



# QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

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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.*

*A warm welcome back to another new term and academic year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. Thank you so much for such a great start to the term- pupils look smart in their uniforms and are ready and prepared for their learning. A particular welcome to our new pupils who have started in F1 and 2 and throughout the school - we look forward to a long and successful partnership with you.*

*We have lots of information to share with you and things to celebrate- this newsletter will be published each fortnight, the website and Twitter are great places to keep up to date as well as emails and our electronic mailing system, Groupcall, which is particularly used for 'urgent' text messages.*

*Have a happy start to the term and a good weekend.*

*Liz Latham*

### School Meals issues

**We apologise again for the issues around providing our usual, delicious range of school meals: we're working hard to try to get this resolved to normal service next week. Thanks very much for your patience and support with this.**

### Essential information updates

It's essential to have the correct contact details so that we can get in touch with you – please make sure that if you've changed your phone number, address or your child has started new medication over the summer, you let the office know.

**Emails:** this year we will continue to use email as the main way to keep you updated- this helps in our drive to be environmentally friendly. Please do check emails regularly to stay in the know!

### School Start time 8.50am

Well done to everyone who has made sure that your child arrives in school to begin their learning at 8.50am. If your child arrives after this time, then they are classed as LATE.

Please aim to be in the playground by 8.45am when classroom doors open and the school day officially starts at 8.50am.

If your child is late for school by 10 minutes every week, it's a full day of learning lost over the year. If they're late every day by 10 minutes, it's a full week of learning.

### Dates for your Diary

Winning House team celebration 6<sup>th</sup> Sept

Yr 3 Local History trip 13<sup>th</sup> Sept

Yr 6 Warning Zone 21<sup>st</sup> Sep

More information/ dates to follow in the next newsletters.

### Free afterschool multisports

These sessions will start next week for years 2-6, emails have been sent out with all the information needed to sign up and the confirmation of your child's place should be with you today. There may still be some places available so please do complete the Form if you would like a place for your child.

### Free Family Fun with Buzzing Roots!

**Buzzing Roots invites families to join them on Saturdays at the Brite Centre for a series of free, environmentally-themed activities.**

**At The BRITE Centre, Braunstone Ave**

**2 Sep: Creepy Crawlies/Compost Organic Growing**

**7 Oct: Bee bath/wildflowers/berry bushes**

**4 Nov: Rainbow eating/recipes/culinary delights**

**2 Dec: Focus on Birds**

**Storytelling from Leicester City Libraries on each date 11.30am and 12.30pm**

**We believe in encouraging a love for nature and the environment from an early age. It's a wonderful opportunity for children to learn, explore, and develop an appreciation for our planet. We hope to see many of you there!**