

Queen's Hill Primary School

Newsletter

November 2016

Welcome back, I hope that you all had a lovely half term break. Some parents' feedback to Governors during the recent parents' evening was that they sometimes find communication difficult between school and home. We use a variety of methods to communicate with home that I would like to draw your attention to:

- **Queen's Hill Primary School Facebook page**
 - **Twitter**
 - **School Website**
 - **School App**
 - **Newsletter**
 - **Phase curriculum overviews**
(termly meetings open to all parents)
- **Information Board at the front of the school.**

These, of course, do not replace a conversation, so if you have any questions or queries then please talk to your child's class teacher. All staff operate an open door policy and are happy to talk to you. Please be mindful that the priority is always the welfare of the children, so the teacher may ask you to arrange an alternative meeting at a mutually convenient time.

With so many of our staff and families connected to the military in some way, Remembrance Day is a poignant event at Queen's Hill School. We will be holding our annual assembly at **10.15am on Friday 11th November in the school hall**. Parents and carers are welcome to attend, but please be aware that this assembly is NOT

appropriate for pre-school children and space may be limited. I realise that November seems very early to be talking about Christmas but between now and the end of term we have so many events to fit in that I need to let you know about.

Our Christmas performances will be in the week commencing **Monday 5th December**, we will be performing at St. Peter Mancroft Church on **Saturday 10th December**, carol singing around the estate on **Tuesday 13th December at 5pm** and children in year 6 will be cooking for their parents on **Thursday 15th December at 6pm**. Specific dates and times for each year group can be found on the School App, which you can download to your calendar on your smart phone or tablet.

You may have heard from your child that we have had some staff changes. We have said goodbye to Mrs Marrison, who has been with the school since 2009, and Miss Gallagher who was teaching in Year 2. We welcome Miss Smith, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Beevor who are joining us as Teaching Assistants (in Year 3, Year 2 and Year 4 respectively) and to Miss Terry who joins as teacher in Year 2. A huge, warm welcome back to Mrs Moore who returns to Queen's Hill Primary School.

A quick note on our residential visit to Whitwell Hall. This residential school trip will be taking place at the end of May and is for children in Years 3-5. Please ensure that letters are returned as soon as possible.

Please note that this is a residential trip and part of the National Curriculum so the expectation is that all children attend and stay for the duration. Day trips are not something that we offer. There will be an information evening held where Mrs Sheppard will discuss the Whitwell Hall trip and share information about the activities closer to the date.

The building work is progressing well; a big thank you to Morgan Sindall for working so hard over the half term break to ensure that the school is ready for learning.

Mr Roughsedge

Multilingual Lunch

At Queen's Hill Primary School we are proud of the diverse community in which we live and we would like to celebrate the many languages we speak. On **Thursday 24th November** we will be holding a multilingual story telling lunch, where, on this occasion, we will celebrate our Polish community.

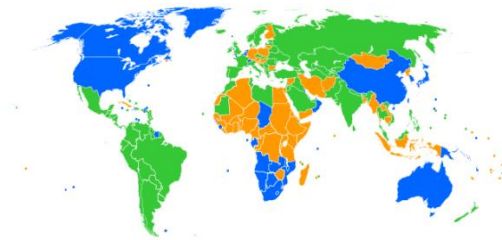
The children will:

- Listen to Polish music in the lunch hall
- Hear Polish stories
- Taste traditional Polish snacks

The session will run between **12 and 1pm** in the library and we would like to invite all parents to participate in this wonderful experience. We have a number of multilingual books and would be grateful for any Polish speaking parents to read these aloud to groups of children (or bring stories/books from home). *Snacks will be provided by school for allergy reasons.*

If you are interested in attending, please return the slip below by **Thursday 10th November**.

If you would like further information please ask your child's class teacher or Mrs Maskell, the school librarian.



Multilingual Lunch

Name of child: _____

Class: _____

Name of parent: _____



CLEANER VACANCY

We are looking for a cleaner to join our school as soon as possible.
15 hours per week possibly 3.30pm to 6.30pm
(timings are negotiable)

£7.52 per hour

We are looking to appoint someone who is:

- Reliable.
- Adaptable.
- Hard Working.

Duties will include:

Cleaning a specified area of the school to a high standard, and ensuring that relevant school policies and procedures are adhered to.

Please download and complete a Support Staff application form from the website and email it to office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk or post to the school address.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults. We expect all staff to share this commitment and an enhanced DBS disclosure will be sought, as well as proof of eligibility to work in the UK.

"This post is likely to come under the requirements of the Childcare (Disqualification) 2009 Regulations and the successful applicant will be required to complete a declaration form to establish whether they are disqualified under these regulations."

