

Queen's Hill Primary & Nursery School

# Newsletter

September 2015

## **'Showing a Passion for Learning'**

Welcome back after the summer break. I hope that you had a fantastic break and you were able to enjoy some good weather either at home or abroad.

After a successful first year, where 100% of children in Year 1-6 managed to read at least 4 times every week, we have continued with the Reading for a Star scheme this year. Please make sure that you read with your child as much as possible at home. Last year the whole school reward was a visit from "Stomp" which the children thoroughly enjoyed. This year the reward will be... even better... so get reading!

Staff training days were spent completing statutory Safeguarding training along with staff development in Physical Education, Mathematics and Art.

We continue this year with our drive on fostering a Passion for Learning. Please ask your child what they have been learning when they come home from school. I know the children and staff have planned some exciting learning activities to inspire the children across the curriculum. Look out for the Curriculum Meeting dates with your child's phase leader where you can find out more about your child's curriculum in the year ahead and ask any questions you may have.

If you are new to the school we hope that you quickly feel part of our school community - please do come along to as many events as you can to meet new people. And if you have been with us for a while I hope that you feel back into the routine of school life after a break. Don't forget that our Parent Support Advisor, Nada, is available to help and is happy to lend a friendly ear. If your child has any medical problems or they need medicine administered, please ask to see Mrs Eastaugh.

We will hold parents evenings in October where you can discuss how your child has settled into school and the next steps in their learning. If there are any concerns that you would like to discuss in the meantime, please ask to meet with your class teacher at a mutually convenient time.

Thank you so much for your continued support

Mr M Roughsedge

Deputy Headteacher

# Come and Join the Team!



Can you spare a morning or afternoon to  
volunteer in school?

Could you help us with:-

Listening to Readers

Gardening with Small Groups

Arts & Crafts

Outdoor Learning

Helping at Coffee, Cake & Chatter

If you are able to help

Please contact

Debra Fraser in the School Office

## Marvellous Maths!



We have an exciting new Maths Hub opening in the library! Borrow fun games and books to take away, or sign up to stay and play in our Wednesday Games Club.

Grand Opening on Friday 11th September for parents, carers and children from 3pm with cake, biscuits, tea coffee and juice!

## Cooking up a Celebration

This term our topic is Cooking Up A Celebration. We have lots of exciting events planned for the children if you would like to help with cooking activities or know a chef who would like to come to school pop in to see your class teacher and let us know how you can help.

## Mobile Library Bus



The Mobile Library Service bus will be visiting the school fortnightly from 2.45pm in the school playground. Dates for this half term are:

3 September 2015

17 September 2015

1 October 2015

15 October 2015

Please make use of this excellent service and if you haven't already done so join the Library Service - forms are available on the bus and online.

## Defibrillator Reminder

We have a defibrillator which is situated in the school office and is available for the community to use when the school is open, should the need arise.





## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2pm for Year 1 & Year 2**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9am for Years 3,4,5 & 6**

- Parents of children are invited to
- Nursery and Reception children will have their celebration in the EYFS unit on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October.
- This year we are again supporting "Foodbank" - A Christian crisis food bank project to offer emergency food parcels to needy families across **Norwich**. The following foods would be really appreciated:

**Milk (UHT or powdered)**

**Soup (tinned)**

**Sponge Pudding (Tinned)**

**Rice Pudding (Tinned)**

**Tea Bags/instant coffee**

**Biscuits/snack bars**

**Sugar (500g)**

**Pasta Sauces**

**Tomatoes (Tinned)**

**Jam**

**Instant Mash Potato**

**Fruit Juice (carton)**

**Cereals**

**Rice/Pasta**

**Tinned Fruit**

**Tinned Meat/Fish**

We will start to collect the food on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September - please leave in the boxes in the entrance area.

Thank you very much for your support.



## School Uniform

Please ensure that all school uniform is named clearly. Whilst class teachers will try their best to match the correct clothes with the correct child after PE lessons, it is ultimately the child's responsibility to take care of their own property.



## Absences

If your child is ill or unable to attend school for any reason please telephone the school on the first day of absence to let us know, there is an option on the answer phone to make this an easy process. If we do not hear from you we will mark the absence as unknown and you will need to confirm to us in writing the reason for the absence on their return to school.

If you wish to take your child out of school during term-time you will need to request a Pupil Leave of Absence form from the Office.

**Please note: All holidays during term-time will be marked as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.**



## Parental Concerns

If you have any concerns about your child's well being or education, you should always speak in the first instances to the Class Teacher.

If the matter is not resolved then see the Phase Leader:-

- Nursery & Reception - Mrs Pollard
- Years 1 and 2 - Ms Taylor
- Years 3,4,5 & 6 - Mr Jones

## Medication

If your child requires medication please try to ensure that all doses are given at home. Medication can only be given at school in exceptional circumstances.





# Diary Dates




<b>September 2015</b>	
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Birthday Queen's Hill Primary School - 7 yrs today!
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup>	3pm KS1 Meeting with Parents
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4, & 6 Meeting with Parents
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	3 - 4pm MATHS HUB GRAND OPENING
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4/5 Shakespeare Day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Cycling Proficiency
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Cycling Proficiency
<b>October 2015</b>	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30 - 9.30am Harvest Stay & Play/Reading Café for Morning Nursery 8.30 - 10am Stay & Play/Reading Café for Reception 12 noon - 1pm Harvest Stay and Play for Afternoon Nursery 2pm Year 1 & 2 Harvest Festival
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9am Year 3,4,5 & 6 Harvest Festival
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	3 - 4pm Y3 Reading Café
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm Show & Share Assembly - Les Herissons
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm Show & Share Assembly - Les Taupes
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Trip to Norwich Castle
	From 12.30pm Parents' Evening for Y6 From 8am Parents' Evening for Y6 3 - 6pm - Parents' Evening for Reception - Year 5
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup>	3 - 6pm Parents' Evening for Reception - Year 5
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	HALF TERM BEGINS
<b>November 2015</b>	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Children Back to School
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm Show & Share Assembly - Les Souris
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Photographs
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Remembrance Day Assembly for Y6 parents
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm Show & Share Assembly Les Papillon Rouges
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm Show & Share Assembly - Les Grenouilles
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Maths Café
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm Show & Share Assembly - Les Coccinelles

# Term Dates

## 2015/16

	<b>Autumn Term 2015</b> Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December Half Term holiday: Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
	<b>Spring Term 2016</b> Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March Half Term holiday: Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
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## \*\*\*Please Note\*\*\*

Following a change in legislation the Costessey Cluster of Schools will be considering whether to keep in line with Norfolk County Council's recommended term dates. We will keep you informed of any changes to term dates as soon as possible.