

Queen's Hill Primary School

Newsletter

July 2016

STAFF CHANGES FOR SEPT 2016

As the school continues to grow there will always be a number of staff moving on during each school year.

Sadly, this year we are losing Mrs Petraglia and Miss Briggs.

Mrs Petraglia has been with us since 2014 and some will remember that she also taught with us in 2009-2012 and started her career as Miss Osborne. Mrs Petraglia will be moving to Rackheath Primary School which will be much closer to her home and will significantly cut down her daily commute.

Miss Briggs started her teaching career with us four years ago. She has been instrumental (no pun intended!) in delivering high quality music provision across the school and has been a champion of Primary Languages. She moves onto Robert Kett Primary School. Both teachers will be sadly missed and we wish them all the best for the future.

There are a number of teachers who will be joining our growing school:

Miss Bellison; Miss Corbett; Miss Gallagher; Miss Race and Mrs Walden.

I know that you will make them feel very welcome to the school.

Penny Sheppard

BUILDING CHANGES

As you are very much aware we have building works at the moment to accommodate the additional growth in primary aged children anticipated on the estate. You will also be aware that the building doesn't yet look finished!

We have more children starting at the school in September than Y6 leaving in July so we do need more classrooms than are currently available. So we have some temporary plans in place until the building is completed towards the end of the Autumn Term.

The new hall extension is due to be finished in August so this will become a temporary class base, as will the current staffroom... staff will relocate to cabins.

What does this mean for your children? It means that every child will be educated in the main building but three of our rooms will have a temporary change of use. It won't affect the quality of their education or their curriculum entitlement.

It does however mean that there will be movement of class bases when we gain ownership of the new extension! Those in the current staffroom will be moved to one of our brand new classrooms and a few of the other classrooms will need to be "jigged" about.

Whilst this is not ideal, it is the best solution to the situation we find ourselves in and the project manager has allowed us a decent budget to ensure the "temporary" bases are kitted out with all the equipment that we need.



LUNCHES AT THE END OF TERM

So that the hall extension is ready for us in August we have agreed for the builders to start work on the "knocking through" before the end of term. Obviously this leaves us without a hall space - but we have a solution! We will be gaining a marquee for the children to eat their lunches in and to be used as a learning space.

Please be patient with us whilst these changes take place. Wendy, our cook, will still be providing lunch for the children though the menu will need to be slightly amended.



CLASS STRUCTURES

This year we will start with 3 x Reception classes and 2 classes for each of the other year groups. Please be mindful that as the school continues to grow we may well need to restructure our classes during the year.

MUSIC LESSONS FROM SEPT 16
ALL PUPILS IN CURRENT
YEARS 2/3/4/5

Would your child like to learn to play a musical instrument?

- *Instruments include; keyboards, guitar, saxophone, clarinets & flutes*
- *Lessons are during the school day and last for 20 minutes*
 - *Lessons cost £5 per session (£50 per term)*
- *Flutes, clarinets and saxophones are available to hire from the Music Service at £25 per term.*
- *Each child will be given a diary which should be filled in regularly by the parent/carer and is a way of communication between the teacher and school.*

Children commit to learning an instrument a term at a time. We require half a term's notice should they wish to change/stop an instrument ie. we would need to know by October half term if they are stopping in January.

Please could you return the form in a named envelope to the office by Monday 11th July). If you would like to make alternative payment arrangements please talk to me in confidence.

If your child is already learning to play an instrument, please also complete the form to confirm you wish them to continue.

Many thanks for your support,
Penny Sheppard

Name of Child _____ Class _____

Please tick as appropriate

☐ My child would like to learn to play a
☐ Guitar ☐ Keyboard ☐ Saxophone ☐ Clarinet ☐ Flute

☐ My child already has music lessons and wishes to continue.

☐ I enclose cheque for £50/£75 (instrument hire fee)

Signed _____

Parent Governor Election


We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy on our Governing Body and you should be receiving a letter regarding this.

If you are interested in applying, please contact Debra Fraser in the School Office.




DIARY DATES

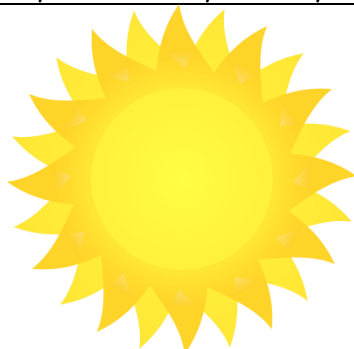
July	
Tuesday 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 Trip to Sheringham Park • Y5 Norwich 12 Visit • EYFS Water Fun Day
Wednesday 6th	Y4/5 Writing Workshop
Monday 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm Birds of Dereham Uniform Sale • 3 – 6pm Y1 – 6 Parents' Evening • 4 – 6pm New Intake Afternoon for Nursery & Reception • Closing date for Parent Governor Election nominations
Tuesday 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.30 – 9.30am Nursery AM Stay & Play/Reading Café • 8.30 – 10am Reception Stay & Play/Reading Café • 12 noon – 1pm Nursery PM Stay & Play/Reading Café
Wednesday 13th	3 – 6pm Y1 – 6 Parents' Evening
Thursday 14th	New Nursery Children – Home Visit Appointments
Friday 15th	New Nursery Children – Home Visit Appointments
Wednesday 20th	LAST DAY OF TERM

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)



All the staff hope you enjoy
your Summer Holidays
and we look forward to seeing
you in September!



