



QUEENSWAY VOICE

Inspiring Lifelong Learning

January 2017

JUST GIVING

Gemma the Giraffe and staff from St Gemma's Hospice visited school last week to tell the children about the fabulous work done at the hospice and to receive a cheque for £148 which the children donated on Wear it Festive Jumper Day.



ACTIVE LEARNING



Throughout this year, we are developing ways to increase active learning. We want to provide the children with experiences which will encourage them to be more active and which will make learning more

fun. We are taking the children outside more, exploring the local environment and using active learning activities to promote positive learning.



ALPT SURVEY.

Our school is part of the Aireborough Learning Partnership Trust and the Trust is keen to understand what people know about it and how it can better communicate. We have therefore agreed to distribute a survey, the link for which is shown below.

The survey is totally anonymous and will only take a couple of minutes to complete. It will be open until midnight on Sunday 5th February. If you can please find time to respond it will be very much appreciated.



AIREBOROUGH LEARNING PARTNERSHIP TRUST

The survey can be found at:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ALPTaware

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

There were reports in the media recently about an e-safety incident involving primary age children from Leeds. The incident did not take place in school or through an 'app' approved by school, but was reported to the school by concerned parents. The incident is now being investigated by West Yorkshire Police.

This incident has highlighted a number of safeguarding issues raised recently about smartphone 'apps' including Live.ly, ooVoo, and music.ly amongst others. These apps are supposed to only be able to access contacts on the user's phones, but it appears that quite quickly unknown individuals are able to join group chats. Therefore, these apps are not safe for children to use as there is a significant risk of inappropriate contact by unknown individuals.

Our advice to parents is to ensure that their children do not have access to such apps on their phone and to check that all appropriate privacy settings are switched on, to make sure that children are protected when using any internet site. If a child experiences or expresses concerns about online activity, it must be reported to the police using 101 and <https://ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>. Wherever possible, a screen shot or a mobile phone picture of the concern should be taken for reporting purposes.

There is some useful information on the LSCB website about online safety with some useful tips for parents here www.leedslscb.org.uk/Parents-Carers-Wider-Family/Keeping-children-safe-online

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN THE HOME

The final week of this half-term is our second safety theme week. The activities during the week will focus on 'Safety in the home' and will include; dangers in the home, first-aid, medicine, drugs & alcohol safety and fire safety.

Remember to ask the children what they are learning and to watch out for details on Facebook and Twitter.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ON THE ROADS

We hope you will continue to support the children in keeping safe when travelling to school too. Please encourage them to wear their hi-viz jackets and a helmet if they are cycling or using a scooter.

We would also like to remind all drivers that the school is now within a 20mph zone. This, along with sensible parking, will make Coppice Wood Avenue safer for the children.

I wrote to our local councilors earlier in the month to complain about Leeds City Council not arranging for Coppice Wood Avenue to be gritted during the cold weather. This is something I have raised directly with LCC in previous years. I have been assured that they will look into the problem.

MORE EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

This term we are hosting an after-school music club for children with additional needs. The sessions are being run by YAMSEN and we have invited children from Guiseley Primary School to join us (we even provide transport in our bus!).

Next half-term we are introducing Mini Mermaids a club aimed at raising aspirations and confidence for girls. Twelve girls from years 3 and 4 will enjoy nine

sessions which focus on physical fitness and self-esteem. At the end of the program, all the girls (and some staff) will run, walk or skip their way around a 5KM Parkrun at Roundhay Park.



SNOW PLAN

Although the forecast is not predicting a cold spell at the moment, snow and ice can cause complications for making school safe. It will always be our intention to remain open and, if you do not hear otherwise, assume school is open and running normally. If the weather is going to affect school opening arrangements, a text message will be sent to all parents (make sure we have an up-to-date number) and announcements will be made on local radio stations.



NEW ADVICE CLINIC



The Children's Centre have opened a new advice clinic running every Wednesday from 1 to 3pm at the Queensway site. The clinic can offer advice on many issues including; housing, finance, child care, parenting and health.

