



## A happy school; Learning, caring, succeeding together.

Dear Parents and Carers,

So, September is drawing to an end and the Autumn Term is well and truly underway. The start of term, as ever, has flown by and new routines and relationships continue to grow and strengthen. Showing new parents around for 2025 intake (somewhat of a shock to us all!) is already underway and parents have been amazed to see how our new Reception cohort have settled in to their world of "big school" after 2 weeks of full-time school. Well, done to everyone for working together to build the sense of security that all children need to cope with transition and change.

Several families have asked after Miss Donald and I would like to share that she says hello and she can't wait to be back – she is doing well and continues to keep in touch with us.

We have already begun our school year with shiny new reading records and in the year ahead the school will continue to develop its curriculum areas of language, communication and reading. Your engagement with us in supporting these areas of learning is crucial to the opportunities ahead for your children. Thank you to the families who have already signed the home school agreements, acknowledging the joint commitment to support the children to develop, grow and learn.

The Autumn Term Curriculums for each year group are now available for you to read. Please follow the links on the weekly reminders.

Elections for Eco leads and School Councillors in Year 1 and 2 will be soon be upon us (Reception school council elections come later) and I look forward to meeting these new leaders in the coming month.

For now, as Autumn arrives I wish us all the best for the coming year, thank you for all your continued care and support. I hope to see you at the upcoming PFA AGM (3rd October) as this year together we intend to revamp our computing room .

If you do have any worries, share them with us. Together we can make things better.

Very best wishes

Mrs T. Edwards .

Headteacher



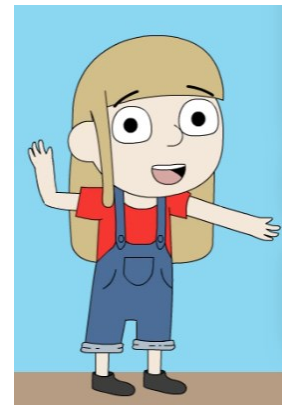
## Online Safety

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the summer holidays and talk about all that they have been enjoying in their free time. We have heard a small number of children talking about and acting out in playtimes some games that cause us concern. Games and related characters including Call of Duty, Grand Theft Auto, Poppy Playtime (including the character Huggy Wuggy), Skibidi Toilet, Roblox and Minecraft are all for children of 13 years and over and some are 18 years or above.

It is recommended that children are supervised at all times using any device that can connect to the internet as they can quickly find themselves viewing something which is not appropriate for their age. As a school we suggest that, rather than YouTube, the app **YouTube kids** is more appropriate as it has a higher level of filtration and there are links to a range of different websites that offer advice on our school website, I particularly recommend Think U Know. Here the children can meet Jessie and her friends and watch animations with an adult to learn more about keeping safe online.

Here is the website below.

[https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/4\\_7/4-5/](https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/4_7/4-5/)



The NSPCC have also very recently released parent support materials for online safety. I sure you remember the character Pantosaurus, Techosaurus will help the children with online safety.

If you have any questions or need support please contact me via the school office.

Miss Lucas – Online Safety Champion

# Our school Therapy Dog– Ru



We welcomed Ru and Karen (her owner) into school from Pets as Therapy on Wednesday after their Summer break. Ru was very happy to visit the children in Year 1 and 2 in their classrooms. Karen explained to the children about Ru's important job in school - to make everyone smile - and was able to answer some of their questions about Ru's favourite games and what she likes to eat.

Karen also shared some important information with the children about staying safe around dogs

Ru is looking forward to hearing lots of children read again this term and will be visiting school on Wednesday afternoons. Do say hello if you see her around.

Mrs Parker– Family Support Worker



DO	DON'T
<p>Ask the owner if it's okay to stroke their dog</p>	<p>Sneak up and surprise a dog</p>
<p>Hello!</p> <p>Let the dog say hello first</p>	<p>Run or shout at a dog</p>
<p>Stroke the dog very gently</p>	<p>Grab a dog's tail or ears</p>
<p>Sit down quietly beside the dog</p>	<p>Hug, kiss or pick up a dog</p>
<p>Be kind to all dogs</p>	<p>Tease a dog with toys or food</p>

For more information or help:

[petsastherapy.org](https://petsastherapy.org)  
[reception@petsastherapy.org](mailto:reception@petsastherapy.org)  
01865 671440

[petsastherapyUK](https://twitter.com/petsastherapyUK)  
 [Pets As Therapy UK](https://www.facebook.com/PetsAsTherapyUK)  
 [petsastherapy\\_uk](https://www.instagram.com/petsastherapy_uk)



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Dear parent/carer,

Living Streets' **WOW – the walk to school challenge** is back to help encourage as many children as possible to experience the benefits of walking to school.

As you know, WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school everyday. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy!

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive to school refreshed, and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates

What if we can't walk to school?

If driving, 'Park and Stride' to help your child earn their WOW badges. Park **at least ten minutes away** from the school and walk the remaining journey.

If using public transport, hop off **at least ten minutes away** and walk the rest (recorded as 'other' on the WOW Travel Tracker).

