

# Queen's Hill Primary School

## Newsletter

March 2017

You will have noticed the new extension to the school is very nearly completed and we look forward to the outside area being finished very soon too. We have waited such a long time for a playing field and it will be lovely to have children running around and playing this summer. We are indeed extremely lucky to have such a fantastic building and outside space. As part of our new extension we have a new cookery room which will really enhance this aspect of our curriculum. If you have any cookery books you no longer use we would be really grateful to put them to good use, please pass them on to your child's class teacher.

A big thank you for all who completed the school survey on the school app, we had a fantastic response. The results are currently being analysed and I will communicate the key messages to you shortly. A new survey for this half term will be launched soon so make sure you keep checking the school app.

Those of you with children in Year 1 to 6 will notice from the school reports you will shortly receive that children are really starting to recognise their achievements and next steps. Please make sure you talk to children about their learning and ask them what their next steps are, ask them what they have done well and what they need to do next.

One final appeal... if you have any old shirts that you no longer wear, they make fantastic art aprons. We would be very appreciative if you could pass any shirts to your child's class teacher.

Following a successful Safety Awareness Day please can we ask you to follow up on safety in the home, internet safety, building site safety, stranger danger, road safety and internet safety! We covered a lot during the day so please make sure that you speak to your children about what they did.

Mike Roughsedge



## School Council ...



School council have been heavily involved in the prep and implementation of an exciting new salad bar for dinner times at school! The salad bar will allow a new level of independence and choice when it comes to children's healthy eating. We've also refreshed the Main School Rules and began practising our questions ahead of our upcoming trip to UEA.

## The Arts at Queen's Hill Primary

At Queen's Hill Primary School we are passionate about delivering a high quality, broad Arts curriculum alongside lots of enrichment opportunities. The Arts includes Art, Design Technology, Cookery, Drama, Music and Dance. Our school ethos, 'A Creative Learning Journey' is reflected in our cross curricular teaching of topics. Research shows that these areas of learning allow children to develop skills such as:

- Providing opportunities for them to express themselves,
- Increased academic performance,
- Build confidence,
- Improve motor control,
- Develop critical thinking,
- Trains perseverance and focus,
- Encourages collaboration amongst many other things!

We want all children to leave our school feeling inspired, with positive memories and a love of the Arts. We are excited that the building work has allowed us to invest further in The Arts with our mirrored 'Studio', cookery suite and beautiful new library! Over the next few months we are applying for an Artsmark award to celebrate all the best practice. We have children's work being displayed in two public exhibitions (in Norwich and London) and we will be having a creative soiree showcasing the children's artwork and musical talents.

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to inform you that the school will be taking part in a jointly run operation between Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Police and our school, it is called Operation Encompass. Encompass has been set-up to help schools to provide support to children who have been present at incidents of domestic violence. We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally harmed when they are involved in, present or witness to domestic violence.

The school will receive a confidential phone call from the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub before 9am on the morning after any domestic incident where a child at their school has been involved in, present or witness to domestic violence.

The school have designated Mr Roughsedge, Mr Georgiou and Mrs Sheppard as Key Adults. They have received training from Norfolk County Council to allow them to use the information that has been shared, in confidence to make sure that the right support is available for children and their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved. If you have any concerns or questions then please contact one of the above Key Adults and we will be happy to discuss this further. Further information about the project can be found on our school's website and is available from the school office on request.

Yours sincerely,

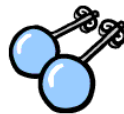
Mr Roughsedge

Deputy Head Teacher



## Jewellery in PE lessons

A reminder that children will be asked to remove earrings before taking part in PE lessons. If children are unable to remove their earrings they should be taped, front and back, which may offer a measure of protection. The taping should be sufficient to prevent the stud post penetrating the bone behind the ear. Please teach your children to do this independently as staff are not required to remove or tape earrings for the students. Please note that where taping has been used, the teacher maintains responsibility to ensure the taping is effective for purpose. Where staff consider the taping to be unsatisfactory to permit safe participation, they will need to consider alternative involvement in the lesson. This is in accordance with our Health and Safety in PE guidance.



## Dinner Money & Breakfast Club Payments

To avoid the last minute rush to find change each morning, please remember that you can pay in advance for dinner money and Breakfast Club on a weekly, monthly, half termly or termly basis.



Are you available at short notice  
for relief MSA and Cleaning Staff?



Please contact the School Office  
for further information



Running a business or having a function?

