Inset