



# QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

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## Principal's Message

*It was lovely to see so many of you attending the open afternoon on Wednesday this week. I hope you all enjoyed being in classrooms to see what your children have been learning as well as admiring the beautiful displays around school.*

*We always value your feedback and comments on how we can improve so please let us know if you have any thoughts/ideas by popping them in the suggestions box in the foyer or seeing me or the other SLT members on the playground every morning.*

*I hope you have a great half term break- let's hope the weather is better than it's been- and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.*

*Liz Latham*

## Attendance so far....

**Our target for this year is 96% in line with the Government's recommendation.**

**We are aiming to achieve this every week and encourage you to help us!**

**Overall, attendance to date is 96% - Well Done everyone!**

**The class with the highest attendance is Anne Fine with 98.3% - Fantastic!**

**The class with the most improved attendance is Dick King Smith with 97.3% up by 12.8%**

**Well done everyone and let's see if we can keep it up.**

## Class assembly dates:

**Here is the list of class assembly dates for you to plan ahead! Class assemblies are always on a Wednesday at 2.50pm in the main hall. You and your family are most welcome to attend:**

**Valerie Thomas  
Shirley Hughes  
AA Milne**

**21<sup>st</sup> February 2018  
7<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
25<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

## Diary Dates for this term

**World Book Day (dress up)**

**1<sup>st</sup> March 18**

**Parents Evening**

**7<sup>th</sup> March 18**

**Parents Evening**

**8<sup>th</sup> March 18**

**Yr 6 Warning Zone**

**9<sup>th</sup> March 18**

## Honours Awards – Spring 2

*Rod Campbell - Damien  
Sue Hendra - Abdulkarim  
Julia Donaldson - Aniyah  
Mini Grey - Khadijah  
Eric Carle - Shay  
Shirley Hughes - Max  
Valerie Thomas - Ethan  
Anne Fine - Yasmine  
AA Milne - Cohen  
Chris V. Allsburg - Charlie  
Dick King Smith - Alfie  
CS Lewis - Kamil  
Phillip Pullman - Paige  
Michael Morpurgo - Keira  
Anthony Horowitz - Kairos*

For demonstrating excellent investigative skills and knowledge in Science.

## World book day advance notice!

**We will be dressing up to celebrate World Book day on March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**This is a great chance to get creative and think of how to**

**represent a favourite character from a book. It is always a delight to see the imaginative creations that have taken hours to prepare- start thinking as we'll have prizes for the best costumes in each class! Good luck!**

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

## Pirates day

Arr me hearties! Y2 did us proud in dressing up as pirates for the theme day at Beaumanor Hall last week – they enjoyed walking the plank as well as other pirate activities. Please see the website for more photos of their exciting day.



## Internet Safety

We take internet safety very seriously and continually deliver IT

sessions which focus on safe practice online. Our Y4 pupils attended a theatre experience at Dovelands Primary School last week where they learned more about how to stay safe online and what they should do if they have concerns about unsafe practices. Look out in the summer term for a parents' session on online safety.



## Academy Advisory Council

Thank you very much to the parents/carers who have responded to our call to be part of the Academy Advisory Council. We will be updating you on what happens next when we return from half term.



## No Animals

Please be aware that no animals of any shape or size are allowed on the Academy site at any time, this is for the Health & Safety of everyone. Thank you for your support with this.



## Parking Issues

Please can parents/carers ensure that they are parking safely and legally around the

Academy, and also be aware that you are not permitted to enter the staff car park unless you have a valid disabled badge. A reminder that we have the kind permission of the Braunstone Leisure Centre to use their car park for pick-ups and drop offs.



## Into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

After the Easter holidays Queensmead will be moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and will no longer send out paper copies of the Newsletter. Instead we will be using the more environmental method of email. Please ensure that the office has your up to date email to enable us to keep you informed of upcoming events and important information. Paper copies will still be available from the office if you do not have access to email.