

The Quinta Primary School

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Non Uniform Day 16th November

Bottle Tombola



All children are invited to come in to school in non uniform on Thursday 16th November in exchange for a bottle for the Merry Market bottle tombola. This can be anything in a sealed and unused bottle: wine, beer, juice, bubble bath, moisturiser; the list is endless - if it is in a bottle it counts!



Drop-off Location:

Please pass all bottle<mark>s to</mark> your child's class teacher on Thursday 16th November.



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Aladdin Pantomime in School - Funded by the Friends of Quinta

The Friends of Quinta have kindly paid for the school to enjoy a little bit of festive spirit in-house. We have a professional stage company performing the pantomime Aladdin to the following year groups: Year 5 & 6 9am -10am, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 - 10.15am - 11.15am, Year 3 & 4. -1.15pm - 2.15pm. Thank you to the Friends of Quinta for your kind gesture :)



A Plea for Parent Helpers

Christmas Lights at the School - As you will know, each year The Quinta Primary School adds a little Christmas sparkle to the estate with their festive lights. We were wondering if there are any parent helpers that would be willing to help us put these up during the week commencing 27th November please? If you are available and can help please either call the school office on 01260 221651 or email <u>admin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</u>.

To set up the Merry The Quinta Wonderland - Again, please could we ask for you lovely parents to lend us a hand setting up the magical woodland and stalls within the school grounds on Friday 8th December. If you can spare us some time please let the school office on 01260 221651 or email <u>admin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</u>.

PARKING

You will have noticed that we have recruited some helpers in raising the awareness of road safety. The Congleton Rotary have donated £1000 to school to enable us to purchase 6 of these safety buddies. The feedback has been tremendous.

Our only desire is for all drivers to be considerate about how they arrive, where they park and know that no driver intentionally sets out to harm a person on the road or pavement and yet **1200 children are injured within 500m of school on the roads every year in the UK.** Let us not have a 3rd at The Quinta!



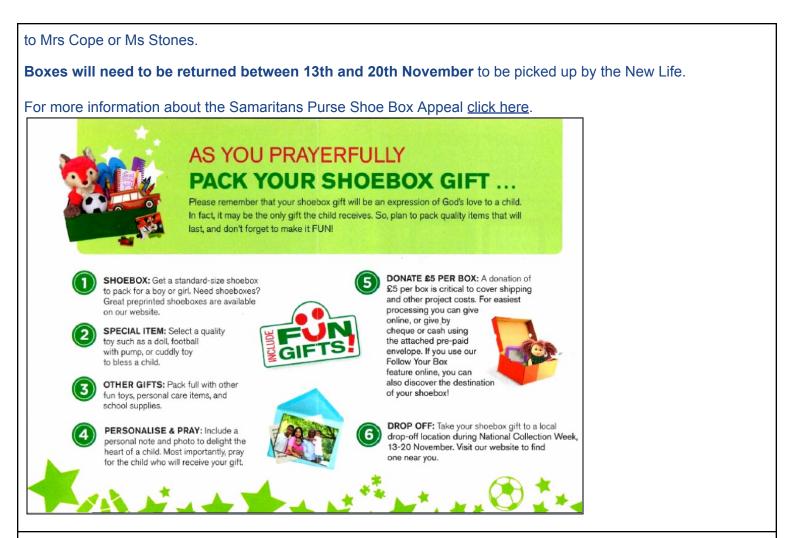
Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal

Your child should have come home recently with a leaflet regarding the shoebox appeal. We are working with New Life Church to donate shoeboxes filled with gifts. There are several options if you wish to participate:

- Making a box with a shoebox from home and donating it to school for New Life to collect.
- Sending items into school for us to donate to New Life to support them with making their own boxes if you do not wish to create a whole box.
- Asking school for a box to make a shoebox. Please bear in mind that this is only as a last resort as New Life have to pay out of their funds for these flat pack boxes. Alternatively, if you are not making a shoebox yourself but have shoeboxes going spare at home, these can be brought into school for us to give to families who might need one to make their shoebox.

Please could all donations/items/spare shoeboxes be brought into school





Fancy a Christmas night out with friends?

Join us on the Friday 1st December from 6pm until 8pm for our annual Christmas Wreath Making Workshop in conjunction with the Friends of Quinta PTA and the wreath making experts **Broadleaf Forest Adventures CIC.**

This is an adults' only event and a chance for you to have some festive fun with friends. So, roll up your sleeves and set your creative side free making your very own Christmas Wreath while enjoying a glass of prosecco (or non-alcoholic drink) and a mince pie. Festive cheer will be aplenty, along with the professional wreath crafting advice from Kirstie and Shereen from Broadleaf Forest Adventures CIC, and most importantly you'll get a fantastic kit containing the following:

- 1 X 12 inch copper wreath ring
- \cdot 1 X wreath binding wire reel
- \cdot 10 X mossing pins and stub wire.
- · 1 X bunch of FRESH foliage, (conifer, holly, ivy, spruce and other mixed festive foliage)
- · 1 X bag of living moss
- · 1 X hessian bow
- \cdot A mixed selection of pine cones, dried cinnamon sticks and



dried fruit slices.