We have various rooms for hire including the Main Hall, Dance Studio  
& Community Meeting Room

Please contact Debra Fraser in the School Office for further details



You can find out about everything that's happening in school via



<http://jsa4.me/queenshillps>

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# Queen's Hill Primary School

## Governing Body

- Spring term is rapidly drawing to a close and although it is the shortest school term of the year much has been achieved.
- Individual governors have met with the members of staff responsible for each of their areas of responsibility. During these meetings, Governors take the role of a 'critical friend' prompting evaluation and reflection and discussing overall achievement and progress (individual children are never highlighted or discussed by name).
- Full Governors and sub-committee meetings have taken place and a range of subjects have been discussed. These included the next steps that need to be taken to maintain the enthusiasm and passion for learning that can be witnessed all over the school. The overwhelming success of using eight-week blocks to focus the school community on a particular area means that this strategy will continue to be adopted.
- Enormous changes have taken place with the new areas of the school building looking amazing especially the wonderful new library and the outside spaces are rapidly taking shape. The Governors would like to thank everyone who was involved in making the school so bright, exciting and welcoming, especially to the KS1 and EYFS children as they settled into their new classrooms.
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March is the annual Queen's Hill Governor Activity Day. Governors are in school all day and will be visible at drop off and pick up times to talk to parents/carers, to listen to your opinion and collect feedback (positive and negative) We also use the day as an opportunity to meet with staff and undertake training. If you would like to contact the Governing body in the meantime please use the main school email or leave a message with the school office.
- Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our children, their families and our staff for their dedication in ensuring that Queen's Hill continues to be an engaging and exciting place of learning.
- Have an enjoyable Easter break and we look forward to your continued support.

The Governing Body

## School Improvement at Queen's Hill Primary School

As we have highlighted in previous newsletters, we are using an Eight Week Plan for school improvement. Focus areas have included Spelling, Maths, Feedback and Marking.

The Eight Week Plan has proved to be very effective resulting in interest from other schools. We have, therefore, designed an Open Day for schools to attend a presentation and meet Mrs. Sheppard.

Following our first two Open Days, we have received excellent feedback including:-

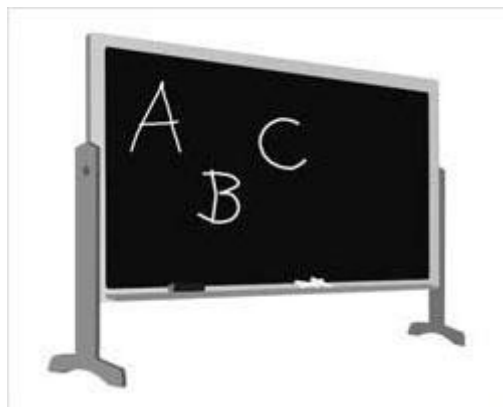
*'Thank you for such an inspiring time - so much to take away!'*

*'Very impressive school. Beautiful environment'*

*'Really useful morning. Opportunity to ask questions was great.*

*Loved the dogs.'*

The Eight Week Plan has also been recommended by Norfolk County Council advisors and Mrs. Sheppard has been asked by our HMI to talk to headteachers in Norfolk and Southampton which is a resounding endorsement.





Tyler, Oli W and Max L



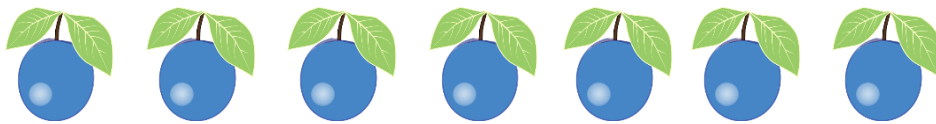
*Seb's Friends of  
the Week  
during February for showing  
a positive attitude to their learning*

***Congratulations!***



## Study finds beneficial impact of eating blueberries!

A recent research performed by the University of Reading indicates that eating blueberries, a flavonoid rich food, may have a significantly positive impact on the mood of children, in addition to their ability to concentrate. They also stated that consuming any red berries as part of a varied, healthy diet could have a similar effect. Plus they have the added bonus of being delicious too!



## Ensuring Every Child is Challenged

Our aim at Queen's Hill School is to nurture resilient learners who have a lifelong passion for learning. In line with this is our current whole school focus to 'Ensure that every child is challenged'. Many exciting events will be happening in school to support this, one of which is the distribution of 'The Book of Challenges -Volume 2'. This contains a range of challenges covering mathematics, poetry and photography!






# DIARY DATES

March 2017	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Read Aloud Day 2 - 3pm Year 3/4 Maths Cafe
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day 8.30am EYFS Maths Café
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	12 - 1pm Spanish themed Multi-lingual Story Telling
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am Parents' Forum 2.30pm - Les Souris Class Show & Share Assembly
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9am Year 1 English Café
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9am Year 2 English Café
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2 - 3pm Y5 Reading Café
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm Les Sauterelles Class Show & Share Assembly
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3 - 4pm Year 6 Reading Café
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photographs
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	6pm Arts Soiree
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	2.30pm Les Grenouilles Class Show & Share Assembly <i>LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM</i>
April 2017	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM</i>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	1 - 2pm Nursery Open Afternoon for September 2017 Nursery Intake
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	2.30pm - Show & Share Assembly Mrs. Walden's Class
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year visit to the theatre
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm - Show & Share Assembly Ms Taylor's Class

## 2016/17

	<b>Spring Term 2017</b> Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March Half Term holiday: Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
	<b>Summer Term 2017</b> Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July Half Term holiday: Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June (May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May)

## 2017/18

	<b>Autumn Term 2017</b> Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September to Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December Half Term holiday: Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October to Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> October
	<b>Spring Term 2018</b> Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March Half Term holiday: Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
	<b>Summer Term 2018</b> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July Half Term holiday: Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June (May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May)