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Purple Post

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Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

Despite the continuing lockdown we are still seeking lots of opportunities for pupils to develop their characters and resilience and improve mental well-being particularly by getting outside for outdoor learning.

As you'll see, we have been in the local paper following the planting of our Tiny Forest. We also need your help to maintain this space- could you help out for a couple of hours a month? Please see further down to volunteer - green fingers definitely not essential!

Liz Latham

As a school we are following Government guidelines to stay safe. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Nursery Places

Do you have a child who is due to start nursery in September? If your child was born between Sept 2017 and Aug 2018 then you could give your child the best start to their school days by signing up for our nursery. We are happy to offer any combination of hours (30 / 15 or even full time school hours!) Please contact the school office to find out more and book your place before they're all gone!

Red Nose Day

On Friday March 19th

our school is going to change the world with the power of funny! We are going to raise

money for Red Nose Day. You can choose to dress in something red, a red t-shirt, red socks, a red hair band or bow or red shoes. Or if you prefer you can dress as your favourite superhero and get set to show your superpowers raising money for others.

Please bring a pound or more if you would like to take part and have fun!



The Big Difference Scheme for Severn Trent Customers

The Big Difference Scheme can help customers who are in receipt of a low income and struggling to pay their water charges. If eligible for the scheme, customers could receive up to 90% off the average Severn Trent Water bill.

If you have a child who is eligible for [income based free school meals](#), it is likely you will qualify for the scheme.

To apply for a reduction customers can complete our online application via www.bigdiff.co.uk

For more information please visit – www.sttf.org.uk/big-difference-scheme/

Tiny Forest Tree Planting

On Friday 26th

February our Key worker and vulnerable children in years 1 – 6 took part in the planting of our Tiny Forest in

association with Earthwatch UK. To see the Leicester Mercury article [click here](#) The children and staff had a wonderful time in the glorious sunshine.



Volunteers Needed!

Following on from the success of our Tiny Forest Tree Planting day that took place in February. We are looking for parent volunteers to join our Keeper Team. You will be working alongside the academy and Earthwatch as an Ambassador for the Tiny Forest to help maintain it over the next 2 years. As a member of the Keeper Team you would need to attend an online training event on either on Monday 15th March 19:00-20:00 or Thursday 1st April 12:00-13:00. If you would like to volunteer please [click here](#) to leave your details.

TTRS Battle of the Bands Results

18TH FEBRUARY - 5TH MARCH	Roger Hargeaves	521	Roald Dahl	330
18TH FEBRUARY - 5TH MARCH	Oliver Jeffers	115	Valerie Thomas	68
18TH FEBRUARY - 5TH MARCH	Charlie Mackesy	144	JK Rowling	89
18TH FEBRUARY - 5TH MARCH	Gill Lewis	70	Anthony Browne	27
18TH FEBRUARY - 5TH MARCH	Shaun Tan	502	Ross Montgomery	346

Congratulations to the winning classes. We have a special Battle of the Bands for Red Nose Day starting on 12th March (ends 18th March) called a 'Battle Royale' for 'Rock Down Relief UK'. Please encourage your children to take part.

Gates Reminder

Please be reminded that due to the restrictions around Covid and our Operations Procedure/Risk Assessments, we are unable to allow late arrivals in school. The gates are open from 8.45am until 9.05am for entrance to the Academy.

Face Covering and Social Distancing Reminder



Please can we politely remind parents that to protect the Queensmead family and our local community you are required to wear a face covering whilst queuing before and after school and whilst on the school premises. We also respectfully ask that you keep the gates clear and queue on the painted markings provided. As you are aware, we are working very hard to try to keep our Queensmead family safe so that we don't have to close pupil bubbles- it is in everyone's interest to keep to the guidelines.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

Local Authority Letter.

Children do like to share their news with staff in school -this is a normal part of the positive relationships in classrooms. We are very aware that there are some families who are not following Government guidance, who have arranged sleepovers/playdates with other families. This is not complying with the current restrictions. Please see the attached letter from the local authority which makes it clear that this should not be happening.

New Arrival

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Wyglendacz has given birth this week to a beautiful baby girl. I'm sure that you will join us in wishing them all well.