Where walking to school isn't an option, we work with schools to establish a bespoke approach to WOW that works best for their pupils' needs.

If you have any questions on the adaptability of WOW or have suggestions of how we can improve, we would love to hear your thoughts.

Please email- [walktoschool@livingstreets.org.uk](mailto:walktoschool@livingstreets.org.uk)

**The WOW badges**

There are 11 new WOW badges to be earned, one for every month of the school year. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition.

WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to **Walk with Imagination**, with a selection of badges ranging from a Bird's Eye View to Road Surfing up for grabs.

The badges are made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, visit: [livingstreets.org.uk/recycling](http://livingstreets.org.uk/recycling)

In the UK, last year, around 2,300 schools and over 600,000 pupils enjoyed the benefits of walking to school with WOW. Will you join us?

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact

....., or find more information and useful videos at:

[livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch](http://livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch)

**Let's swap those school runs for school walks.**



## HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH FEAR AND WORRIES

### WHAT IS HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH FEARS AND WORRIES

Is an evidence based intervention, also known as Parent-Led CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy). In this online course a practitioner works alongside parents/carers to support you to help your child overcome their fears and worries.

### WHY PARENT LED

Parents are the experts when it comes to their child and they are in the best place to motivate and encourage their children. It enables the parent to understand anxiety, what they can do about it and how they can help their child to feel less anxious/worried.

### WHAT WILL THIS LOOK LIKE?

This is a 6 week course, online via Microsoft Teams or face to face

All sessions need to be attended

Facilitated by two practitioners

Weekly session lasting 1 hour

Reading and homework between each session

### CRITERIA

New presentations of worry/anxiety within the last 6 - 12 months

Child aged between 5 -12 years

Worries/Anxieties which are not explained by trauma or life factors

Not already open to CAMHS or previous CAMHS involvement

Parent/carer who is open to become co therapist for their child and implement skills learnt on course

### FEEDBACK FROM FAMILIES

This course it has made such a difference and I am just beaming with pride for my child

This course has been brilliant and I feel I have learnt so much

This course has been so helpful, I could have done with this course 6 months ago

'Go for it!' you'll learn some really great stuff that will benefit the whole family'



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# PARENT/CARER WEBINAR

## SUPPORTING PARENTS

Are you struggling to understand why your child behaves the way they do? All children misbehave but when it impacts family life it can feel isolating. This webinar is suitable for parent/carers of primary aged children.

The 1 hour session aims to:

- help you understand why your child may misbehave
- show the importance of connection
- provide top tips to help to make changes



**THURS 17TH OCTOBER**  
**4PM**

<https://bit.ly/4grbic7>

Please note: This is for Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch schools only.

[dhc.mhstbcp.webinars@nhs.net](mailto:dhc.mhstbcp.webinars@nhs.net)

**If you would like further information,  
please contact Mrs Parker through the  
school office**

## 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](mailto: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>

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

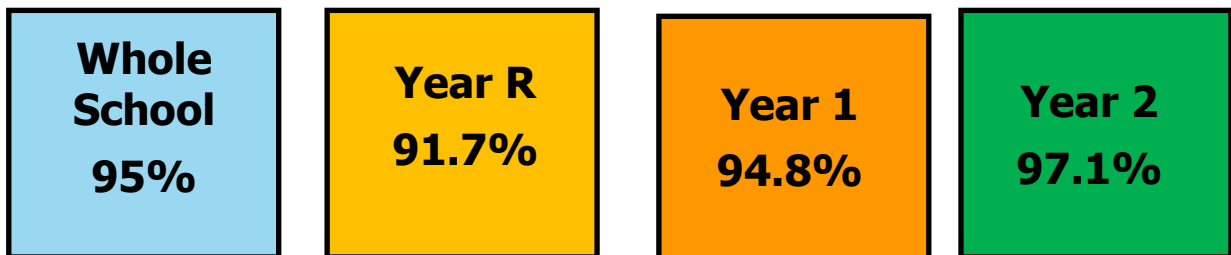


At QPIA we continue to work together to ensure that every child's attendance is the best it can be.

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



## **Autumn Term:**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September First Day of term  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September Year 2 Visit to St Francis Church

## **October**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October Year 2 Visit to St Francis Church  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7pm- PFA AGM  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Year 1 & Year 2 Parents Evening  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup>- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Reception Parents Evening  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October Last Day of term

## **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Half Term**

## **November**

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>—Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Inset Day**

First Day of term

Individual Photos

Friendship Week

## **December**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

9.15am– Kingfishers Nativity

10.15am Robins Nativity

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

9.15am– Blackbirds Nativity

10.15– Barn Owls Nativity

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Treehouse Theatre present Cinderella

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Last Day of term- 1.30pm Finish

### **Christmas Holidays**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

### **Staff Training Days**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### **Bank & Public Holidays**

#### **2024**

*Christmas Day- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December*

*Boxing Day – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December*

#### **2025**

*New Year's Day – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January*

*Good Friday – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April*

*Easter Monday – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April*

*May Day Bank Holiday- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May*

*Spring Bank Holiday- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May*