



QUEENSWAY VOICE

Inspiring Lifelong Learning
September 2016



WELCOME BACK

We hope you enjoyed your summer. The staff have worked hard to make school ready for the new term and we are all looking forward to an enjoyable year. We have welcomed two new teachers into school; Miss Daryl Purves (Year 3) and Mr Alan Steele (Year 5). We would also like to welcome Mrs Julie Herbert, our new Family Support Manager.

As many of you will know, we had a new pond installed during the holiday which we are looking forward to using over the coming months. The pond is part of our drive to increase outdoor



learning. Over the next three months, the staff will be participating in a range of training activities which will help us to deliver more outdoor learning opportunities. We see this as a positive method of engaging the children in learning, increasing the quality of our curriculum and also encouraging the children to lead active lifestyles.

A big thank you to families, staff and governors who supported our "I am Team GB" event during the summer. We had a fantastic turnout with short notice. We wanted to embrace the positive mood created by the success of Team GB in Rio and use the event to encourage more Aireborough families to be actively involved in sports. Children, parents and carers competed for gold, silver and bronze stars. The event was supported by Cycle Leeds,



Guiseley Rangers, Guiseley Football Club, Aireborough Rugby Union Club and Tagtiv8 who all sent coaches along to lead activities.



HOME/SCHOOL PACK

You should already have received and returned a copy of our home/school pack. The pack includes permission slips for local walks and photography in school. If you require a replacement pack, please speak to a member of staff in your child's class.

The data checking sheets for each child will be sent home next week. It is important that you check all the information on the sheet is accurate and up to date, including contact details and medical information. **All sheets** must be checked, signed and returned to school before **Friday 6th October** (this includes sheets that do not require changing).

LOOK AFTER THE LITTLE ONES

To help the children in our Nursery and Reception classes to settle in school and feel safer, we ask all families who do not have children in these two classes to walk to classes via the gate near The Retreat. Please only use the gate into the Foundation Stage outdoor area if you have a child in Nursery or Reception.

MEDICINES

A reminder that in school we can only administer medicines prescribed by a doctor. If your child is on any medication which needs to be administered in school, this needs to be taken to the school office and a permission form needs to be completed.

If your child has an inhaler, this **must be in school at all times**. Please ensure the inhaler is in date and clearly labelled with the child's name. If the child's data sheet indicates that the child has asthma, an inhaler must be in school.

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

On **Friday 30th September** we will be hosting a 'MacMillan Big Coffee Morning'. Fresh coffee, tea, biscuits and cakes will be on sale in the school hall from 8.45am to 9.30. Please join us for a drink and a chat before your busy day. All money raised will be donated to the MacMillan cancer support charity.



GOVERNORS REQUIRED

The Governing Body needs two new Parent Governors. This is a wonderful opportunity for interested parents to play an important role in supporting the school and creating the best possible learning environment for the children. You would be a valued member of the Governor team and would be able to share the opinions of parents across the school community. Governors are required to attend seven evening meetings per year (plus any extraordinary meetings) and should be willing to attend some school events and support school improvement. Further details and a letter inviting interested parents to nominate themselves will be sent home next week.

For more information you can contact the Chair of the Governing Body, Brian Shaw or one of our current parent governors, Nick Humphrey.

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PTA

The Parent/Teacher Association plays a key role in promoting community involvement in school and organises a range of events throughout the year. The group is dependent on volunteers and is always looking for new members. If you would like to support the group in any way, or wish to find out more information, please email Jo McHugh mchugha@aol.com



The PTA have recently paid for a new shelter to be built on the playground to offer both shelter and shade during break times. We are very grateful to all the members of the PTA for their hard work and to all families who support events.

The first PTA organised event will be a Disco on Wednesday 12th October. Further details will be sent home soon.

MARKET STALL

We are currently only receiving market stall deliveries on Thursdays. However, we are negotiating with local stores and hope to return to at least twice a week in the very near future.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Over 50 children are regularly attending our free Friday breakfast. This is a great opportunity for children to eat a free healthy breakfast and to enjoy some social time with their friends. All children welcome from 8.15 to 8.35am.

NO DOGS PLEASE

For health and safety reasons, you must not bring any dogs on to the school grounds. This includes dogs on leads or being tied to the inside of the fence.

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

All payments for school meals, Before and After School Club and Nursery wrap-around care should be handed directly to Mrs Worrall or Mrs New at the school office.

Payments should be made in advance. However, the office will send out invoices and reminders if required.

