



QUEENSWAY VOICE

Inspiring Lifelong Learning

September 2017



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 four new teachers into school; Miss Smith (Nursery), Miss Holmes (Year 1), Mr Arnott (Year 5) and Mr Swanston (Year 6). Mr Whitaker has now completed his teacher training and will be continuing in year 4. Miss Perrett has joined us in Year 3 as a Learning Support Assistant. I know you will make them all feel welcome.



The children have settled well and all seem happy. Classes have started to introduce their new topics (Key Stage 1 looked great as famous people on Monday!) and have lots of exciting and inspiring activities planned for the coming weeks.

I am also delighted to announce that both Mrs Bennett and Miss Matthews have given birth to baby boys within the last week.

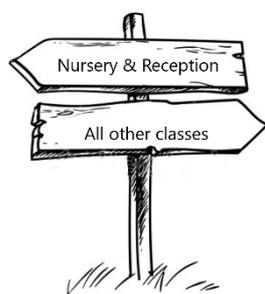
HOME/SCHOOL PACK

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 this 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 5th 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.

PARENTS' EVENING

Our first parents' evening will be held on **Wednesday 27th September 3.20–5pm** and **Thursday 28th September 3.20–7pm**. This is earlier than in previous years and we hope you will find it more useful for knowing how your child has settled and what their targets will be.

We are continuing to use an on-line booking system. This can be accessed through smart phones, tablets or computers and will allow you to book the appointment at a time that suits you. As with previous parents' evenings, we can only accommodate one appointment per child.

TRAINING DAY

School and Nursery will be closed on **Friday 29th September** for staff training. The Children's Centre will be open as normal.

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.



FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Over 50 children attended our free Friday breakfast last week. 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.

GOVERNORS REQUIRED

The Governing Body needs a new Parent Governor. 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 meetings throughout the year 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
b.shaw@queenswayschool.co.uk
or our current parent governor, Robert Harrison.
r.harrison@queenswayschool.co.uk

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 or Vicky Harrison vh_harrison@hotmail.co.uk

MARKET STALL

We are currently receiving market stall deliveries on Tuesdays.

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.

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 lost their jacket, replacements will be available for £3.50.



PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

All payments for school meals, Before and After School Club and milk 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 (£12 per week)	£2.40
School meals for Nursery children (£10.25 per week)	£2.05
Milk (children over 5)	£9 per term
Breakfast Club session	£3.25
After School Club session	£8.75

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.

AIREBOROUGH LERNING PARTNERSHIP

The school is a very active member of the Aireborough Learning Partnership Trust (ALPT) Co-operative trust and we work closely with nine local primary schools (Guiseley, Rufford Park, Tranmere Park, Westfield Infant, Rawdon St Peter's, Hawksworth, Wesfield Junior, St Oswald's & Rawdon Littlemoor) and our two high schools (Guiseley & Benton Park). The aim of the ALPT is to improve outcomes for children in Aireborough. There will be regular updates about the ALPT on this newsletter.



CHILDREN'S CENTRE

The centre had a busy summer with two fun days, trips to Scarborough & Hemsworth water park and the introduction of the Family Feast Days.

A new timetable of events for this term has been produced and is attached to this newsletter. Parents are welcome to attend activities at all three sites.

More information about the centre activities can be found via their website aireboroughcc.org.uk or on Facebook.

FINAL TERM

After seventeen fantastic years, I will be saying a 'goodbye' to Queensway at the end of this term as I am relocating to Suffolk. The Governing Body has started the recruitment process for appointing a new headteacher.

I feel that I am leaving school in a good position; we are on the back of a wonderful Ofsted report and there is a very strong teaching team in place, supported by an experienced and knowledgeable Governing Body.

I would like to thank all our families for the support I have received during my time at the school and I am looking forward to enjoy this term with the children.

KEEP TALKING

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

Alternatively, you can email me
headteacher@queenswayschool.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support.



Alun Davies
Head Teacher

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 27th September

Parents' Evening 3.20 to 5pm

Thursday 28th September

Parents' Evening 3.20 to 7pm

Friday 29th September

Staff Training Day (school & nursery closed)

Monday 9th – Friday 13th October

Harvest Celebration Week

Monday 16th – Friday 20th October

'Get Active' Theme Week

Friday 20th October

School Closes for half term



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

**AIREBOROUGH CHILDREN'S CENTRE
TIMETABLE (AUTUMN 2017)**

Tel: 01943 874925 (Queensway site)

Tel: 01943 874100 (Guiseley site)

	Queensway Primary	Guiseley Primary	Westfield Infants
Monday	Mini Movers 0-2years (10.30 to 11.15am) <i>Term time only</i>	Midwife Clinic (9.15am to 12.15pm) <i>Contact your midwife to book</i>	
	Preparation for Birth and Beyond <i>Phone 0113 3782861 for more details</i>		
Tuesday		Learn Through Play (9.00-10.30am) Baby Group (11.00am-12.30pm) Baby Yoga (1.45-2.45pm) <i>Phone Sarah on 07596694092 to book</i>	
Wednesday	Advice Clinic <i>Bookable appointments</i> Midwife Clinic (1.15-3.45pm) <i>Contact your midwife to book</i>	Child minders' Group (9.00-11.30am)	Stay, Play & Learn (9.15-11am) <i>Term time only</i>
Thursday	Baby Yoga (10-11am) <i>Phone Sara on 07596694092 to book</i>	Bosom Buddies (10.30am-12pm)	
	Parenting Course		
Friday	Baby Café (10-11.30am) <i>Drop-in session</i> Baby Massage Phone for more details & to book		