



# Quenissential

September 2018

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## WELCOME BACK!

I hope you all had a good summer break and enjoyed the time spent with your children. We would also like to say a special 'Hello' to new families starting at the school. Please don't hesitate to talk to any member of staff if you have any queries or concerns. Class Teachers should be able to resolve most queries but Mrs Hardy is always available to talk to parents by appointment if necessary. We would like to welcome Mrs Helen Metcalfe to the school who will be teaching in Year 4.

## Congratulations

to  
Helen Wright and her partner Byron on the  
on the birth of  
Freddie Dean Barrow  
7lbs and half an ounce!  
July 29th 2018 at 8.14pm

The biggest surprise being that Helen and Byron were twice told they were expecting a girl and actually have a beautiful baby boy!



## Communication

This edition of the Quenissential will be issued as a hard copy to all families. Subsequent newsletters will be e-mailed to you but there will be some hard copies available in all classrooms or from main reception. **It is important that you read all Quenissentials as this is one of the main ways we communicate information to you.**

## Piano

Mr. Chris White will be teaching piano lessons on a Friday Morning. These will be at a cost to parents. Letters have been given to those children who express an interest. Please contact the school office if you would like to know more.

## Guitar

There are some vacancies for guitar lessons on a Tuesday. Please contact Jon Page for more information.

Tel: 07814572320

[jons\\_stringdom@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jons_stringdom@yahoo.co.uk)

## Flu Immunisation Day

**Monday 22nd October 2018**

## Years 6 Transfer Applications

**ALL** Year 6 families must complete an application form for transfer to secondary school by **Wednesday 31st October 2018**. Online applications can be made by visiting [www.leics.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.leics.gov.uk/admissions).

## Crossing Patrol

We currently do not have anyone on duty to ensure safe crossing outside school.

**We are looking for someone to be our new Crossing Patrol.**

Please contact the school office if you know of anyone who may be interested in this vital role and we will be able to put you in touch with the Road Safety Team.



## Building Work

We have had a lot of structural work done to the school during the summer holiday. A new lobby and office have been created to the front of the school and we have had a new fire detection system installed throughout the school. Please bear with us as final 'tweaks' are completed!

### Exceptional Circumstances Absence Forms

This policy is in line with other local schools. The government's minimum expectation for a normal child to be in school is 95%. Some of our children have term time holidays and then also have time off ill during the year, hence their attendance percentage is poor. Whilst we understand that children are going to be ill, taking your child away on holiday during term time causes them to miss vital learning and may impact on the progress they make.

Leave can only be granted for 'very exceptional circumstances'. Sometimes having frequent 'odd' days absence can be as disruptive for your child as taking blocks of time off.

Please note:

- **There is no right** to leave or occasional days off during term time.
- Any leave taken [without approval in advance](#) will automatically be marked as 'unauthorised absence'.
- Unauthorised absences are reviewed by the DfE and may be referred to the Education Welfare Officer.
- Exceptional Circumstance Absence request forms are available from the school office. Completed forms should be returned and each case will be treated on an individual basis.

### Air Ambulance Clothing Bank

Don't forget we have a Clothing Bank installed on site in aid of the Leicestershire Air Ambulance. The container is placed at the end of the path in front of the school hall.

### Breakfast and After School Club

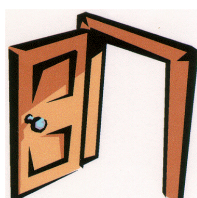
Forms for this provision are available from the school office.

All 'Active 5' sessions will now take place in the school hall. Access to the school is via the pedestrian gate on Coppice Lane. Please park all vehicles on the main road and **not** Coppice Lane.

Please collect your children from the main front door. **Parents should not turn into the staff car park at anytime.**

Children should take all their belongings to the After School Club as there will be no access to classrooms at the end of the day.

Thank you.



