
From the Headmaster...

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you and your families continue to stay safe and well in these most challenging of times. Very many thanks, from both myself and all the staff, for all your kind messages, cards and gifts at the end of last term – we hope that you all enjoyed a restful break over the holiday period.

As you are all aware we are now teaching remotely for most children. The staff have been working very hard this week to ensure that the provision provided is of the highest order. Mrs Khan and her team have sent a number of emails to help the children and parents prepare for the term.

We have introduced a form period every morning for the children in P3 and above to monitor their welfare as we are acutely aware of what a challenging time this is for them all both emotionally and mentally. The form period will also allow the children a chance to engage and interact with their peers whilst they are unable to physically be at school.

To ensure that the school is a safe environment for the Nursery children, vulnerable children and children of key workers, a number of actions have been taken: The groups have been put into strict bubbles, the staff will be tested for Covid 19 twice a week and temperature checks will be taken each morning from everyone. Visitors and parents will not be allowed into school.

The start of the Spring term is always a very busy time with a number of our boys and girls taking entrance exams to their senior schools. Most of these exams have taken place or are being replaced with online exams and interviews. May I wish the children taking exams or interviews all the best for the weeks ahead.

Mrs Ahmet and Mrs May have recently tested positive for Covid19 and are absent from school. Both members of staff are quite poorly and I would be grateful if parents could refrain from emailing them until they have fully recovered. Mrs Sweeney will be absent from school and the remote learning following a family bereavement - our thoughts and prayers are with these members of our staff at this difficult time

May I wish you all a safe few weeks. Best wishes,

Radio appearances...

On Sunday 27th December, I was very pleasantly surprised to hear Charan (P4) and Keertan (PP2) and their dad on the Radio 4 'Sunday Programme'. They have been helping to host and taking part in a global meditation and chanting event activity using the 'Gayatri Mantra' for 24 hours earlier in 2020.

You can 'listen again' to the segment which starts about 22 minutes into the BBC Sounds recording at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000qlnz>

House Points from last term...

As we were not able to celebrate the end of term other than in bubbled groups, we didn't announce the final House Point tallies for the term...

Work points:

1 st	Combers	684 points – Well Done!
2 nd	Fraser's	620 points
3 rd	Hallidays	586 points
4 th	Ghalebs	559 points

Reading Challenge and House Football competitions will add some more points to these totals, but the lead which Combers have on the figures above is probably unassailable for now!

Operation Christmas Child Gift Boxes...

As the Christmas holiday started, we were able to deliver all the gift boxes, which QHS families had generously donated. Our nearest collection point was in Ealing, where we took a loaded minibus and saw our 120 or so join with several hundred other boxes, ready to be loaded into containers and shipped abroad.

Thank you so much to all our families for your generosity!



Birthdays coming up ...

Dharsha in P4,
Anoushka in P4,
Ayana in PPR.



Hope you have a really great day when it arrives!

Exam successes...

We have received word that Ameer (PP2) achieved a distinction for his first LAMDA exam in November, and that Krish (P4) took two music exams and was awarded Merit for Piano – Grade 2, and a Distinction for Music Theory – also at Grade 2. Congratulations to both these boys!

We are always pleased to hear of any awards that our children achieve outside their time at QHS. We won't necessarily know about them unless you tell us!

Term Dates for Autumn Term 2021

We have just posted the following onto the QHS website...

The provisional dates for pupils for the Autumn Term 2021 are:

Monday 6th September 2021 – Wednesday 15th December 2021

Autumn Half Term holiday:

Monday 18th October – Friday 29th October

Website Items...

Newly uploaded articles during the holiday...

Look out for:

Wizard Writers (November updated)

and new articles:

**Christmas Baubles, P5 Siege engines, P3 DT work, P5 Art work,
P4 Symmetry and the Panto visit...**

Hope you had a good holiday, see you all at some stage!



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