

Dear parents and guardians,

This has truly been a community week: our staff have been creating The Quinta Wonderland (thank you for the lights and decorations donated); our children have prepared cards and crafts for local elderly residents; and our kitchen staff have served up a fantastic Christmas dinner to the whole school. It has felt like Team Quinta has really pulled together in the final run up to Christmas.



Wendy Townley from Heath View Extra Care for the Eldeley came to collect gift bags for the residents from our head boy and head girl this week. A bag of gifts were given to school for the children to say thank you. Today was Christmas jumper day and it was lovely to see the children taking part in the festivities. There is a modicum of normality here.

In a final note, a number of parents have raised concerns with the school this week that, although they fall outside our jurisdiction, impact significantly on our local community:

Parking and driving close to school - schools are naturally busy places at pick up and drop off times.

This week we had a near miss with one of our younger pupils. Please park a safe distance from school and walk where possible.

Dog fouling - a growing number of local dog walkers are not collecting their pets' mess. Not only is it dangerous but little shoes have a habit of finding it with consummate ease.

Have a great weekend,
Will Sharpe

Key Information

- **Last day of term Friday 18th December**

We will be closing on Friday 18th December at usual time as published. The government announced that school may finish on Thursday 17th december so that staff involved in the school's 'track and trace' process do not have to work up to Christmas Eve. We have made the decision to keep to our published dates and will finish, as planned, on Friday December 18th at the regular time for your child's year group. We also felt our children have missed out on so much social interaction that we are desperate to keep school open wherever possible. I know our children are really looking forward to next Friday which will be a huge celebration.

- **Final day of term - party day**

Christmas parties this year will take place in classes on the last afternoon of term for everyone: **Friday 18th December**. The children can come to school in their party clothes.

- **Quinta Wonderland**

Our Quinta Wonderland is ready to be explored! From 4-5pm next week we have designated a bubble per day for you to come and walk around our wonderland (The Quinta wild garden) with your family. The days for each year group are as follows:

Monday 14th - Preschool and Reception

Tuesday 15th - Year 5 and 6

Wednesday 16th - Year 1 and 2

Thursday 17th - Year 3 and 4

We recommend bringing torches to enjoy the lights and installations at their best. We look forward to seeing you there.

From 4pm come into school the usual way and round the back to the wild garden. Please adhere to social distancing rules and keep your family together.

The idea was to bring some festive cheer to end a difficult year. You'll even be able to pick up a toasted marshmallow if you wish .

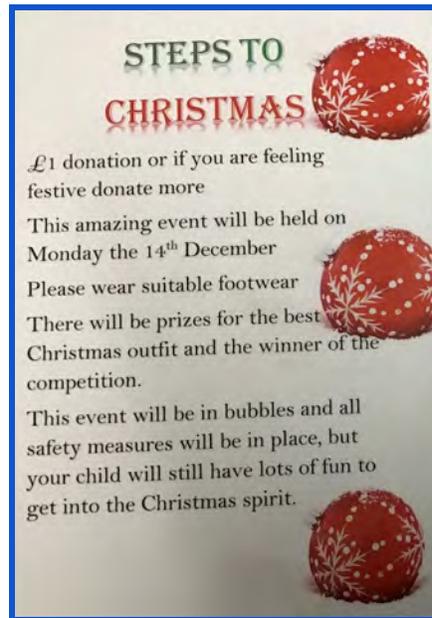
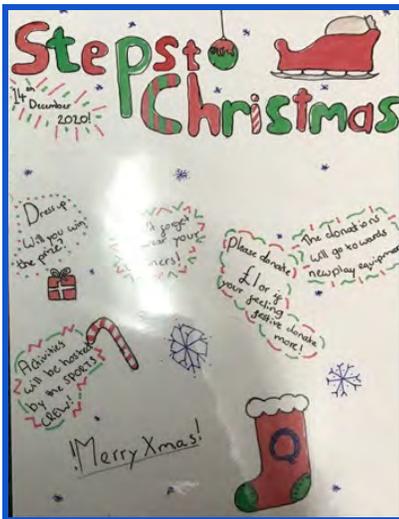
- **Community projects** - We have been taking part in some Christmas community projects to spread a little cheer to elderly residents in our community. We have been learning some Christmas songs in our classes and next week we will be filming all the children, so we can send them to Heath View and Greengables care homes. If you do not want your child to be in the video, please let your child's teacher know by next Monday 14th at 9am please. We will also be sharing these with you via Seesaw.

- **Christmas card orders**

The Christmas card orders are due to be dispatched ready to arrive with us early next week. The additional items such as teddies or mugs etc will be with us a couple of days after that. We have been assured that all the orders will be here before the end of next week and they will be handed out as soon as we receive them.

- **Steps to Christmas**

On Monday 14th December the Quinta Sports Crew have organised a **FUN**raising day. They have designed a ‘Santa Dash’ for each bubble to take part in at some point during the day. Every child will receive a Christmas hat which has been very kindly donated by DV8 and Happy Feet Flooring. The children can come to school in their festive outfits. There will be a best dressed prize for each class. All money raised will be for outdoor play equipment and children can be sent in with £1 (or more!) donation if you wish to contribute. There will be medals for the best dressed in each and the fastest around the Santa Dash!



Safeguarding

Roblox is an online game creator system where the majority of the content is created by “amateur” game creators. These game makers are able to create and publish games to the community using simple tools. These games can then be played by children worldwide, often online together, through a phone or tablet application or a web browser. What parents need to be aware of is the chat aspect of the game where children can talk to others and the parental controls that can be put in place.

[How children can play on Roblox safely](#)



Reminders

✓ Feedback for staff

We have received some wonderfully supportive feedback on the response form from last week's download. We will be putting these onto a display in the staff room - they are worth more than any gift. If you want to leave any feedback here is the form:

<https://forms.gle/PEBEcPUxsmVCDysWA>

✓ Medical information

Over the last 2 weeks we have asked parents to complete the medical information form. Please can you make sure you have completed this task. The link is here for those few that haven't:

<https://forms.gle/qSV5jN4rEj5h8PtN7>

✓ Order snack

Don't forget to order your child's snack on your ScoPay account the same way you order school dinners.

✓ Consent forms

For parents of children Y1 and up please complete the consent form for allowing the usage of images and videos of your child. On the form there is an explanation as to how and why these may be used by the school. Thank you.

Celebrations

Christmas panto

Currently in the final stages of recording their last song for 'A Cong Bear Christmas Panto'. Quinta's very own, Phoebe Jackson plays Goldilocks and the Gingerbread girl. Quinta 'alumnus' Annabel is the lead, 'Cinders'. It's on Canalside radio on 12th December. Well done girls and apparently even an appearance from Mum and Dad. Thanks for getting in touch and letting us know.

Congleton In Bloom

We are very pleased to have received an award of 'recognition and pride' from Congleton In Bloom. Please see attached the certificate and letter from Councillor David Brown. [Congleton In Bloom certificate](#)

Dates

Steps for Christmas
Monday 14th December

Christmas outfit with sensible shoes for a day of festive fun organised by the children and staff in school.

Friday 18th December

Party afternoon in school. Your child can wear their own clothes.
End of term

Monday 4th January 2021

School reopens for the spring term.