### Daily collection and dismissal procedures for pupils.

Children will be welcomed into school from their external classroom doors at 8.50am each morning by their class teacher. Families arriving before this are asked to stay together in the relevant playground. Pupils who come to school alone will not be supervised until this time and we would strongly recommend that only pupils in Years 5 and 6 are permitted to do this. We would also ask that they do not arrive at school before 8.45am.

At the end of each day children will be dismissed from the same outside doors. Children in Foundation Stage to Year Four will only be permitted to go with somebody aged 17 or over who is known to the school. It is sometimes necessary for someone not known to the school to collect a child and we would ask parents to inform the child's class teacher of this as soon as possible.

**Children in Years 5 and 6 who wish to go home alone will need a consent form completed each year by their parent.**

### Glossary for new parents!

When you look at the calendar at the end of this newsletter there may be some events which you may not be clear about! Please see one of the staff if you have any queries.

**GOLDEN BOOK ASSEMBLY:** This happens every Friday. Children from each class are chosen by their class teacher to go in the 'Golden Book'. Parents of these children are sent a text the day before, inviting them to attend this special assembly.

**STAR OF THE MONTH:** One child from each class is nominated to have Afternoon Tea with Mrs. Hardy! They receive a special invitation by post.

Further information on other planned events will appear in subsequent Quenissentials.

### Late collection!

Whilst we understand that parents may be delayed in exceptional circumstances when collecting your child after school, some children are repeatedly collected late. Children are placed unsupervised in the library if this happens. We now have a procedure to ensure the safety of your children.

On the second occasion of your child being collected more than 10 minutes late, you will receive a letter informing you, that should this happen again during the term, your child will be placed into After School Club and you will incur the full costs of the club.



### A Reminder!

Children have the opportunity to drink water at times allocated throughout the day. Children are only allowed to drink juice with their lunch. Please ensure children in KS1 & 2 have a water bottle in school each day.

Foundation Stage are offered cups of water throughout the day.

Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage children have a piece of fruit provided for them each day for break under the Free Fruit Scheme for Schools. Children in Key Stage 2 are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable for their morning break. Fruit bars or similar are NOT allowed.

### SUITABLE CLOTHING



Your child must have a waterproof coat and suitable shoes to go outside in wet weather. We take children outdoors to play in ALL weather except in exceptional circumstances.

**Children are expected to wear uniform at all times.**

**Long hair must be tied back. (Boys & Girls!)**

No 'flamboyant' hair accessories please!

Please ensure that shoes are suitable for school.

**(School shoes or black trainers)** Shoes with higher than normal heels are not allowed.

They are dangerous around school and could cause unnecessary accidents.

### PE KIT

**Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times!**

White round necked T-shirt, black/navy shorts and plimsolls.

Swimming kit & hats for children using our own pool (for boys and girls).

Children must change their shoes for PE.

Foundation Stage children will not need PE shoes initially.

Plimsolls are required for indoor PE.

Children from **Yr 2-6** must have trainers for outside and **not** plimsolls or AstroTurf boots.

No football shirts or similar allowed.

KS2 children will require a black/navy tracksuit with no logos for outdoor PE in the winter.

**Earrings should not now be worn in school.**

Please arrange for ears to be pierced over the summer break so allowance is made for the initial mandatory 6 weeks.

**A drawstring** sports bag is needed to keep kit in at school.- No backpacks due to limited space in cloakrooms.

### Race for Life

Final total raised:

**£ 2280**

**Thank you for such an amazing effort!**

### Events this Year

The school timetable is becoming increasingly congested.

In order for us to plan events effectively we are going to run some on alternate years.

This year we have decided there will not be a Maypole event as it is so close to the Easter holidays. In place of World Book Day on 7th March we will be holding a 'Roving Books' Day on 8th March 2019.

### CHARITY FUNDRAISING

We are giving children the opportunity to choose a charity which the school will support this year. This means that we may not support other causes such as Children in Need depending on the children's views. This will be led by our School Council and we will notify you as soon as the children have made their decision.

