



# Queensgate Primary School

## Newsletter November 19th 2025

Thank you to everyone who joined us online or in person for Parents' Evenings last week. We hope that you found the meetings useful.

**Whole school writing week** There is always a lovely buzz in school during our whole school writing week. Every child, from Nursery to Year 6, is immersed in the same text and inspired to create their own ideas/ writing. The focus book this year was "Here we are: Notes for living on planet earth", by Oliver Jeffers.



**Gladiator at Queensgate!** WOW! The children loved having a surprise visit from the Gladiator Steel (Zack George) last week. He met all the children and spoke to them about the importance of keeping physically and mentally strong. He asked each of them to write their own "Glimmer"- a happy thought/ memory to help focusing on the positives in life.



It was a really memorable experience for the children so we must say a massive thank you to Mrs Hesketh and the Friends of Queensgate for organising the visit.

**Christmas Lunch arrangements** Christmas will be here before we know it! On **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** the children who have school meals will have the option of a traditional Christmas lunch (**please pre-order early** to help the Cook plan ahead). Children who have packed lunches are welcome to bring in a nut-free Christmas themed lunch on that day e.g. turkey sandwich, mince pie etc. Children can also wear **Christmas jumpers to school on this day (normal school trousers/ skirts etc.)**

**Christmas parties** These will take place in the last week of term. Children come to school in their party clothes for the day. More information will be shared about the arrangements for these closer to the time.

## NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme

We are pleased to inform you that we are participating in the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme this week. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.



This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children aged 6-7 and 9-11.

Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout).

### Dates to remember

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| • Tuesday 2nd December        | Evening- Choir singing at Bridgewater Hall   |
| • Wednesday 3rd December      | AM Year 4 Carol concert <i>rehearsal</i> at Bramhall Methodist   |
| • Friday 5th December         | Non-uniform day - donations for Christmas Fair   |
| • Friday 5th December         | 2.45PM Year 1 Carols for parents/ carers in the Hall   |
| • Monday 8th December         | 9.30AM Nursery & Reception Christmas play, parents, <b>TR</b>  |
| • Tuesday 9th December        | 9.30AM Nursery & Reception Christmas play, parents, <b>TR</b>  |
| • Tuesday 9th December        | 2.00PM Year 2 Christmas play, parents/ carers, <b>TR</b>   |
| • Tuesday 9th December        | 6.30PM Y4 - Y6 Carol Concert at Bramhall Methodist   |
| • Wednesday 10th December     | AM Reception trip to Sale Waterside theatre  |
| • Wednesday 10th December     | 9.30AM Year 2 Christmas play, parents/ carers, <b>TR</b>   |
| • Thursday 11th December      | 4.00- 6.00PM FoQ Christmas Fair  |
| • Friday 12th December        | Year 5 and Year 6 Declamation competition (Final)  |
| • Friday 12th December        | Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch<br>(preorder on <a href="#">SchoolGrid</a> before Wednesday 3rd December) |
| • Friday 12th December        | 2.45PM Year 3 Carols for parents/ carers in the Hall   |
| • W/B 15th December           | Year group Christmas parties will take place this week   |
| • <b>Friday 19th December</b> | <b>School closes for 2 weeks</b>   |
| • <b>Monday 5th January</b>   | <b>School re-opens</b>   |

**TR** = tickets required

Please remember that if you have any queries or wish to discuss school matters, Mrs Hitchcock is available before and after school Monday - Thursday and Mrs Lee is available on a Friday.

**Mrs Hitchcock and Mrs Lee**