



QUEENSWAY VOICE

Inspiring Lifelong Learning



September 2018

A Warm Welcome Back

It's that time of the year already – September. It was lovely to welcome back all of our pupils, both old and new, to school on Tuesday 4th September and also to welcome back Miss Matthews and Mrs Bennett to our teaching staff following maternity leave. We look forward to welcoming our full nursery and reception cohorts over the coming weeks and to a happy and successful year at Queensway.

The Queensway Moomoks Are Here

Moomoks are small creatures who will be living in our classrooms over the coming years and their job is to help children with any problems they may have. Children of all ages who have problems they wish to discuss discreetly with an adult may place their name card in the mouth of the moomok and an adult in school will make sure each child has somebody to talk to and to listen to them should they require our support.



Moomoks will add an additional layer to our safeguarding ethos in school and will be an important means of supporting our most vulnerable children.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

This will be held at school on Friday 28th September in the hall from 09:00 onwards. This event will raise money for a very worthy cancer charity and your time, presence and donations will make a difference to people who need the support of their community.

Vision and Values – The Queensway Standard

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that our school's five core values have been improved and enhanced with the help and support of our staff, governors and the school council. We can all probably recite the five core values but what do these values look like in daily life?

Each of our five core values has now been given three 'behaviours' to make them accessible to children. We have also developed our school's mission statement to give children a clearer message about what school wants for each of them in life. The school council are in the final stages of choosing their preferred mission statement from over 20 ideas submitted by staff. Watch this space – as soon as our vision, values and mission statement are finalized this will be very visible throughout school and will form the bedrock of our school's culture and ethos.

Expect more exciting news very soon!

School Uniform – Please Be Prepared



We have already noticed that some children are not wearing the agreed uniform, footwear and PE kit to school. Our policy states that jumpers and cardigans need to have the school logo on and that footwear should be sensible black trainers, shoes or boots. Please ensure you are fully kitted out and if you are struggling just pop in.

Goodbye & Welcome

I would like to inform families at this time that our Chair of Governors, Mrs Anne Cook, has left Queensway with immediate effect. Mrs Cook stepped into the role of Chair of Governors in December 2017 and over the years made a positive contribution to school life. Mrs Cook is replaced by Mrs Victoria Dalby, whom we welcome to Queensway. We thank Mrs Cook for her contributions over the years, particularly the choir, and wish her well for the future.

Mobile Phones

We would just like to remind you of our policy regarding phones. We accept that for children who are walking to and from school on their own, mobile phones are useful things to have in the event of an emergency. Therefore, only children who are travelling to and from school on their own are permitted to bring phones to school, and they should not be turned on within the school grounds. As soon as the children arrive at school, phones should be handed to the class teacher for safe keeping.

More Governors Needed

I would like to formally welcome Mrs Debbie Wood onto our governing body as a Parent Governor. However, we can never have enough governors. If you feel you have the time or the relevant life experience and commitment to the development of the school then we would love to hear from you. Our governing body is fair and challenging yet completely supportive and should represent the school community it serves.

Friends Of Queensway – PTA Members Wanted for 2018-19.

Throughout 2018-19, we would like to expand the reach and scale of our PTA and we would love to hear from parents and carers who can offer us the following:

- Time to devote to organising and setting up whole school events throughout the year.
- Any relevant skills of organisation or just the commitment to helping facilitate excellent experiences for children.
- Experience of organising a Leaver's Prom event as we plan to hold one for Year 6 in July 2019.

If you feel you can add value to this wonderful group of dedicated volunteers then please get in touch via the main school office.

Pre-School Places Available

We have 15 & 30 hour places available for 3 year olds in the School Nursery. Please contact the school office for further details. T

here are also places available at Kangaroo Kids. Please contact the staff at Kangaroo Kids on 07799472578 or email kangarookids92@yahoo.com

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO END THE WEEK WITH A FREE & HEALTHY BREAKFAST!

Our Free Friday Breakfast Club continued to be popular throughout the summer term, with 50-60 pupils attending each week. Remember, this is free for all children from 8.15am every Friday with porridge, toast, cereals and juice. Last entry for the children is 8.35am. This will continue into 2018-19 and we welcome all of our pupils to attend.

Free School Meals – Just Ask

If you feel you may meet the criteria for free school meals, please make enquiries at the school's main office. Times are tough for everybody and if you feel you may qualify for free school lunches then please do not hesitate to ask about your potential eligibility.

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 where you should find members of the senior leadership team. We want to hear your views and will always make time to listen.

or to contact me;

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Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 6th September

Year 3-4 opening event all morning.

Friday 7th September

Key Stage 1 opening event all morning.

Monday 10th September

Years 5-6 opening event all morning.

Thursday 13th September

EYFS opening event all morning

Friday 28th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning.

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