Closing Date: Friday 4th November 2016



On Monday 10th October there was more noise in the Breckland Hall than from a rock band in full swing! Some Year 5 pupils were bird box making under the watchful eyes and careful instruction of the guys from 'Poringland and District Men's Shed' . There were hammers flashing in the afternoon sun; nails being "bludgeoned" into unremitting wood; and faces screwed up in concentration and determination. A good time had by all!

Les Banks, (on behalf of the Poringland & District Man's shed) commented:

"It was a real pleasure to have such an enthusiastic and able group of young people and our hope is that we have 'fired' an interest in making things from wood and that lots of young voices will be imploring Mums, Dads and Teachers to get the saws and hammers out and have a go at another project!"

Well done Year 5 for being excellent representatives.



Congratulations to Alicja who has won our latest art competition.

Her winning design for an imaginary, dream room will be turned into a 3D model, with the help of a local artist.

It will be displayed at the Castle Museum and may be selected to be on show at

the Victoria and Albert Museum in London!

You can see her design on a display along the Key Stage 2 corridor.

Spelling: our current School Improvement and Development Programme focus

- Children will be applying the spelling rules within everyday learning - not just for the test/spelling lesson
- Children will want to be "good at spelling" and know which spellings must be spelt correctly in their work
- Children will use a variety of IT programs to support their spelling - at home and school
- Parents will have high expectations of their children re spelling at home
- Parents will be confident to support their child at home
- Spelling practice will be linked to handwriting practice
- Spelling expectations will be clear for each year group
- Staff will be confident in how to teach spelling as a discrete lesson and as part of every lesson.
- Staff will model spelling techniques to the children
- Staff will expand children's vocabulary
- Standards in spelling will improve and children will achieve ARE.





We would like to encourage all children to make use of our cloud based online learning tools.

If you have not already done so, please login with your child to Purple Mash to support their computing learning at home. The link for this can be found on the school website homepage and your child's login details can be found in the front of their reading journals.

Work saved in their 'online work' folder can be edited both at home and in school.

There are also many excellent publishing tools for completing home learning assignments via the smart search.

Remembrance Day Service

10.15am on 11th November 2016

All parents are invited to attend our Remembrance Day Service (please note space is limited and the service is not suitable for pre-school children).



Poppies are on sale
in school



(minimum donation 20 pence please)

As the winter months approach just a few reminders:

The school will remain open in the event of bad weather, even if we cannot provide a full education service. Historically we have had a 'snow patrol', a group of parents who are prepared to help provide childcare along with staff who live locally until all staff are able to arrive, if you would like to be added please let the office staff know:

- We expect the children to play outside in all weathers; there is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing! By playing outside in snow and ice the children learn how to deal with cold weather.
- Our caretaking staff will endeavour to grit main routes into school but in the event that this is not possible the back gates will not be used and access to the MUGA may be restricted. We **DO NOT** grit the whole playground and outside areas.
- If the school has to close due to unforeseen circumstances e.g lack of water/heating, this will be announced on the school website and the local radio (normally Radio Norfolk)
- Please ensure that all children have appropriate outdoor clothing and that it is NAMED. In snowy weather we expect children to have a change of shoes for indoors (either changing from wellies to shoes or shoes to slippers).






DIARY DATES

November 2016	
Fri 4th	2.30pm - Show & Share Assembly Les Grenouilles Class
Thurs 10th	3 - 4pm - Y5 Reading Cafe
Fri 11th	2.30pm - Show & Share Assembly Les Souris Class
Thurs 17th	2pm - Year 4 Reading Café
Fri 18th	2.30pm - Show & Share Assembly Les Sauterelles Class
Mon 21st	Year 4 Visit to Anglo-Saxon Village
Tues 22nd	9am - Year 1 English Cafe
Weds 23rd	Tinderbox Performance for Whole School 9am Year 3 English Café
Thurs 24th	2pm Year 6 Reading Cafe
December 2016	
Mon 5th	9.15am - Y2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10.30am - EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal 1.30pm - Y1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tues 6th	EYFS Part 2 -Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Wed 7th	9.15am - Year 2 Nativity 10.30am - Nursery & Reception Nativity 1.30pm - Year 1 Nativity
Thurs 8th	9.30am - Year 1 Nativity 1pm - Year 2 Nativity 2pm - Nursery & Reception Nativity
Fri 9th	2.30pm Show & Share Assembly Les Taupes Class and Les Herissons Class
Sat 10th	St. Peter Mancroft Christmas Concert
Mon 12th	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner
Tues 13th	KS2 Christmas Dinner

	5pm - Carol Singing around Queen's Hill Estate
Wed 14th	8.30am Reception - Jolly Postman Writing Café
Thurs 15th	6pm Year 6 Christmas Meal for Parents/Guests
Fri 16th	LAST DAY OF TERM

2016/17

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

Tom W, Alfie F, Holly R, Zoe Z, Cali-Jo C,

Holly H, Mattie N & Alicja K



*Seb's Friends
of the Week*

*during October for showing
a positive attitude to their learning*

Congratulations!