



## NEWSLETTER

"Celebrate Learning, Achieving and Friendship in God's Love"

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Firstly, I would like to say it has been fantastic to welcome all the children back. They have all coped amazingly with all the changes that have been put into place and it has been an absolute pleasure to see their love of learning.

With this in mind, we would just like to remind parents the importance of supporting your children with any work sent to complete at home. As a school, we believe little and often is the best policy when encouraging your children with their home learning.

I know Mrs Hulme will be starting phonics with the Reception children next week and just spending 10 minutes each day reinforcing this learning will make a huge difference for your child. If in doubt, please contact your child's teacher.

As a school we have invested in full access for all the online resources from [www.spellingframe.co.uk](http://www.spellingframe.co.uk) and [www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)

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and would encourage you to have a look as there are a range of games and practice resources available for the Otters, Penguins and White Tigers. As with anything, the more

children are given opportunities to practice at home the more this will help them achieve their full potential.

Understandably, following lockdown we have noticed the children are not accessing TT Rockstars as frequently. I cannot stress the importance of children using this resource as developing their knowledge of the times tables and corresponding division facts are one of the foundations of mathematics in Primary School and beyond. We aim to have a relaunch in October so please keep a look out for further information in the coming weeks.

On a separate note, we have had several queries regarding water bottles in the classroom and I would like to clarify a few points. Firstly, we encourage and provide children plenty of opportunities to drink frequently during the day and encourage children to stay hydrated and understand why this is important. As with most schools, we ask that the bottles are filled with still water which can be accessed during the day. If your child wishes to put a separate drink (flavoured) into their lunchbox that is absolutely fine.

Once again, many thanks for your support.

Mr Dodson  
Deputy Headteacher

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### Covid-19 Cases Update

Just to update you on the current situation locally:

There are no confirmed cases in our school currently.

QEGS Secondary school have had 1 new case amongst the students this week. They continue to follow guidelines and have kept year group bubbles at home and notified all students who were close contacts of the positive case and told them they must isolate for 14 days.

### Payment Arrangements



Owing to the cost of SchoolMoney more than doubling, our school will be switching provider to ParentPay, starting after the half term. We attach some information about ParentPay to our newsletter, it is the market leader online payments service, and is also used by our Secondary feeder school QEGS.

Once up and running we will put a hyperlink onto the newsletter and our webpage will be amended with a link as well.

**Activation letters** are scheduled to be sent out before the end of the half term, including to those separated parents who currently have that facility. We would appreciate it if parents would get themselves set up ready for when the school reopens after the half term holiday. Credits will be transferred.

Please can parents ensure that **any monies owed on SchoolMoney** are paid up for the end of the half term? Owing to the pandemic we are not accepting cash payments.

Thank you for your support.  
School Office staff

### Parent Consultation Evenings

The arrangements for our parent consultations will be different this year and will be done over the telephone. **They will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October between 3.45pm and 6.00pm.**

Teachers will be sending out further details, via ClassDojo, about booking an appointment.



### QEGS Virtual Open Evening

QEGS will be doing their Open Evening for prospective students virtually this year, please see the attached leaflet. Families of Years 3, 4 & 5 as well as Year 6 pupils are invited to register. It will take place next **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** with a live Q&A at 5.00pm and 6.00pm, a talk, virtual tour, and lots more. More information is available on the QEGS website or follow this link:

<https://wp.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/open/>

### Flu Immunisations

The school nursing team will be at school to administer the nasal spray for this years flu immunisation on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. It is available for all our pupils, from Reception through to Y6. The sign up procedure is different this year as it is an online consent form. We are still awaiting the information but when it comes through to us we will email it out.

### Census Day

Thank you for your support on Census Day. We had a fantastic up take of school dinners on Thursday from Reception and Otters. It really does help by ensuring funds do not have to be diverted from our budget for learning resources. Mrs Andrew had to think on her feet as there were no potatoes delivered so lasagne was on the menu rather than cottage pie! The chocolate cake for pudding was very popular.

### White Tigers Tie Dye!

White Tigers got into the swing of things with a tie dye mini 'alchemy' recycling project which the children enjoyed Tuesday afternoon. They recycled some unwanted out of date vegetables and a duvet cover!

Perhaps the new trendy fabric samples could be made into groovy face masks at home?!



### Recycled Plastic Art

A reminder that Mrs Lafford wants your plastic bottle tops! Any colour will do. White Tigers are looking to re-create this wonderful piece of art for an RE display and needs plenty of recycled bottle tops. If you can help please send them in, thank you.



### Ladybirds Recycled Eggbox tree



Ladybirds class would like to create this fab recycled egg box tree during the autumn term and are still on the lookout for any donations of egg boxes which have contained **12 eggs and can be of any colour**. They will be used to create an environmentally friendly tree during the period of Advent.

### Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We still have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor and are looking for an energetic, positive and resourceful person to join our team to supervise our children during midday routines.

**Start Date:** as soon as possible.

**Hours:** term time Monday to Friday 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  hours from Noon to 1.15pm at an hourly rate of £9.24 (£17,842 FTE).

If you or someone you know would be interested please do get in touch and contact us on

**01538 308356 or**

**Email:** [office@waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk)

Even if you would not be able to cover every day we would still love to hear from you.

### Autumn Half Term

Just a reminder that pupils are due to finish for half term on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** (Inset day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>). School will reopen on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.