The prices this year are;

School meals for KS2 children	£2.30
School meals for Nursery children	£2.00
Breakfast Club session	£3.25
After School Club session	£8.75
Nursery ½ hour session	£2.00
Nursery 3 hour session	£10.50

Families who are eligible for Free School Meals will continue to receive a 25% discount on all school activities. If you think your child could be eligible for FSM but have not applied, please speak to the school office. Many families with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may not have applied because they receive a universal FSM. However, these children will not receive the discount unless FSM eligibility has been applied for and confirmed.

UNIFORM

It was very pleasing to see the children looking smart this week. Thank you for ensuring they have the correct uniform. PE t-shirts, house t-shirts, waterproof suits, book bags and water bottles are available from the school office. A reminder that all school jumpers and cardigans should have the school logo.

HI-VIZ

As the darker mornings arrive, please encourage your children to wear their hi-visibility jackets for travelling to school. We will be ordering a new batch shortly for children who have joined us in September. If your child has grown out of the jacket provided last year, we will also be able to exchange it for a larger one. If your child has lost their jacket, replacements will be available for £3.50.



HELMETS

We are concerned by the number of children who are using bikes and scooters to travel to school who are not wearing safety helmets. Our policy has always been that children can only store bikes and scooters at school during the day if they bring a helmet. Please encourage your child to travel to school safely.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

The extra-curricular programme has started in school this week. We already have the following clubs running;

Monday – Key Stage 1 Multi-Sports

Tuesday – Key Stage 2 Homework

Wednesday – Key Stage 2 Choir

Friday – Years 5&6 Rugby

For information about extra-curricular clubs, speak to the school office or a member of staff in your child's class.

AIREBOROUGH LERNING PARTNERSHIP



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The school is a very active member of the ALP Co-operative trust and we work closely with eight local primary schools (Guiseley, Rufford Park, Tranmere Park, Westfield Infant, Rawdon St Peter's,

Hawksworth, Wesfield Junior & Rawdon Littlemoor) and our two high schools (Guiseley & Benton Park). The aim of the ALP is to improve outcomes for children in Aireborough. Comparative data for 2016 shows that children in the ALP schools have performed significantly better than the national averages. This is a good reflection of the positive impact of partnership working.

FINALLY....

Please remember that if you have any concerns or issues you wish to raise, you are welcome to call into school at any time. Alternatively, you can stop for a chat before or after school when you should find me outside the main entrance. We want to hear your views (positive as well as negative) and will always make time to listen.



Alun Davies
Head Teacher

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 30th September
MacMillan Coffee Morning

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th October
Harvest Week

Wednesday 12th October
PTA Disco

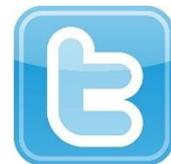
Monday 17th – Friday 21st October
Safety Week

Friday 21st October
School Closes for half term

Monday 31st October
School re-opens

Wednesday 2nd November
Individual Photographs

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd November
Parents' Evenings



Connect with **Queensway Primary School Facebook** or **@QueenswayPS** to keep up to date with events in school.

**AIREBOROUGH CHILDREN'S CENTRE
TIMETABLE (AUTUMN 2016)**

Tel: 01943 874925

	Queensway Primary	Guiseley Primary	Westfield Infants
Monday	Mini Movers 0-2years Phone for more details & to book	Foster Carers Group (morning)	Child minders' Group 9.15-11.00am
Tuesday	Baby Explorers 10-11am Phone to book	Learn Through Play 9.00-10.30am Baby Group 11.00am-12.30pm	
Wednesday	Women's Group 1.00-2.30pm Phone for more details	Child minders' Group 9.00-11.30am	Stay, Play & Learn 9.15-11am
Thursday	Baby Clinic 2 – 3.30pm Phone 0113 8435400 to book	Parenting Course 12.20 – 2.30 Breast feeding Peer Support Group 10.30am-12pm	
Friday	Baby Massage Phone for more details & to book		



FREE Event

Welcome to Yorkshire  yorkshire.com

Yorkshire's Rio Heroes

Homecoming Parade
Wednesday
28th September

Join us in Leeds city centre to welcome back our Rio Heroes! Line the route from 5.15pm. Celebrate the achievements of Yorkshire's Olympians and Paralympians. For route details and more information go to yorkshire.com/rio

 Alistair & Jonny Brownlee

 Hannah Cookroft

Event Partner:  Clipper

 @welcome2yorks #rioheroes



 Aireborough Rotary Club 
Annual Brass Band Concert

Hepworth Band
Conductor
Frank Renton

featuring guest soloist
Daniel Thomas on euphonium
(winner of BBC Radio 2 Young Brass Musician Award 2016)

Friday 21st October 2016
7:30 pm at Yeadon Town Hall

Tickets £12
to include programme

Bookings : T: 01943 884075
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