### HALF-TERM :

School will close at 3.15pm on Thursday 11th October and reopens Monday 22nd October

### SCHOOL CLOSURES

Thursday 20th December 2018

### Reading Volunteers

We already have several volunteers who give up their time on a weekly basis to come and listen to children read. We still need more! This can be as little or as much as you can offer.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Mrs. Hardy via the school office.



Queniborough CE Primary School



# **THE GREAT QUENIBOROUGH SHOW**



**Saturday 29th September**

**12-3pm**

**Adults £1 Children free**

To include:

Old fashioned Produce Display

The Great Queniborough Bake Off

The Great Queniborough Craft Bee

Art Display

Scarecrow Exhibition

Flower Arranging Display

Stalls

Barbecue

Live Bands

Fancy Dress Competition

Produce Sale at end of show

**AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!**



**HELPERS  
REQUIRED**

or event may be  
**CANCELLED.**

Please contact  
Mrs Hardy asap.

If any organisations would like to get involved please contact

Joy Hardy at [head@quenischool.org.uk](mailto:head@quenischool.org.uk) asap.

### Sports This Term

All Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children will participate in key skills training on Friday mornings coached by Mr. Darren Merriman.

Key Stage 2 will have blocks of coaching on a Tuesday organised by Premier Sports .



Children will have the opportunity to participate in all weather sports and coaching will take place outside and therefore expect your children to get muddy!

**School Website:**  
**[www.quenischool.org.uk](http://www.quenischool.org.uk)**

Teachers post information relating to their class in our 'Class Pages'

Follow us on Twitter:  
**@quenischool**

Parents may also receive some information by text or email. This is a no reply service.  
email: **office@quenischool.org.uk**

Please do NOT rely on our texting service to remind you of every event.

A Quenissential is usually published at the beginning of each month.

### **EXPERTISE REQUIRED!**

We will be commencing work on our new cooking kitchen this term, looking at menus etc.  
Has anyone got any experience of industrial kitchens or cook/chef experience ? Please contact our Business Manger,  
Mrs Vanessa Yardley, if you can help.

### Entry to Classrooms

For the beginning and end of the day:

**Mrs H Frances:** Fire Door on the little playground.  
**Mrs. Worby** Cloakroom door on the big playground.  
**Mrs. Potts &**  
**Mrs. Durrant:** Cloakroom door on the big playground.  
**Miss Jones &**  
**Miss Farrar:** Cloakroom door on the little playground.  
**Mrs. Metcalfe:** Outside door to big playground  
**Mrs Sharpe:**  
**Miss Blythe:** Please collect from front playground

Please could we ask that ALL parents respect these guidelines in order to cut down on congestion around school.

### NEAR MISSES

We would be grateful if you could notify us if you experience a 'near miss' whilst crossing outside school or any other traffic related incidents.

We need evidence to present to the relevant parties about the traffic issues around the school.

Thank you

### Financial Commitments this term

This is just to give you an idea of financial requests which may be made during this term. The E-payment system allows parents to make payments over time if this would be this would help to spread the cost of these provisions.

1. We have not organised a pantomime this year as would like to run a theatre trip for the whole school during the year
2. Swimming for **Yrs 5 & 6— £22** for the term.
3. Teachers sometimes organise termly educational trips related to their class topic. This would be a maximum cost of **£20**.

### PARKING

In order to reduce congestion on the main road, please could we request that parents do not park on both sides of the road creating a single track carriageway. Please could we trial **ALL** parents parking on the Methodist Church side of the road and not on the side right next to the school.

Parents are reminded that we request that you **DO NOT** turn into Coppice Lane because of Health and Safety issues.

Please could we also request that parking does not take place on the hashed lines near the Crossing Patrol. Local residents frequently complain about parents using their driveways to turn. We have had several 'near misses' when parents have reversed onto the pavement to turn around. Please spend a few minutes to drive up the village to turn around rather than putting lives in danger. Police are also monitoring dangerous parking around The Ringway.