Please note, the lovely ladies at Broadleaf Forest Adventures CIC do ask that you bring a set of kitchen scissors or secateurs so you can really get stuck in.

Tickets for this event are priced at just £35 and they usually go quick. To secure your place please book via <u>Scopay</u> and let the festivities commence!

The CHS Christmas Market

The CHS Christmas Market is back! The festive fun will run from 4-6pm on Friday 1st December - more details to follow but save the date and don't miss out on the chance to enjoy a great evening and stock up on Christmas treats for family, friends and yourself!



Governor Vacancy

Claire Norburn's (Co-chair of governors / parent governor) term of office is due to expire on 27th November 2023. She is happy to renew for a further term of office. However, if you are interested and would like to apply for this role please contact the school office before Friday 10th November 2023.

SEND

Safeguarding

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



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Dates <u>Click here for holiday dates</u>

• Tempest Photography - Class Groups and Year 6 Leavers - 23rd May 2024

Sporting dates for your Diaries

Bee Active

- Monday 4th December KS2 Sports Explorers
- Monday 5th February KS1 Gymnastics
- Monday 11th March KS2 Inclusive sports and wheelchair basketball
- Monday 15th April KS1 Olympics
- Monday 20th May KS2 Combat Dodgeball

Skip-hop(last time as Lee is retiring)

• Tuesday 30th April and Wednesday 1st May 2024

<u>Watersports</u>

- Year 3 Thursday June 20th 2024
- Year 4 Wednesday 10th July 2024
- Year 5 Wednesday 19th June 2024
- Year 6 Wednesday 22nd May 2024

Swimming pool in use 9th-18th July



Key Assessment Dates

Attendance all year round is extremely important for your child's well being and progress however there are some key dates within the year that their attendance is imperative for national assessment, these dates are as follows:

- Key Stage One Phonics Screening Check w/c 10th June 2024
- Key Stage One SATs throughout May 2024
- Year 4 Multiplication Check within the two week period commencing 3rd June 2024
- Key Stage 2 SATs Week Monday 13th until Thursday 16th May 2024

The Quinta Senior Leadership Team			Who to contact
Member of staff	Position	What areas can they support me with?	How to contact/where they can be found

Mr W Sharpe	Headteacher	Escalation of concerns. Any safeguarding concerns.	head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs L Gratton	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to EYFS and KS1.	Igratton@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk Teaching in reception.
Ms S Stones	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to KS2. Any safeguarding concerns.	<u>sstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</u> Teaching in Y6.
Mrs K Bernard	Assistant Headteacher	Issues pertaining to special educational needs. Any safeguarding concerns.	kbernard@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs S Hoyle	School Business Manager	Any issues pertaining to the school office, preschool booking.	sbm@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk In the school office.

Exciting Opportunities

Get set for Christmas with Artisanity

Artisanity, is a supportive community for local makers, crafters and artists based in Congleton.



Join them at their Christmas Craft Fair at Congleton Town Hall on Sunday 19th November 10:30am – 3:30pm.

Alternatively, join them for an evening of shopping, pampering and prosecco at Glebe Farm on Friday 17th November 7pm-9pm.



"The opportunity to learn an instrument offers something very special that can last a lifetime"



Learn a Musical Instrument at School!



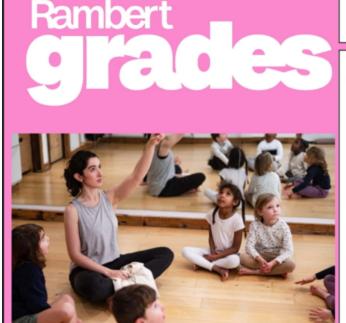
- Outstanding specialist music tuition
- Learn almost any instrument including voice
- Independently rated an "outstandingly effective service" offering "outstanding value"
- Free access to ensembles and performances

Book a course of lessons here:



www.musicforlife.org.uk admin@musicforlife.org.uk 01244 728 922





CREATIVE DANCE WITH SOPHIE

Creative Dance for Early Years is an innovative dance syllabus, created by Rambert Grades. Each

dance class will take the children on an imaginative journey with endless themes. An energetic warm up is followed by physical skills development as the children learn structured

movement material. Creative intuition is encouraged with a closing creative exploration to dive deep into their imagination. Swimming with whales, flying rockets to the moon or adventuring through the desert- every class is different.

Each session will explore movement in a new way and help to develop physical skills, harness musicality and empower confidence in young children

WHERE? The Quinta Primary School.
WHEN? - 31st October 2023 - 5th December, 15:20-16:15 every TUESDAY.
WHO? The club is open to Years 1, 2 & 3.
HOW MUCH? The six-week course is £30 per student (£5 per class). This payment will be made in full, upfront, for the duration of the full course. (In the circumstance of an absence, no refunds will be made) SPACES ARE LIMITED!

Each child will have the opportunity to work towards taking a Rambert Grades Creative Movers exam, which are a celebration of each student's progress at the end of each grade. Each child is rewarded with a bright fabric badge and a certificate (The next set of exams will be Jan-Feb 2024, following this next term). Children who move through the grades are commended on six qualities: Communication, Teamwork, Generosity, Effort, Listening and Enthusiasm.



To secure your place and process your payment, or for further information, please email sophiemoores37@gmail.com.