



# The Quinta Primary School

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Good evening,

It was great to see the return of after school clubs this week. Over the past 5 days the children have enjoyed no fewer than 20 after school clubs offered by the staff at The Quinta. It is challenging for everyone to gain a place at all of the clubs that they request, however if you are on the waiting list this time we will prioritise you next time so that there is opportunity for everyone throughout the year.

Again, we have had 4 positive COVID-19 cases in the school community this week and so far no cases have been brought into school. We remain incredibly grateful to all parents who have worked with the school so far in getting a PCR test if their child has any symptoms or is in a house with a positive case.

This week we said goodbye to Miss Hassell who has been a great member of Team Quinta since her arrival in 2019 bringing lots of energy and enthusiasm into every area she worked.

I was a little ahead of time last week, next week is the last week in September so look out for next week's September Download where we will be announcing the school council, head boy and head girl and celebrating September in school.

Have a lovely, safe weekend

Will Sharpe

## Key Information

### Collecting your children

If you are arranging for your child to be collected by someone other than their usual person, please let the office know with a telephone call or let the class teacher know on the door at drop off. If we are in any doubt, your child will be taken to the office and a phone call will be made whilst the adult waits. Naturally this could be frustrating for the adult collecting.

### PTA

It is with much excitement that we are able to finally announce the relaunch of Friends of Quinta. After all of the restrictions of late I'm sure that everyone will be looking forward to some fun social events. Next week Sara Hoyle, our school business manager, will be getting in touch with the parents that have already registered their interest in joining the team but we are open to anyone and everyone so please fill in the form below, email, call in or speak to her at the front of school any morning. Many hands make light work. Even if you can only spare the occasional evening we would appreciate the help. Watch this space and we will arrange a get together to share some ideas and start making plans.

<https://forms.gle/rgxthh6fPAivoUof6>

### Volunteer gardeners wanted!

As we continue to develop our grounds, we wanted to offer the chance out to our school community to get involved and share their love of gardening. If anyone would like to come in a little earlier before pick up or stay a little later after drop off and help us with any weeding or planting we would be very grateful!

## Request for glass dessert pots / glass ramekins

If you have any mini glass dishes eg. the ones used in GU desserts we would be grateful if you could send them in to school. This will form part of our annual Diwali experience day.



## Dates

[Click here for holiday dates](#)

### October

**1st October** Harvest Assembly

**5th October** Tempest Photographs

**7th October** Reception curriculum evening

**11th and 12th October** Parents' evening

### November

**12th November** Children in Need

### December

**13th and 14th December** Standon Bowers Y2

**5th and 6th December** (afternoon) Preschool 5th and Reception

**6th and 7th December** (evening) Nativity for Y1/2

**8th December** Quinta Wonderland and Merry Market

**9th December** KS2 Carol Service

**16th December** Last day of term (Thursday).

## Safeguarding

- Mr Sharpe (headteacher) DSL - Designated Safeguard Lead
- Mrs Bernard (assistant headteacher and Y4 class teacher) Deputy DSL
- Ms Stones (assistant headteacher and Y6 teacher) Deputy DSL
- Mrs Wootton (Y3 class teacher) Deputy DSL

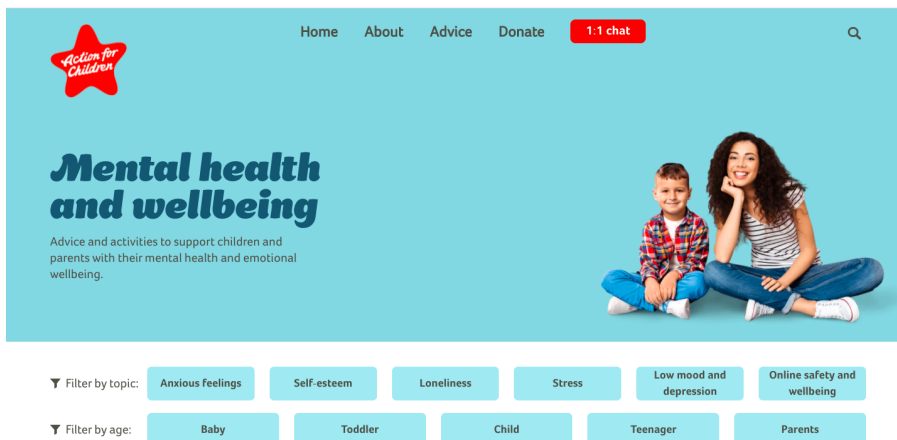
In the questionnaire you told us that you would like more information with emotional safety. We will endeavour to support you with this over this half term.