**We recommend that parents park at the Village Hall and walk to the school.**

### 'The Year Ahead' Parents' Update Meeting

Dear Parent/ Carers,

On Thursday 20th September at 7.00pm we are holding a short briefing workshop for **all parents**. This session will focus on the 'year ahead' at our school.

You are warmly invited to attend.

Please indicate below if you are intending to attend by returning the form or e-mailing [office@quenischool.org.uk](mailto:office@quenischool.org.uk) by Monday 17th September.

Thank You.



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#### The Year Ahead Workshop

I / We will be attending the Parent's Workshop on Thursday 20th September at 7.00pm.

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Number of people attending

Signed.....

**Return by Monday 17th September**

## School Dates 2017-2018

Please note that dates across Leicestershire schools will continue to vary this year.

School Term Dates 2018-19	
<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	
August Bank Holiday	Monday 27th August 2018
School Opens:	Tuesday 28th August 2018
School Closes for Half Term	Thursday 11th October 2018
Teacher Training Day	Friday 12th October 2018
HALF TERM	Monday 15th- Friday 19th October 2018
School Opens	Monday 22nd October 2018
School Closes	Thursday 20th December 2018
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	
Teacher Training Day	Monday 7th January 2019
School Opens	Tuesday 8th January 2019
School Closes	Friday 15th February 2019
HALF TERM	Monday 18th- Friday 22nd February 2019
School Opens	Monday 25th February 2019
School Closes	Friday 12th April 2019
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	
School Opens	Monday 29th April 2019
May Day Holiday	Monday 6th May 2019
School Closes	Friday 24th May 2019
HALF TERM	Monday 27th- Friday 31st May 2019
School Opens	Monday 3rd June 2019
School Closes	Friday 12th July 2019

Power House is an after school club for Year 1 to Year 6 children. We meet every Thursday at the Scout Hut from 3.30 to 4.30pm for games, Bible stories, refreshments, DVDs and craft activities. If your child/ren would like to join us please fill in a form available from the school office. Mandy Grainger Grace Worker at St. Mary's Church



### Draft Calendar Dates for the year.

Please be aware these are subject to change and other events will be added in.

September 2018		* Governor dates				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
AUGUST Bank Holiday	28 School opens	29	30	31	1 SEPT	2
3 Yr 5 Bikeability Week	4 FOQS Meeting 7pm	5	6	7 Piano lessons start	8	9
10	11 Yr 6 S&R info evening for parents 3.30pm Year 5/6 Football (Danone Cup Qualifier) 3:30-	12 Yr 6 to Galleries of Justice	13 Yr 3/ 4 Tri Golf (in the school day)	14 2.45 Golden Book	15	16
17	18 Year 5/6 Girls Football (Danone Cup Qualifier) 3:30-5pm  Full Board 6.30pm *	19	20 'The Year Ahead' Parents info meeting 7pm  Year 5/6 Tri Golf	21 2.45 Golden Book	22	23
24 Reading Workshop for FS parents 7pm	25	26	27 YR 6 SRE -am	28 Stars of Month 2.45 Golden Book	29 GREAT QUENI SHOW 12-3pm	30

October 2018						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Finance, Property & Audit 6pm *	2	3	4 Golden Book	5	6	7
8	9	10 SIAMS Gp: 1.30pm* Year 1 Multiskills competition	11 9.30am Harvest Festival @ St. Mary's	12 DISAGGREGATED TEACHER DAY	13	14
15 HALF TERM	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Flu Immunisation Day	23	24 Yr 5/6 to Warning Zone	25	26 2.45pm Yr 6 Class Assembly	27	28
29 Yr 5 Bikeability Week Consultations Booking launch 12 noon	30 Year 6 Orienteering	31 Secondary Apps deadline day				



