



QUEENSWAY VOICE

Inspiring Lifelong Learning

December 2018



Wishing You All A Happy Holiday

As we enter the final month of 2018, it is always a time to reflect and to be grateful for what we all have.

There has been a great deal of change at Queensway over the past twelve months, and during 2019 we will bid farewell to our 2018 Year 6 class, whilst welcoming the next generation into Reception class.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their hard work throughout the year, and to wish each of you a happy Christmas break. I hope you enjoy the final two weeks of term and enjoy a pleasant break.

We finish on Friday 21st December, and we will then be returning to school on Monday 7th January.

Whatever you do and wherever you go, we at Queensway would like to extend our best wishes to all of our families for Christmas and the New Year.

Yeadon Lights

Friday 30th November saw the annual Yeadon lights event, which was well attended by school pupils and staff alike. We were all very proud of James Hardcastle and Evie Smart in Year 5 who had the honour of turning the lights on in their capacity as carnival King and Queen. Both pupils did a fantastic job, and our Queensway pupils, staff and governors were in fine form during the Christmas carol singing activities on the steps of the Town Hall. I would like to thank everybody who took time to attend, in particular, thanks to Mrs Pape for organising the singing activities with the children.

Takeover Day, What a Success!

Friday 23rd November saw our annual takeover day in school, with many of our Year 6 pupils again experiencing life as a working member of school staff. All of our Year 6 employees did a fine job, and I would like to thank all of the pupils and staff involved for an interesting and informative day.

Friendship Day – Survey Feedback

On 26th November Friendship Day returned across the school, with a day of friendship-themed activities in each class being enjoyed by all.

We had almost 200 responses to our questionnaire, and here are the key points:

- **99% of children feel they have friends in school**
- **93% of children feel happy at play times**

Any child who did not answer 'yes' to either survey question has been identified, and staff are working hard to ensure all children are happy within school at all times.

Pre-School Places are Always Available

We have 15 & 30 hour places available for 3 & 4 year olds in the school Nursery. Please contact the school office for further details.

There are also places available at Kangaroo Kids for 2 year olds. Please contact the staff at Kangaroo Kids on 07799472578 or kangarookids@yahoo.com

Santa Day

Today we held our annual Santa Day for Foundation and Key Stage 1 children. The children enjoyed meeting Father Christmas and receiving their presents.



Stay Safe!

Please be extra careful when walking to or from school. If you feel you have seen anything or anybody suspicious, then please phone the police on 101. There is no such thing as being too careful, so please share any information.

Our School in a Safe Place

Queensway is dedicated to the safety and wellbeing of all of our pupils.

If you have any concerns regarding the welfare of a child, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Riley, Mrs Swindlehurst or Mrs Midgley. We are always here to listen and we would like to help in any way we can to support our pupils.

Friends of Queensway- PTA Members wanted for 2019

During the year 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
- Experience of organising a Leaver's Prom, 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 or see Mrs Abigail Lee.

More Governors Needed

If you feel you have the time and 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.

Free Friday Breakfast

Our free Friday Breakfast Club continues to be popular, with 50-60 pupils attending each week. Remember, this is free to all children from 8.15 am every Friday. Last entry for pupils is 8.35 am.

This will continue throughout 2019 and we welcome all of our pupils to attend.

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.

Will Riley
Headteacher

Important Dates for December 2018

7th December: Santa Day

10th – 14th December: Year 6 residential to Herd Farm

12th December 10:00 and 14:00: Foundation Stage production performances

13th December at 14:00: Key Stage 1 production

14th December at 10:00: Key Stage 1 production

17th December: Winter craft theme day and Christmas lunch

18th December: Foundation Stage party

19th December: Year 3-4 Christmas party afternoon
18:00 – Family Christmas carol concert, St Oswald's Church

20th December: Key Stage 1 party afternoon

21st December: Christmas gift assembly
Years 5-6 Christmas party afternoon
Break up for Christmas