[Action for Children Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)

Advice and activities to support children and parents with their mental health and emotional wellbeing can be found on the Action for Children website which is linked above and here:

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/>

We thought that the ‘anxious feelings’ topic had some really useful information and advice in particular. You can also filter by age so you could use the site for advice regarding older or younger children too.



## COVID-19

### Key COVID information

- **What to do if your child is ill:** If your child presents with any of the following symptoms please do not send them to school and instead seek a PCR test:
  - a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
  - a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
  - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
 In addition, if your child is unwell for example stomach upset, runny nose, headache, fatigue, diarrhea, then we would urge you to get a PCR test to rule COVID out.
- **What to do if a person in your household is positive:** Please get your child COVID tested before returning to school and if they are negative get another PCR test if they develop symptoms. We will only remain open by being extra cautious - especially if we take the evidence from Scotland as an indication of what is to come.

## Reminders

### The Quinta Curriculum

We promised to give greater signposting to our curriculum which has been available in extensive detail on the school since 2019. [Here is a direct link to find out more.](#)

## Community

## Families Cheshire Magazine September/October 2021

Please find the link to the Families Cheshire magazine for September and October 2021.

## Flu Consent

Consent forms for the flu immunisation have been emailed out to parents. It is attached again here for your convenience. Flu consent form

## AUDITIONS 2021

### National Youth Boys', Girls' & Training Choirs of Great Britain

Audition booking opens: Tuesday 7 September, 12 noon and closes: Sunday 10th October.

National Youth Choirs of Great Britain (NYCGB) is delighted to announce details of this year's auditions for the National Youth Boys', Girls' and Training Choirs.



For young singers who have a passion and talent for singing with others that they want to take to the highest level, along with a readiness to learn, an NYCGB audition can be the start of something amazing! Financial assistance is available to cover the £20 audition fee and anyone on free school meals can audition for free. All auditions will take place online in October and November, and this can be done from home or from school.

FIND OUT MORE: <https://www.nycgb.org.uk/girls-boys-training-choir-auditions>

## FREE OPEN EVENTS

Friday 10 September & Friday 1 October, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

We're running two FREE online Open Events for anyone interested in finding out more about what it's like to be a member of the National Youth Girls', Boys' or Training Choirs, including singing and music teachers, choir leaders and music professionals working with young people aged 9-18.

BOOK A FREE OPEN EVENT PLACE: <https://www.nycgb.org.uk/Pages/Events/Category/open-events>

We hope to meet some of your young singers at our auditions this autumn!

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.	<a href="mailto:head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a>



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Mrs L Gratton	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to EYFS and KS1.	<a href="mailto:lgratton@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">lgratton@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a> Teaching in reception.
Ms S Stones	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to KS2. Any safeguarding concerns.	<a href="mailto:sstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">sstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a> Teaching in Y6.
Mrs K Bernard	Assistant Headteacher	Issues pertaining to special educational needs. Any safeguarding concerns.	<a href="mailto:kbernard@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">kbernard@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a> Teaching in Year 4.
Mrs S Hoyle	School Business Manager	Any issues pertaining the school office, preschool booking	<a href="mailto:sbm@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">sbm@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a> <u>In the school office.</u>
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