

Queen's Hill Primary School

Newsletter

April/May 2017

Summer Term

We hope you have enjoyed the Easter Break and made the most of the sun while it lasted! As always we have an extremely full Summer Term ahead with lots of visits and activities planned. Keep checking the school app for important upcoming dates.

The Travelling Book Company are in school this week from 3 - 3.30pm every day in the new EYFS/KS1 library. If you haven't already visited the book sale, please pop along.

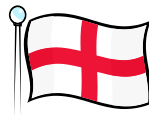
There are lots of wonderful books and some great offers. Thank you for continuing to participate in the school surveys via the school app. The current set of questions are live so make sure you respond. The findings from the surveys are discussed at Parent Forum and a full analysis can be seen on the School Improvement display in the main reception area.

We have had a number of visitors in our school recently checking on the progress of the school to ensure our improvement plans are working well. It has been really pleasing to receive such great feedback about the behaviour of the children. It has been noted that children are confident, polite and show good manners to each other both around the school and in class. Behaviour at lunchtime has been praised too, which is lovely to hear.

A reminder that week commencing 8th 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 17th May they will be off to Eaton Vale for a fun-filled three days of kayaking, mountain biking, catapult pioneering and much more.

Finally, ask your child which country their class has chosen to learn about. Check out the door to their classroom which is themed to their chosen country.

Mike Roughsedge



Universal Free School Meals

(Free School Meals for YR, Y1 & Y2)

If your child is in Year 2 their entitlement to Universal Free School Meals will cease at the end of this academic year (21.7.17).

If you might be entitled to free school meals please obtain an application form from the Main School Office.



Keep Safe in the Sun

As the warmer weather approaches please can you ensure that children have water bottles and sunhats in school. We are happy for sunscreen to be sent to school during the summer months but this must be labelled with the child's name and will be stored by the class teacher who will give it to your child to apply. Children need to know how to apply it independently and we kindly ask you to remind them not to share it with anyone else (in case of allergies).





Important Information for parents and carers



Staff have recently been on a Managing Medication in Childcare Settings course, their findings were:-

- Only prescribed medication should be in school
- It is better for a child to have medication before school, after school and at bedtime. If more doses are needed the child should be given it during the night (medicine works better when you are asleep), therefore there is NO reason to have any medications in school
- It is a big responsibility and staff are not obliged to administer medication

Obviously on a rare occasion we would be empathetic to the child's needs.



Parent View

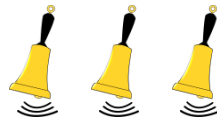
Your child's school



Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. We will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when. Click 'Give your views' to register and complete a survey to help your child's school improve.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

When the bell goes, it is time to go! Please ensure that you leave the classroom promptly in the morning. We open the school for parents to settle children at 8:30am, but you need to have left when the bell goes at 8:40am so the children can start their formal lessons.



Please note that the school car park is **not** to be used for dropping the children off. This is a staff car park only. I appreciate some of you have to drive from off the estate but please park up and walk the final bit to school. The car park must not be used.



Key Stage 2 Amazing Artists' Club have spent the last few weeks creating some art work that will be displayed at the 'Bessie's Wings' exhibition in London. It was a collaborative project working with some London primary and secondary schools. All of the children involved, used the book 'Nobody Owns the Sky' as their starting point for inspiration. The book details the life of Bessie Coleman, the first black, female pilot. Amazing Artists' Club learnt about different techniques and skills which they then used in their powerful, unique, final pieces.



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



<http://jsa4.me/queenshillps>

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Childminding on Queen's Hill

At one time I was just a happy stay at home mum, enjoying caring for my own two children. The day was looming for my youngest to start school, and I was starting to panic about what I was going to do. I was being made redundant! A friend suggested childminding. She had recently decided to quit her job to stay home and decided to venture into childminding to provide an income.

Now nearly four years later, I have been childminding for over three years. I am helping to provide for my family, plus I get to pick up my own children from school each day, as well as a few more, I might add. Plus I'm at home during the holidays. My children love it and so do I. I have always wanted to work with children, previously I had been volunteering at the school.

Why use a childminder?

Childminders provide flexible childcare, normally at an hourly rate. As a parent I see this as a huge bonus and keeps childcare costs down. Childminders collect from Nurseries or can provide funded hours. Children are playing and learning in a home environment and also benefit from getting out and about and seeing the world around them. We visit toddler groups, libraries, farms, the forest, and parks.

After school, children being cared by childminders get to see friends at the park, run around outdoors, or bake, play games, do craft or simply chill out after a long day at school.

Get into Childminding?

Norfolk County Council provides support for all people thinking of becoming a childminder. You can contact EarlyYearsandChildcare@norfolk.gov.uk for information on attending 'Thinking of Becoming a Childminder' sessions.

Kelly Fahy - Parent/Childminder



The focus for this half term is Science. We are looking forward to learning about Science from the visitors coming from the John Innes Research Centre. There are some exciting Science lessons which have been planned for the next 6 weeks. To keep up-to-date with your child's learning don't forget to check out the class blog!

You will have received your Science goody bag which will have lots of fun information along with some fun experiments which you can do with your child at home. Take a photo of your Science home learning and bring into school, which will be displayed on our Science display outside the main hall.



If you are a Scientist or know someone who works in this field and they would be interested in talking to a group of children then please email office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk or come and speak to Mrs Maskell, School Librarian.

**Zana, Hannah M, Lexie C, Gracie, Max S-S
Jake M, Hayden F, Jacob H, Lilian R and Chloe P**



*Seb's Friends of
the Week*

*during March/April for showing
a positive attitude to their learning*

Congratulations!



DIARY DATES

April 2017	
Friday 21st	2.30pm - Show & Share Assembly Mrs. Walden's Class
Thursday 27th	Year 3 visit to the theatre
Friday 28th	2.30pm Ms Taylor's Class Show & Share Assembly
May 2017	
Monday 1st	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 2nd	5.30pm Whitwell Parents' Evening
Wednesday 3rd	8.30am Solihull Parents' Coffee & Cake 2pm Y4 Reading Café
Friday 5th	2.30pm Y5 Show & Share Assembly
w/c Monday 8th	Y6 SATS week
Wednesday 10th	2pm Year 3 Reading Café
Friday 12th	2.30pm Miss Kerrison's Class Show & Share Assembly
Wednesday 17th	Y6 Eaton Vale Residential Visit Returning on Friday 19th May
Thursday 18th	12 noon Multilingual Story Telling - All Parents Welcome 2pm Y5 Maths Café
Friday 19th	2.30pm Mr King's Class Show & Share Assembly
w/c Monday 22nd	Whitwell Hall Residential Camp
Wednesday 24th	Reception Writing Café
Friday 26th	Reception Classes Show & Share Assembly




June 2017

Thursday 8th	Y2 Visit 3.30pm New Nursery & Reception Parents' Meeting & Uniform Sale
Friday 9th	Miss Mason's Class Show & Share Assembly
Tuesday 13th	Sports Day
Thursday 15th	3pm Y6 Maths Cafe
Tuesday 20th	Y1 Sheringham Park Visit
Wednesday 21st	3pm Y4 Maths Café
Friday 23rd	2.30pm Miss Terry's Class Show & share Assembly
Monday 26th	Y6 Leavers' Breakfast Y1 - 6 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 28th	Y1 - 6 Parents' Evening
Thursday 29th	12 noon Multi-Lingual Story Telling All Parents Welcome
Friday 30th	Y6 Anti-bullying Workshop

2016/17

	Spring Term 2017 Thursday 5 th January to Thursday 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)

2017/18

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