

# QUEEN'S CRESCENT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 - 22<sup>nd</sup> February - 1st April

## Newsletter No. 10

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw towards the end of the second period of school closure, it is with great excitement that we look forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on Monday. We would once again like to thank you all for being so brilliant throughout this period of partial school closure. The staff have been mightily impressed by the quality and quantity of learning produced by the children remotely and this is testament to the the hard work and resilience of all of the children and the their families.

### Return to School

With the children returning to school on Monday we thought it would be a useful to issue a few reminders.

We will once again be running staggered starts and pickups and a one way system around the school. The start and pick times are as follows.

Start time	Year Group
8.40 - 8.45am	Yr 6 & 5
8.45 - 8.55am	Yr 4, 3 & 2
8.55 - 9.00am	Yr 1 & Reception
Pick Up time	Year Group
2.40 - 2.45pm	Yr 6 & 5
2.45 - 2.55pm	Yr 4, 3 & 2
2.55 - 3.00pm	Yr 1 & Reception

Please also remember:

- The car park will be closed to cars unless there is a prearranged agreement with the office
- To follow the one way system and don't wait on the playground for the next drop off or pick up slot
- To wear a face mask and keep socially distanced from others
- Children should be accompanied by 1 adult (Year 6 may walk by themselves)

Please send you children to school in uniform. There will be some flexibility on this where children have grown out of uniform or there is not enough spare uniform to keep up with regular washing cycles.

Children are allowed to bring a pencil case in from home but this must remain in school for the week and not move between school and home. School will provide the necessary stationary. Water bottle and lunch boxes are permitted but please make sure they are cleaned thoroughly each evening.



### Dinner Choices and Payments

With all of the children due back next week can we remind you to log in and choose your hot school lunches before **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**.



Unfortunately after our previous reminder there still remains money outstanding for hot school lunches already taken. Can you please check your balance when logging in and pay any outstanding amount with immediate effect. If the amounts remain unpaid we will have to ask that you send your child in with a packed lunch until it has been cleared. Many thanks for your help with this in advance.

Please take a moment to read the welcome back letter from Chartwells at the end of this newsletter.

### Parents Evening



We will be holding a virtual Parents Evening via Teams on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** and **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. Both days will have available appointments between **3.30pm - 6.20pm**. An email from Teachers2Parents will be sent out on Monday for you to book your time, please look out for this. Once the appointments have been booked an email will be sent out at a later date with the relevant link to attend the meeting.

### Children Writing Competition

If you have a budding author at home or a child that simply loves to read/write please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for a completion that they can enter.



### Report Concerns on Child Abuse

The Wiltshire Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub has received 300 fewer calls from people worried about a child, as lockdown measures, schools closures and suspension of clubs and activities mean there are less opportunities for the signs of abuse to be identified and concerns to be shared. Now, we're working with Wiltshire Police and partners to ask the public to get in touch if they are worried something isn't quite right, in the knowledge that their concerns will be acted on. Please follow the link below for more information on how to get in touch.

[https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/lockdown-impacts-reporting-concerns-on-child-abuse?utm\\_source=Schools+newsletter&utm\\_campaign=55f5e17922-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_09\\_02\\_02\\_40\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_48248bb0ce-55f5e17922-88529668](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/lockdown-impacts-reporting-concerns-on-child-abuse?utm_source=Schools+newsletter&utm_campaign=55f5e17922-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_09_02_02_40_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_48248bb0ce-55f5e17922-88529668)

### Wiltshire Parent Council Survey

The Wiltshire Parent Council ran their *Return to School* survey in September 2020; your responses were really helpful.

As we are now some weeks into the latest lockdown, the WPC would like to follow up on this survey and ask you to complete their newest survey. They would like to know about how things are going. All responses will be anonymous.

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/survey-closed/?sm=RqhfsHcdbYJcf4Whmeyi7q17EzYSACW\\_2BRdUP9vjgC\\_2FvCAXwDI69URTqM8bQjyiekdx\\_2B837dFJw2DglOh5UuOeg9OiLa8qEdU3LIVxCmPWzc\\_3D](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/survey-closed/?sm=RqhfsHcdbYJcf4Whmeyi7q17EzYSACW_2BRdUP9vjgC_2FvCAXwDI69URTqM8bQjyiekdx_2B837dFJw2DglOh5UuOeg9OiLa8qEdU3LIVxCmPWzc_3D)

To say thank you for taking the time to complete the survey, they would like to invite you to take part in their free prize draw with a chance of winning a £50 voucher; simply complete the survey for more details. The survey closes at 5pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and the lucky winner will be notified by Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

### Wiltshire Digital Drive

We wanted to extend a huge thank you to Wiltshire Digital Drive who have donated 5 more refurbished laptops to the school to help with supplying families with the technology needed to complete remote learning.

