



QUEENSWAY VOICE

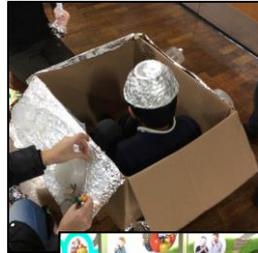
Inspiring Lifelong Learning

November 2017



BE INSPIRED

Our children have been involved in many exciting activities over the past month. Reception have visited Eureka, Years 1&2 had an 'Invention workshop', Years 3&4 visited the Leeds Museum and Years 5&6 travelled to Eden Camp. These activities and many others help to deliver the creative curriculum which makes learning fun at Queensway.



Today, our Year 6 children took over the school as part of an annual national campaign. 'Takeover Day' is promoted by the Children's Commissioner to engage the children in activities which will raise their aspirations. I hope you spotted some new members of staff today!!

GET ACTIVE

Following a successful 'Get Active' week last half term, many teachers have been evaluating the layout of the furniture in their classroom. They have been considering how they can create a more inviting workspace which promotes active learning and improves the quality of learning. This has included an increased use of the stand-up desks, children working at different levels, not sitting at standard desks and creating more space for movement around the classroom. We are already starting to see the positive impact this is having on the children's work.



FRIENDSHIP DAY

All the children participated in 'Friendship Day' last week. The focus of the day was to celebrate friends and to help the children develop strategies for making new friends and how to make 'being friendly' a habit. Mrs Swindlehurst started the day by making a 'Friendship Soup' and the children finished with a whole school performance of the song 'A Little Help from my Friends'.



FAMILIES

THEATRE NIGHT

Thank you to all families who joined us for our 'Family Theatre Night'. All tickets were sold out in advance and it was once again a fantastic evening of entertainment. Keep an eye out for the 2018 production.

DISCO

The children had great fun at the disco earlier in the month. Thank you to all members of the PTA who ran the event.

The next PTA event is the Secret Santa stall. Letters were sent home to all children earlier this week and must be returned by Friday 1st December.

FRIDAY AND TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Thanks to the kind people at Guiseley Methodists, we are able to run our free breakfast club on two mornings for the remainder of this term. Children are encouraged to join us for cereal and toast at 8.15am.

BIG BREAKFAST

Our Fuel for School Ambassadors will be hosting a **FREE** 'Big Breakfast' for parents on **Thursday 7th December** at 9am. All parents and grandparents are invited for bacon sandwiches, toast and drinks.

MEASLES

We have been notified that there have been cases of measles recorded in Leeds recently. Parents are being advised to keep a check for any symptoms.

If you have any concerns, you are advised to check NHS direct or dial 111 for advice. Alternatively, consult your GP.

NURSERY CLOSED

The Nursery will remain closed for an extra two days in January to allow the staff to make home visits for the new starters. The Nursery will re-open on **Monday 8th January 2018**.

School re-opens for all other classes on Thursday 4th January 2018.

FAMILY FAREWELL

Mr D's "BYE BYE"

BINGO

Mr Davies would like to invite all families to join him for a farewell game of family bingo.

Thursday 30th November
at 5.30pm



Every game free

Prizes

Fun for all the family

SANTA DAY

On **Tuesday 5th December** we will be welcoming Father Christmas to Queensway. He will be with us for the day and children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have an opportunity to visit him in his grotto. All children who visit Santa will also receive a small selection box. If you would like your child to visit Santa, please complete the slip sent home this week and return with £1 to your child's class teacher **no later than Friday 1st December**.



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

On **Wednesday 6th December** we will host our Christmas Craft Sale in the school hall. All the crafts will be made and sold by the children. All items will be £1 or less.

Parents are also invited to attend the sale with their child/children at the following times;

- 2.00 Nursery & Reception
- 2.15 Years 1 & 2
- 2.30 Years 3 & 4
- 2.45 Years 5 & 6

If you would like your child to visit the sale but cannot attend yourself, you can send your child with some money on the day but **no more than £2 please**.

CHRISTMAS

PRODUCTIONS

Letters with details for booking tickets to the Christmas performance will be sent home next week. Tickets will be booked using the online service we operate for parents' evenings. Tickets will initially be limited to two tickets per family per performance.

The performance dates are....

Tuesday 12th (2pm) & Wednesday 13th December (10am)
Nursery & Reception

Thursday 14th (2pm) & Friday 15th December (10am)
Years 1 and 2

FAMILY CAROL CONCERT

Our school and community Christmas Carol Concert will be held on **Tuesday 19th December at St Oswald's Church in Guiseley**. The event starts at 6pm and all families and friends are invited to join us for a mixture of traditional carols, Christmas music and readings.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

As part of our Christmas celebrations, and to raise money for St Gemma's Hospice, the children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper (or Christmas accessory) on **Monday 18th December** – the same day as the Christmas lunch. The children should wear their normal school t-shirt and trousers or skirt with their Christmas jumper on top. The staff will also be joining the fun! If willing, please send £1 on the day for our donation to ST Gemma's, who help to care for terminally ill people in the Leeds area.



We hope as many families as possible will join us over the coming weeks for our very busy Christmas programme of events. It is an exciting time for the children, made even more special when they share the celebrations with their family and friends.

Alun Davies
Head Teacher



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

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 24th November

Takeover Day

Yeadon Lights Switch-on (6pm)

Tuesday 5th December

Santa Day

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Leeds Town Hall Carol Concert (choir)

Wednesday 6th December

Christmas Craft Fair (2.00 – 3.00pm)

Tuesday 12th December

Foundation Stage Performance (2pm)

Wednesday 13th December

Foundation Stage Performance (10am)

Thursday 14th December

Key Stage 1 Performance (2pm)

Friday 15th December

Key Stage 1 Performance (10am)

Monday 18th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Foundation Stage Party

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 19th December

Key Stage 1 and Years 3&4 Parties

Family Carol Concert at St Oswald's Church
(6pm)

Wednesday 20th December

Years 5&6 Party

School closes for Christmas break

(re-opens on Thursday 4th January 2018)

