



The Quest School Christmas Newsletter 2021

Headteacher: Anne Martin

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Dear Parents and carers

It has been another busy and productive term at school, and this newsletter shows a few of the exciting and varied activities in which our pupils have been participating. We have finished off the term with a wonderful Christmas production! We are so proud of how well our students performed in the production, and they all seemed to thoroughly enjoy performing! It was a shame not to have a live audience, but hopefully next year we will be back to normal.

Thankfully we have managed to avoid Covid infections circulating within school this term, and I would like to thank you all for your part in this, by acting with care and consideration if you think your son/daughter may have come into contact with a positive case. Hopefully we can continue to work together to ensure we remain Covid-free as we start the new term in January.

On behalf of all the staff at Quest, we wish you a very happy Christmas!

Anne Martin

Welcome and Farewell

We welcomed three new students this term who have all settled in well; we have also welcomed some new staff members: Louise, Jo, Kirsten, Izzie, Sophie, Jess, Sten and Davinia. At the end of this term, we say farewell to staff members Maria and Daina and wish them all the best in their new ventures.

We also have some lovely baby news this term! Congratulations to staff members Danielle and Rhea on the safe arrival of their little bundles of joy.

Buttercups Goat Sanctuary

Our sixth form pupils have enjoyed regular visits to a goat sanctuary as part of their curriculum, where they have been learning how to take care of the goats. They have listened to a talk on safety instructions and had the opportunity to groom the goats and fill up their water troughs. This has been a great experience for them to practise their independence skills, as well as social skills with adults who are not familiar to them.



Asia Theme Day

Pupils participated in a very vibrant and colourful Asian Theme Day. They completed a range of arts and crafts activities including making a fan, decorating a dragon, designing a Cherry Blossom tree and contributing a piece of work to a group art

project. In addition, the pupils spent time in a pop up sensory room where they participated in a yoga session.



Children in Need

In November, the pupils supported Children in Need and the School raised £160 – thank you for your kind donations! The pupils took part in an assembly where they learnt more about what Children in Need is



and why fundraising is so important. They participated in a range of activities including arts and crafts, a collaborative Pudsey Bear, a dance-a-thon, biscuit decorating and a bake sale.

Woodland Walk

The pupils have wrapped up warm and participated in woodland walks to explore nature. On their return to school they discuss what they had seen and complete activities in their woodland walk booklets.



Christmas Jumper Day

The staff and pupils enjoyed a very festive theme day whilst supporting Save the Children for Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for your kind donations. Pupils enjoyed a range of activities including card making, creating Rudolph masks, making personalised baubles, posing in the photo booth and dancing at a Christmas party.



Topics for next term

Topic: Pirates
Music: Feel the Pulse
PSHE: Managing Feelings

PE: Gymnastics
Science: Winter

P.E Kits

Please could you ensure that your child has a P.E Kit in school at all times including plimsolls or trainers. It is an important life skill for them to be able to dress and undress and P.E provides the perfect opportunity for them to develop this skill.

	<p>Illness</p> <p>If your child is sick and will be absent from school, <u>please could you phone the school office by 8.30am</u> each morning and leave a message if no one is available to take the call. Please do not report your child's absence by Tapestry or email. If pupils have sickness or diarrhoea, they cannot return to school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. If pupils have a contagious condition or illness, they cannot return to school until the appropriate course of treatment has been completed. Please let the office know if your emergency contact details have changed so we can update our records.</p>
	<p>Spare Clothes</p> <p>We have a VERY limited supply of spare clothes, which we use if pupils need a change of clothes at school, and do not have a spare set in school. If your child is sent home in these clothes, please could you wash and return them to school as soon as possible.</p>
	<p>Instructions for school closure in the event of severe weather</p> <p>In the event of severe weather, we may find that there may be problems for members of staff in reaching school, which would result in making supervision very difficult.</p> <p>If we do make the difficult decision to close the school, we will inform you by the KCC Kent Closures website, Facebook and the school website. We would aim to have a newsflash on the front page of our website by 07:30am.</p> <p>We would then ask that you contact your taxi driver to let them know that the school is closed.</p> <p>www.kentclosures.co.uk www.facebook.co.uk/TheQuestSchool www.questschool.co.uk</p> <p>If there is heavy snowfall during the day and we need to close the school early, we would contact you to let you know.</p>

TERM DATES 2021/2022

Term 3

Start: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Finish: Friday 11th February 2022

Inset Day: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Term 4

Start: Monday 21st February 2022

Finish: Friday 1st April 2022

Term 5

Start: Monday 19th April 2022

Finish: Friday *27th May 2022

***Tuesday 3rd May 2022 - School closed in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday**

Term 6

Start: Monday 6th June 2022

Finish: Friday 22nd July 2022

Inset day Friday 27th June 2022