IMPORTANT REMINDER – CAR PARKING
Once again, I am sorry to say that we have had a few complaints about the parking around the school. I can understand that finding a place to park at school drop off and pick-up time is frustrating, but please may I remind you that the safety of our children is paramount. It has been particularly difficult this last year with the Severn Vale building work taking place with large lorries and site vehicles making deliveries and blocking access around the school. This development is nearing the end of completion so will soon alleviate this congestion. Please may we remind everyone to park sensibly, safe and legally when coming to the school and to ensure the safety of children in your care when dropping off and collecting at the end of the day. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Mrs Bennion - Headteacher

GARDENING CLUB
We are pleased to be able to start our after school Gardening Club again on Tuesdays after half term. We are limited on spaces so places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Please see Mrs McDermott in Year 6 for an interest form, thank you.

PARENTS’ EVENING APPOINTMENTS
Appointment sheets for the forthcoming Parents’ Evenings will be available in the main school reception area for you to select your preferred appointment slot from Monday 29th January. Dates and times of this term’s Parents’ Evenings are as follows:

- Tuesday 6th February 3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.
- Thursday 8th February 5 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Please ensure you book your appointment to meet with your child’s class teacher, thank you.

CLASS SNIPPETS!

Reception class – Wrens – Miss Drake & Mrs Jeffreys
The Wrens had a fantastic visit to Bristol Aquarium last Friday as part of our theme ‘Splish, Splash, Splosh!’ The class showed impeccable behaviour and made us very proud – well done Wrens!

Year 1 – Robins class – Mrs Parsons
The children have been working on their recounts in English. We have been thinking back to our trip in the Autumn in readiness to write about our trip to Slimbridge. In maths we have been doing addition and subtraction for numbers to 20 using 10 frames, part part whole and number lines. We have also been working hard on using our phonic skills and comprehension to improve our reading. Many children have moved up reading levels this week – well done!

Year 2 – Blackbirds class – Miss Vickers
This week we have been writing our fairy tale land newspaper reports. In maths we have been learning about making equal groups. We finished our investigations on the 3 little pigs houses. We found out the houses made from plastic were the strongest. We have also been working really hard to improve our letter formation.

Year 3 – Magpies class – Mrs Dorehill & Mr Brixey
Magpies have shown real skills in competing this week. They have designed, made in Lego and programmed their own robots. Mr Nolan and Mrs Dorehill were amazed by their abilities; see the blog for pictures.

Year 4 – Owls class – Ms Rogers
In our BIG WRITE, we wrote our own myths and read them to Kestrels class. We have continued to produce and practise a dance, telling the story of the Viking invasion of Britain. Please visit our Owls blog to see photos of last week’s special Viking Experience Day!

Year 5 – Kestrels class – Mr Smith
Kestrels have had a fantastic week of dividing in maths and enjoyed sharing their Ashmolean Museum recount with Year 4.

Year 6 – Eagles class – Mrs Troughton
We have already completed week three of our Mini Marines twelve week course; the children are still thoroughly enjoying it – even though they are certainly putting us through our paces!
SPORT AT QUEEN MARGARET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cross Country

Races will commence at The Vineyards again this term. Details of upcoming events are as follows:
- Thursday 22nd February 2018
- Thursday 1st March 2018

Letters have been sent home to parents of those children wishing to take part. Please ensure you return the consent slip to allow your child to attend, thank you.

Tewkesbury Primary School Cluster Football Competition

We will be taking some of our children to Tewkesbury School on Tuesday 6th February to take part in the Tewkesbury Primary School Cluster Football Competition. Letters have been sent home to parents of those children who will be taking part — please ensure you complete and return the consent form to school asap to allow your child to attend, thank you.

Swimming

Years 3 & 4 continue their swimming sessions this term. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit in to school each Friday and payments are made on-line, thank you.

PACKED LUNCHES

In the press at the moment, there is a lot about healthy snacks and sugar. This is also linked to our lunchboxes. A healthy packed lunch is fuel for learning. This means thinking about what is in the lunchboxes. Sandwiches, wraps, pitta bread are obviously a good start and we would suggest one treat (not sweets!). We are trying to encourage our children to make healthy choices so your support with this would be much appreciated. More info can be found at https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/

CLASS BLOGS

Please remember to view our class blogs via the school website. We have noticed that some parents and children have left lovely comments and we would like to thank you for these.

Reception: http://qmwrrens.weebly.com/
Year 1: http://robinssqm.weebly.com/
Year 2: http://qmks1.weebly.com/
Year 3: http://mappiesqm.weebly.com/
Year 4: http://qmowlsclass.weebly.com/
Year 5: http://qmkestrels.weebly.com/
Year 6: http://eaglesclass.weebly.com/

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2018
- Thurs 1st: Movie Night 3.15 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tues 6th: Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.30 p.m.
- Thurs 8th: Parents Evening 5 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
- Cross Country Race – Vineyards 4 p.m.
- Fri 9th: Last day of term
- Mon 19th: Start of term
- Thurs 22nd: Cross Country Race – Vineyards 4 p.m.
- Fri 23rd: Book Fair in school
- Wed 28th:

March 2018
- Thurs 1st: Cross Country Race – Vineyards 4 p.m.
- Tues 13th: Yr 4 Warwick Castle
- Thurs 15th: Yr 5 Greek Day
- Fri 16th: Theme Afternoon from 1.45 p.m.
- Thurs 29th: Last day of term

April 2018
- Mon 16th: INSET Day – school closed to children
- Tues 17th: Start of term

May 2018
- Mon 7th: May Day Bank Holiday Monday
- Mon 14th: KS2 SATS
- Wed 17th: Last day of term
- Fri 25th:

June 2018
- Mon 4th: INSET Day – school closed to children
- Tues 5th: Start of term
- Thurs 28th: Wrens class vision & hearing screening

July 2018
- Mon 2nd: Yr 6 Residential to Weymouth
- Thurs 5th: Last day of term
- Weds 25th: INSET Day – school closed to children

September 2018
- tba: INSET Day – school closed to children
- tba: Start of term

School term dates from September 2018 will be announced shortly once agreed with Gloucestershire County Council. We will issue a September 2018/2019 school terms and holidays calendar once agreed. Our current academic year 2017/2018 dates are available on our school website at www.queensmargaretschool.org under the ‘About us’ section.