



6 July 2010

Dear Parents

Congratulations to:

- Finn Bracey (7T), Andrew Evans (7S) and Ben Stephenson (7T), bringing to 12 the number of lower school pupils so far this year to achieve the **Platinum Merit Award** for 100 merits.
- Sarah Collins (8C), Clare Toogood (8C) and Joseph McCann (7T) who have achieved their **Gold Merit Awards**.
- Daisy Blair (8C), Samantha Harris (7C) and Jack Pelham (7S) who have achieved their **Silver Merit Awards**

We put in our application for Academy status on Wednesday last week. If all goes to plan, we will be an **Academy School** on 1 September 2010. The name of the school will not change, nor will its ethos or admissions policy; we are applying for Academy status for the financial advantages it gives us in a time of budgetary cuts. Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any queries or concerns about this.

The **Friends of QEGS** support the school by raising money to buy equipment and we very much appreciate their efforts on our behalf. In the past six months they have provided the school with:

- A set of 60 badged athletics vests in school colours
- 7 tents, 5 Trangia stoves and 2 satellite messenger tracker devices plus a year's software licence for the trackers
- A drum kit.

At the Summer Fete, on Friday 16 July from 4.00 to 6.00 pm, the Friends organise the raffle and the tombola. If you would like to donate any raffle or tombola prizes to support the Friends in their fundraising, please bring these to the school office in the next week.

And some final reminders:

- **Summer Fete raffle ticket stubs and money** must be returned to the school office by Friday 9 July please.
- If you would like to come and watch the **House Athletics** sports competition on Wednesday 14 July, please return your reply slip to the school office by Friday 9 July.

Best wishes

Miss A Francis
Headteacher