

Both Mrs Plews and I can't believe we have been here for two thirds of an academic year already! They say time flies when you are having fun and this has most certainly been the case. It has been an incredible journey over the last two terms and we really appreciate the support that we have been given.

Mrs Cosgrove

Hello

Mrs Burns joined us at the beginning of this term (which is, in fact only two weeks ago!) and already she is part of the furniture. She has settled in really well and I know how pleased she is to be part of the QCPS team.



School Uniform

We are selling off the school uniform that we currently have as we would like parents to order the uniform on line in the future. We will keep some stock in place but not to the extent we have done as space is limited. You will be able to order uniform directly from A. Oakes who is based in Dudley – however you can order on line and we shall send you the details in the next newsletter. In the meantime you can look at the web site which is www.aoakes.co.uk. We also plan to source other providers and will let you know when this is has happened.

Refurbishments

The gates are currently being fixed and entrance to the school will be via the intercom system that has been in place previously. We also plan to paint the fences and gates as soon as we are able and are sourcing quotes to refurbish the reception play areas and the main playground. We have prioritised which classrooms need refurbishing and a planned rota will begin as soon as the new Site Manager, Mr Tony Riggey, begins in June. The site manager from St Michael's and Mr Riggey will work together to refurbish the classrooms rather than buying in decorators as this will reduce costs. Over the next few months we would also hope to paint the hall so that it is more welcoming and inviting to the children. You may have noticed that the Totem Pole has gone – unfortunately it became unsafe so this had to be pulled down. Longer term we plan to look at utilising our grounds more!

As you may also have seen, the main corridor is beginning to take shape, with wall coverings being provided by one of our parents, Mr Malloy. He is providing this to the school free of charge and for this we thank him. The hangings make a lovely addition to the school environment.

PE/Sports

Lots of matches will be taking place this term for both netball and football. The football team have already played a friendly against St Michael's – beating them by 13 goals to nil!

The Sports Funding that we have been

given is now being used appropriately and we hope to have many fine sportsmen and sportswomen of the future.

Attendance for each class so far this year:

QCPS overall: 96.06 Reception: 95.64% Year 4: 96.49%

Year 1: 95.13% Year 5: 96.53% Year 2: 96.15% Year 6: 95.08%

96.41% Year 3:

This means that the school is in line with national average.

Diary dates for this term:

Wednesday 29th April – Musical evening (6pm)

Thursday 30th April – Numeracy open morning for parents to attend

Friday 1st May – Villa Coach for years 5 and 3

Monday 4th May - School closed for Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May – Multi Faith Week

Tuesday 5th May – Prayer Group 3pm at Church – all welcome

Thursday 7th May – school closed to pupils due to voting

Friday 8th May – Villa Coach for years 3 and 5

Monday 11th May – SAT's week

Wednesday 13th May – Football tournament –details to follow Thursday 14th May – Reception trip to Mount Pleasant

Friday 15th May - Villa Coach for years 3 and 5

Friday 22nd May – Villa Coach for years 3 and 5 Friday 22nd Amy – Children break up Monday 1st June – Children return to school

Wednesday 3rd June – Class and team photo's – details to follow

Wednesday 10th June – Birmingham City Mission assembly

Thursday 11th June – Coffee Afternoon 4.30pm – 5.30pm (time for parents to meet with Mrs Cosgrove and the Governors for a 'question and answer session' or just a general chat and conversation!)

Saturday 13th June – Summer Fayre Monday June 29th – Year 6 3 day residential

Monday 6th July – Year 6 worship at the Cathedral

Other dates for final assemblies and sports day etc to follow.

Please note that the children break up on Friday 17th July.

Mrs Cosgrove Mrs Plews The Governors

