



Dear parents and guardians,

If we look close enough, the beauty is all around. This photo was taken by Mandy Beckett this week. We have challenged the children to get outside this weekend and have fun in the autumn colours. Have some time with them this weekend enjoying the outdoors.

Thank you to all parents and teachers who made themselves available for the parent teacher consultation calls this week. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and during the current crisis it has been even more important to make those connections.

Welcome to Darcie Mae and her family who joined our preschool this week, it's great to have you with us.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Sharpe

Key Information

- **Wear a coat!**

We still have pupils turning up to school without a coat. If it's raining we are still going out, your child will just be asked to stand underneath a tree where they will get less wet.

- **Remote learning**

If your child is absent from school for any reason and well enough to complete the Seesaw tasks then we implore you to do your best to get them to complete them. If your child is isolating but well, it is expected that they complete the tasks assigned.

- **Donations, requests etc**

We will not be asking for any more donations this term. Usually we would be asking for donations for merry market hampers, Children in Need, cake sales but this year we are stripping it back due to COVID and the economy. Instead, we are just asking you to support our balloon race. We are desperate to get our play equipment upgraded. If you can help spread the word, perhaps your employer can buy some and advertise their business on 10 balloons. The virtual balloon race takes off on 31st Oct. Every class will be taking part and the leaderboard will be shown daily. It would be great if you could support us with this by purchasing a balloon for your children, company or raise awareness for something. We are hoping it really takes off! Thank you to those who have already bought balloons. **Win £500 cash, a new iPad or vouchers.** Don't forget to design your balloon and name it so that your child can spot theirs during the race. You can now buy your balloon here. A balloon is £3 and all money raised will be spent on outdoor climbing equipment. and best of luck. <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/755>.


- **Free book this weekend**

We have an author in our midst! Mr Jackson (father of Phoebe and ex Quinta pupil Annabel) has written a fantasy novel which is already selling very well on Amazon. The Search for Jewel Island is described as similar to the Percy Jackson books and is aimed at 11/12 year olds but could be accessed by younger children depending on their maturity or confidence with reading. The special treat is that the ebook is going to be made available for free on Amazon for one day only on **Saturday 17th October**. This is especially exciting for Y6 as Mr Jackson has kindly offered to do an author Q&A with them on Thursday morning. We would like to challenge as many Y6s as possible to read the book before then!

For those who wish to, the school will still take your donations for:
-Operation Christmas Child shoebox
-Harvest Storehouse
-Engineering £1 day
See the end of newsletter for more info.

<p>Open Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The slots for our open day (Saturday 24th October) will be 9-10am, 10-11am or 11-12pm in order to adhere to COVID guidelines. Please register your interest here https://forms.gle/hpF6EhWjKBYup4qDA or ring Mrs Moores in the school office if you would like to book a slot so that we know numbers and can plan accordingly. Thank you. • School lunches From Monday 9th November – Red choice on the lunch menu will be the hot meal choice. This choice will no longer be an egg option. From 9th November the red option will be from the normal Autumn Term Menu that can be accessed from our school website. • Water bottles A reminder that water bottles should only be filled with water and not any other juices or squash. 	
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Safeguarding 

<p>Dealing with online safety for children can be a difficult task. We would like to share this link with you. Here you can find guides for what to be aware of at different age groups: under 5, 6 - 9 years old, 10-12 years and 13+ . https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/the-best-approach</p>	 <p>Get Safe Online Free expert advice</p>
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Reminders 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Purchase a brand new iPad monthly ✓ Hand sanitizer and tissues for all children 	<p>18.9.20 we sent out details of how you could lease purchase iPads for your family which the children can then use in school and home to complete work on. Use the code quinta2020 https://www.cpu.co.uk/cint/mobilelearning/selectSchool.asp</p> <p>Please ensure that your child has a hand sanitiser and personal packet of tissues with them every day in school.</p>
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✓ PE non-participation

A reminder that if your child cannot take part in a PE session for medical reasons then they must bring in a note explaining why/or have a note written on Seesaw detailing this. They must also then come into school in their uniform.

✓ Easy Fundraising



We have registered Friends of Quinta Primary School, Congleton with #easyfundraising, which means over 4,000 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us-it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

Click on the link below to find out more

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foquintaps/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-f1

✓ Secondary school places

Thank you to the parents that have already applied for their child's high school place. If you have not yet done so a reminder that the closing date is 31st October. Reminder letters with all the information which were sent from Cheshire East Council were posted on Seesaw this week.

Dates

- 24th October: School Open Day

We are holding a weekend open day if we can, after half term - restrictions permitting!

- 24th November: School health in.

The school health team will be in on Tuesday 24th November to administer the Fluenz nasal spray to all pupils for whom consent

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half term 23rd October - 3rd November 	<p>forms have been returned.</p> <p>School closes next Friday 23rd October for half term and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd November. Monday 2nd November is an inset day.</p>
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Community Events/Information

COVID information poster for parents/carers.

Applying online to high school for Y6 parents and reception for preschool parents.

A pumpkin trail organised by the East Cheshire Mumbler Society.

A Guy Fawkes Competition from the Rotary Club
Follow the Competition on Facebook
[@congletonrotary](#)

[COVID information poster](#)

[Apply online information](#)

[East Cheshire Mumbler Pumpkin Trail](#)



From New Life Church, Congleton

It is shoebox appeal time already!

New Life Church is coordinating the collection from Congleton and the surrounding area. Last year we received around 1000 boxes which made a lot of children, who would normally have received nothing, very happy.

It's even more important this year that we support children in many countries across the world to make them smile during these difficult times of covid as well as war and famine.

If you choose to take part ordinary shoe boxes can be used or you can get a box from the school entrance area..

The boxes need to be ready to drop off at New Life Church during the week 9th - 16 November.

For more information about the shoebox appeal follow this link

samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ

Storehouse donations

This is the list of the kinds of items which can be donated:

Cereal/porridge	Tea bags	Dried pasta
Pasta sauce	Milk	Sugar
Biscuits	Tin of beans	Pack of cup a soup
Tinned veg e.g. peas/carrots		Tinned peas
Meat ravioli	Tuna	Pack ready rice
Tinned curry or chilli		Tin of tomatoes
Tinned fruit	Rice pudding or custard	
Jam	Pack ready pasta or noodles	
Tin ham	Smash	Gravy mix
Bottle of squash	Hot chocolate	Chocolate swiss roll
Mince pies	Christmas pudding	Crisps in carton
Haribo type sweets	Pack of stuffing	Biscuits