

Queen's Hill Primary School

Newsletter

April 2016

Summer Term

I hope that you have enjoyed the Easter Break. We have a full Summer Term ahead with lots of visits and activities planned. Please ensure that your child continues to read and completes a maths activity at least four times a week - if we all succeed then just like last year, Mrs Sheppard has planned a fantastic surprise treat - watch this space. . .

Thanks to Morgan Sindall who have paved a walkway so you can walk through the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) to access the rear of the school at dropping off and picking up time. A gentle reminder that ONLY taxi children should be waiting in the entrance hall at the end of the day - all other children should leave their classroom onto the playground.

As the weather gets progressively warmer, please ensure that your child has a sun hat in their book bag and that you apply suncream before school. May is a particularly busy month for our Year 6 pupils. Week commencing 9th May is SATs week so it's early to bed and a good breakfast for the Year 6 pupils! The month will end on a high as on the 18th May they will be off to Eaton Vale for fun-filled days of kayaking, mountain biking, catapult pioneering and much more.

On 12th May the Friends of Queen's Hill Primary School are holding a Quiz & Chips evening. We hope to see you there and may the best team win.

Our topic for this term is 'Old McDonald had a farm'. It would be lovely if you could visit a farm to support your child's learning - alternatively have a walk to see the sheep and lambs on Queen's Hill! The topic will be launched with an exciting curriculum day on Monday.

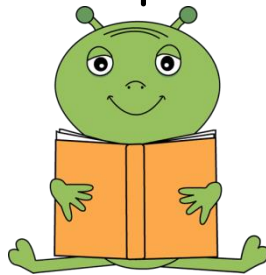
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RE M I N D E R



WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH
WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY

The Mobile Library will
be visiting the school
on 21st April 2016



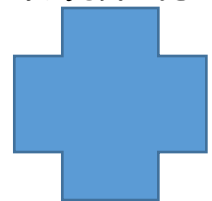
Double Bonus Stamp Week

For *Read for a Star* and *Marvellous Maths*

w/c 18th April



Earn 2 stamps in One Week



Changes to Key Stage 2 SATS - 2016/17

The expectations for the "average" child to achieve by the end of Year 6 have increased dramatically. I think a lot of adults would struggle to "pass" the grammar test. At Queen's Hills we understand how important it is for the children to do well in their tests. The government have introduced (for 2017) a new "resit" test for those children in Year 7 (current Y5) who don't reach the required standard by the end of Year 6 which shows the emphasis they are putting on standards. Whatever your political bias, as a parent you will want your child to be able to do the best that they can - however I'm also pretty confident that you will want them to enjoy being a child too. Getting the balance between the two is difficult - but we will endeavour to get it right.


Welcome to

Our new Assistant Caretaker Manuel Giraldo Agudelo




DIARY DATES

April 2016	
Thurs 14th	Y5 Bikeability
Friday 15th	Y5 Bikeability
Friday 22nd	Les Lapins Show & Share Assembly
Thursday 28th	Y5 Bikeability
Friday 29th	Y5 Bikeability Les Taupes Show & Share Assembly
May 2016	
Monday 2nd	MAY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 3rd	Y5 Bikeability 5.30pm Parents' Meeting for Y3-5 regarding Whitwell Hall Residential Visit
Wednesday 4th	Whole School Photograph
Monday 9th	SATS WEEK FOR YEAR 6
Friday 13th	Les Hiboux Show & Share Assembly
Monday 16th	ARTS WEEK
Wednesday 18th	Y6 Residential Trip to Eaton Vale
Thursday 19th	Y5 Bikeability
Friday 20th	Y6 return from Eaton Vale Y5 Bikeability Les Herissons Show & Share
Monday 23rd	Y5 Residential Trip to Whitwell Hall Y3 Residential Trip to Whitwell Hall
Wednesday 25th	Y4 Residential Trip to Whitwell Hall
Thursday 26th	8.30am Nursery am Stay & Play/Reading Café 8.30am Reception Stay, Stick & Play Reading Café 12 noon Nursery pm Stay & Play Reading Café
Friday 27th	2.30pm Reception Show & Share

2015/2016

	Summer Term 2016 Monday 11 th April to Wednesday 20 th July Half Term holiday: Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June (May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 2 nd May)
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2016/17

	Autumn Term 2016 Monday 5 th September to Friday 16 th December Half Term holiday: Thursday 20 th October to Friday 28 th October
	Spring Term 2017 Thursday 5 th January to Thursday 31 st March Half Term holiday: Monday 13 th February to Friday 17 th February
	Summer Term 2017 Monday 18 th April to Friday 21 st July Half Term holiday: Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June (May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1 st May)