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THEY'VE only been back at school for a few weeks but local pupils are already getting their brains into gear for our tough annual quiz.

For the third year *The News* is running the We Can Do It Schools Quiz, where we challenge youngsters from across the area to test their general knowledge.

On Monday, October 18, we will publish this year's list of brain-teasers on our school quiz website.

Pupils will then have two hours to rack their brains and answer as many of the 60 questions as they can.

The questions test a whole range of general knowledge, covering topics such as history, geography, biology, maths, sport and even pop music and soap operas.

And winners in the two categories – primary and secondary – will then go on to the live final next month.

After five tough rounds at last year's final, St Jude's Primary, from Southsea, were victorious in the primary school section and Crofton School, from Stubbington, came first in the secondary school competition.

Quizmaster Jeff Legg, educational services manager at *The News*, said: 'The school's quiz is a bit of fun but it is also educational as the pupils really need to have a good general knowledge.'

All teams should be made up of four pupils, with a maximum of two allowed from the same year group.

For example, for a primary school, there could be one Year 4, one Year 5, and two Year 6 pupils.

Once all the correct answers have been counted, we will invite the top four teams from each category to battle it out in the grand final for a chance to win the school's quiz trophies.

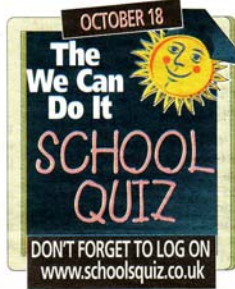
The grand final takes place at the Royal Marines Museum, in Eastney, Portsmouth, at 7pm on Thursday, November 11.

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St Jude's in Southsea won last year's primary school quiz trophy and pictured are pupils, from left, Robert Portlock, nine, Jack Churchill, eight, Matthew Giles, 10, and Elissa Churchill, 11

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Register your school to take part

TO take part in this year's We Can Do It school's quiz you will need to register.

All you have to do is contact our education services manager, Jeff Legg, on (023) 9266 4488 or email jeff.legg@thenews.co.uk and let him know you are taking part.

If you visit our special website, www.schoolsquiz.co.uk, you will find out more information.

The quiz kicks off at midday on October 23, when the questions will

appear on the website, and the teams have until 2pm to answer as many of the 60 questions as they can.

Questions are answered on the internet in the spaces provided. Once pupils have finished, they should click on the 'send' button on the screen to have the entry flashed through to the News's education services department for checking.

In an event of a technical hitch we will have a back-up plan.

Join us tomorrow and help to fight litter on the beaches



PEOPLE have been signing up for a massive clean-up along our sea fronts.

The litter-pick, taking place tomorrow, is aimed at tidying up our shoreline and making it better for beach users and wildlife.

The Dive Shop Triton Scuba, of Highland Road, Southsea, with at least 30 members of the public as well as diving club members, will be cleaning man-made debris and recording the items found east of South Parade Pier towards Eastney.

Litter items such as nets, rope and six-pack yokes pose a threat to wild-

life, which can become entangled in them, while some species mistake plastic bags and pieces for food and swallow them, with potentially fatal consequences.

As part of our We Can Do It campaign, which is all about pride in our area, we are asking people to get involved wherever they live.

So we want anyone with time to spare to pitch in and help.

Those interested are asked to call Triton Scuba before the day on (023)

9283 8773. The firm can also provide advice for people who want to carry out a clean-up on their local beach, including safety tips.

There are also beach cleans being held under the Marine Conservation Society banner across our communities in a project called Beachwatch, which is taking place on both September 18 and 19 across the country.

Locally there is an event at 10am on September 19 in Portchester going west from the sailing club and on Southsea beach starting at 2.30pm, for which people are asked to meet by Rocksby's cafe.

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