November 2018						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 Looking @ Learning 3.15pm Stars of the Month	2 Golden Book	3	4
5 Individual Photos am	6	7 Consultations - late night	8 Remembrance 10.50am at Memorial Consultations	9 Golden Book	10	11
12 Anti-Bullying Week BE A LEARNER FS, 3 & 6 KS2 Sportsability Festival	13 Y5/6 Sports Hall athletics	14	15	16 Golden Book	17	18
19 Road Safety Week - Bike Smart	20 BE A LEARNER FS, 1 & 4	21	22 F.P & A Presentation of Accounts 5.30pm * AGM/FULL BOARD 6.30pm*	23 Golden Book	24	25
26	27	28	29 BE A LEARNER FS, 2 & 5 KS2 SEN Boccia	30 Stars of Month Yr 5 Class Assembly		

December 2018						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
3 Christingle Service 10.30am Yr 4	4	5	6	7 Songs & Santa? Lightfest Golden Book	8	9
10	11 Yr 2 Dress Rehearsal TBC	12 Yr 2 Performance 2pm & 6pm TBC	13	14 Pre School Nativity? Golden Book	15	16
17	18	19 9.30am Carol Service ' St. Mary's	20 Christmas Jumper Day 2pm Carols around the Tree  SCHOOL CLOSSES	21 DISAGGREGATED TEACHER DAY	22	23

January 2019						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7 Teacher Day	8 School Opens	9	10	11  Golden Book	12	13
14	15 New starters app deadline Finance, P&A 6pm *	16	17	18  Golden Book	19	20
21	22	23  FULL BOARD 6.30pm *	24	25 Stars of the Month Golden Book	26	27

February 2019						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28	29	30	31	1 Year 4 Class Assembly	2	3
4 BE A LEARNER FS, 2 & 5	5 SAFER INTERNET DAY	6 SIAMS 1.30pm *	7	8 Golden Book	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Golden Book	16	17
18 HALF TERM	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 SATS info evening for Parents 6.30pm	27	28 BE A LEARNER FS, 1 & 4			

March 2019						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 Year 3 Class Assembly	2	3
4 Consultations Booking Launch 12 noon	5 BE A LEARNER FS, 3 & 6 Looking @ Learning 3.15pm	6 Lent Challenge Begins	7 World Book Day Golden Book	8 Roving Books	9	10
11	12 Consultations	13 Consultations Late Night	14	15 Golden Book	16	17
18	19 Full Board 6.30pm	20 Grandparents Gardening Afternoon	21	22 Stars of Month Golden Book	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Mothers' Day Events	30	31

April 2019						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5 Year 2 Class Assembly	6	7
8	9 Finance, Audit & Property 6pm *	10	11	12 9.30am Easter Service @ St Mary's Egg Hunt? Golden Book Bonnet Parade School Closes	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Good Friday	20	21 Easter
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

May 2019						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
29 School Opens	30	1	2	3 Golden Book	4	5
6 BANK HOLIDAY	7 BE A LEARNER FS, 2 & 5  Finance, A & P 6pm *	8	9	10  Golden Book	11	12
13 SATS week	14 FULL BOARD 6.30pm *	15	16	17 Year 1 Class Assembly	18	19
20	21	22 BE A LEARNER FS, 3 & 6 SIAMS 1.30pm *	23 BE A LEARNER FS, 1 & 4	24 Stars of Month Golden Book School Closes	25	26
27 HALF TERM	28	29	30	31		

June 2019						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
3 School Opens	4	5	6 Family Service Yr 5 Afternoon Tea	7 Golden Book	8	9
10 Phonics Screening Week Yr 1	11	12	13 Full Board 6.30pm *	14 FS Class Assembly	15	16
17	18	19	20 Race For Life? SPORTS DAY	21 Golden Book	22	23
24	25	26	27 SPORTS DAY Reserve day	28 Stars of Month Golden Book	29	30

July 2019						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3 Yr 6 Dress Rehearsal 9.30am	4 Yr 6 Performances 2pm & 6.30pm	5 Golden Book REPORTS OUT	6	7
8	9 SATS results day?	10 School Trip Day	11 Golden Book	12 10.30am Leavers' Service @ St. Mary's 12.15pm Family Picnic SCHOOL CLOSES	13	14