Wiltshire Digital Drive is a charitable organisation that refurbishes unwanted technology and then supplies it to families in need across Wiltshire. The company was founded by three local businesses; Naturally Social in Corsham, Priority IT in Westbury and Turners & Partners in Bath.

If you have any unwanted kit, the closest local donation station is at is at Islington Motor Group (Vauxhall) Bath Road, Chippenham by Sainsbury's.

### Initial Teacher Training

At our school we recognise that part of our role is in training the teachers of the future and so are very proud to say that we work with Pickwick Learning to provide a school-centred training route into teaching. Our school is one of a growing number of partnership schools working with Pickwick to provide placements for trainee teachers in 2021-2022.

If you would like to train to become a teacher and would like to do so through Pickwick Learning, please use their [website](#) to find out all about our School Direct programme.

To be eligible you will need a degree and English, Maths and Science GCSEs at grade C (level 4) or above.

Find: <https://find-postgraduate-teacher-training.education.gov.uk/>

Apply: <https://www.apply-for-teacher-training.service.gov.uk/candidate>

For more information on Initial Teacher Training (ITT) please visit the Pickwick Learning website [www.pltsa.co.uk/school-direct-itt](http://www.pltsa.co.uk/school-direct-itt), come along to a Pickwick Introduction Meet and Greet sessions or contact:

Amy Tapscott (Director, Pickwick Learning and School Direct PGCE ITT Lead):

e: [atapscott@pickwickacademytrust.co.uk](mailto:atapscott@pickwickacademytrust.co.uk) t: 01249 712387



James Essam  
Head of School

### DATES FOR DIARY

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	-	School Re-Opens to all Pupils
Friday 19 March	-	Red Nose Day - More information to follow
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	-	Virtual Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.20pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Virtual Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.20pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	-	Last Day of Term 4

For 5-11  
year olds

# Children's Writing Competition



● Attention all kids! ●

Do you love books? Do you love writing?  
Have you ever dreamed of having a story made into a real book?  
Here is your chance!

Children's author Helen Brian and Peahen Publishing are  
launching a story writing competition with the theme  
'Acts of kindness'.

## What to do?

Write a story up to 600 words that has the theme of 'kindness' in it.  
Draw pictures to go with your story - as many as you like!

## Prizes

**1st prize** - Your story will be published and you will receive 5 copies  
AND win a SuperPirates online party AND the book recorded in audio  
by Steven Kynman of CBeebies!

**2nd prize** - A front cover design of your story.

**Runner up** - Book vouchers

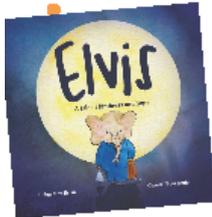
## How to enter?

Email your entry to [elvis.competition@gmail.com](mailto:elvis.competition@gmail.com)

**Closing date 21st May**

**Winner announced Friday 16th July**

[helenbrian.co.uk](http://helenbrian.co.uk)  
[www.peahenpublishing.com](http://www.peahenpublishing.com)



Here are some examples of the best ways to supply the art for the best results.



This has too many white bits  
where the colouring in is sketchy.



This one has been coloured with blocks of  
colour and has details over the top which  
will work brilliantly.



This has a plain paper background but all  
the other lines & colours have no gaps and  
there is a solid line border around it too.  
This is fine to do it like this.



Join the lines up like the first ghost.  
Ghost number 2 has too many gaps.



Drawing 1 has solid colours,  
Drawing 2 has too many white gaps.

**The most important tip is...to HAVE FUN!**



## Dear Parents,

We are really excited to start welcoming back pupils from 8th March following the recent Government announcement. We wanted to take a moment to let you know what the return to school will look like and what we have put into place to ensure your child is not only kept safe but they are able to enjoy our delicious food and great service.

### Safety is our priority

Our priority for the return to school is the safety of all children, our teaching colleagues and our own teams. The Health and Safety measures introduced at the start of the pandemic such as social distancing and new cleaning COVID-19 procedures will stay in place to keep everyone safe. Please watch our short video to see how we will be re-opening our schools to all pupils [here](#).



### Tasty menus

We are pleased to inform you we will be offering the same tasty and nutritious menu items we had on offer prior to the latest lockdown. Please get in touch with your school to confirm your menu and to order your meals for week commencing the 8th of March.

### Medical diets

Our specialised team of Medical Diet Nutritionists are available to offer menu support for pupils with medical dietary requirements. Please take a look at our Medical Diets video to hear a Chartwells parent talk about their experience using our Medical Diets process [here](#).

If your child requires a Medical Diet menu please ensure that you fill in the Medical Diet Request Form available [here](#) and return this to your school, who can pass this onto us.

For any other queries please email our team at: [Chartwells.medicaldiets@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:Chartwells.medicaldiets@compass-group.co.uk).



## Support

If you have any questions about the return to school, please contact your school who will be more than happy to help.

We look forward to welcoming back your child(ren).

## Chartwells.

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