Bookings can be made directly with the centre by telephone: 01943 874100 or 01943 874925 (ext 5)

Full details are printed at the back of this newsletter.

GOVERNOR CONTACTS

Details of the school governors are listed on the school website www.queenswayschool.co.uk

The main contact for parents is Brian Shaw (Chair of GB) b.shaw@queenswayschool.co.uk

Parents are represented on the governing body by Robert Harrison (Jessica in Year 2 and Chloe in Year 6) and Nick Humphrey (Macenzie in Year 2).

r.harrison@queenswayschool.co.uk

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Contact with the governors can also be made through the school office.

ATTENDANCE

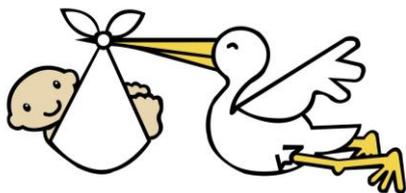
Like many of the schools in Aireborough, our attendance has been lower than normal this year. There seems to have been an increased number of bugs and viruses which have affected the children (hopefully the recent cold weather will kill some off.) When possible, we want you to encourage your children to attend school but we must also advise you that any child who has suffered sickness or diarrhea must remain off school for 48 hours after their last symptoms have passed.

We also encourage all families not to take holidays in school time as any missed learning has an impact on progress. Families who wish to apply for absence in term time can collect a request form from the school office.

For more information about attendance or holidays in term time, contact Julie Herbert (Family Support Manager) via the school office.

MATERNITY

Mrs Sheppard started her maternity leave last Friday. We all wish her and her husband, Phil, good luck for the coming weeks and we will let you know when we hear any news.



UNIFORM

A reminder that Queensway branded uniform can be purchased directly from Tesco embroidery service online with fast delivery and the opportunity to collect Clubcard points. www.tesco.com/direct/queensway-primary-school/7017.school?source=others

KEEP INFORMED

Make sure you follow our school Facebook page or Twitter account (@QueenswayPS) to see up to date reports on events in school. Information about upcoming events is also shared via our smartphone app.

..... AND KEEP TALKING

Please remember, 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 or Mrs Swindlehurst outside the main entrance. We want to hear your views (positive as well as negative) and will always make time to listen.

or to contact me;

headteacher@queenswayschool.co.uk

Alun Davies
Headteacher

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



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 30th January

Year 6 residential to Herd Farm

Monday 6th – Friday 10th February

Safety Week 'Safety in the home'

Friday 10th February

School closes for half-term holiday

Monday 20th February

School re-opens

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March

Parent's Evenings

GUISELEY RANGERS
RUGBY SKILLS & ACTIVITY SESSION
Meet Ronnie & have fun!

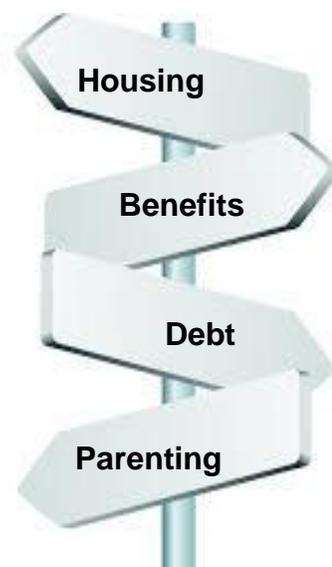
GUISELEY RANGERS
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55 SOCCER, UNIT 5,
KIRKFIELD BUSINESS CENTRE,
OFF WHACKHOUSE LANE, YERDON, LS19 7LX
5.30PM - 6.30PM
WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
YEARS 1 & 2 BOYS & GIRLS

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ADVICE CLINIC...

Aireborough Children's Centre

Queensway Primary School site,
Coppicewood Avenue, Yeadon LS19 7LF

30 minute private bookable appointments

Every Wednesday

1pm - 3pm

For more information and to book an appointment please contact
Aireborough Children's Centre

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See our website : www.aireboroughcc.org.uk or visit our  page