

# Queen's Hill Primary School

## Newsletter

June 2017

### Welcome Back

Last half term whizzed by with so many events happening including residential visits to Whitwell Hall and Eaton Vale. We have more events planned this half term including a Year 6 trip to the Harry Potter Studio, the Leavers' Assembly, two dance competitions, cheerleading showcase, a trip to Cromer, a trip to Sheringham, our annual trip to the Royal Norfolk Show for Year 3 and 4 and the theatrical production of Shakespeare Rocks and Sports Day to name but a few. Make sure you put the dates in your diary; you can do this by downloading the school app and syncing important dates into your calendar on your iPhone/android/tablet device.

### Sports Day

We will be holding our annual Sports Day in the MUGA on 13th June (weather permitting). For Reception and KS1 children the day will run 9.15 - 11.30am. For KS2 children the day will run 1.00 - 2.30pm. Parents /carers are more than welcome to attend and cheer their child on, but we do understand that you may have work commitments. If we have bad weather the Sports Day will take place the following Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June (weather permitting). *Please note if this should be the case, Year 1 will be on their trip to Sheringham and won't take part.* As in previous years there will be a competitive edge to the day with children accumulating points for their 'house' in small teams through a variety of multi-skill activities such as skipping, jumping and aiming. If your child would like to support their house by wearing their house colours then this is welcomed, but not essential. Normal PE kit will be fine. Please provide your child with a water bottle sun cream and a sun hat/jumper! As always, appropriate

footwear should be worn by the children for PE.



## Outdoor Learning

As you are already aware, our school improvement focus this half term is *using the outdoors to enhance learning*. Please ensure children have appropriate clothing and footwear in school over the coming weeks as the children will be doing a great deal outside, whatever the weather. There are several surveys to complete on the school app so please keep checking. This will be updated over the next few weeks. There is a display in the new office/reception area which informs you about the School Improvement Plan as well as the display outside the school hall which explains the benefits of outdoor learning for your children and gives ideas for how to support your children at home. You should have also received a laminated challenge of 50 things to do outdoors; I look forward to seeing all the adventures you go on!



## Grand Opening Football and Netball Match

The school will be celebrating its Grand Opening on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. There will be Staff versus Parents football and netball matches between 12-1pm. If you are interested in taking part in the football match, please come and let me know. If you are interested in taking part in the netball match, please see Mrs Pollard (EYFS Phase Leader). Alternatively you could email the office to let us know that you would like to participate. [office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk)

## **Lateness**

There are an increasing amount of children arriving late in the morning. The doors open at 8.30 and children **must** be in their class by 8.40 for registration. All the doors will be shut and locked very shortly after the bell sounds. It is imperative that parents leave as soon as they hear the bell. If the door has been locked, parents must not take it upon themselves to open the door. If the door is locked you should leave through the front entrance in the office area on Kestrel Avenue.

Arriving on time is important to allow children to feel settled and ready for learn.

As Shakespeare wrote:

"Better three hours too soon than a minute too late!"

*Michael Roughsedge*

## Eaton Vale Residential Trip

With SATS over, Year 6 headed to Eaton Vale for an action packed adventurous 3 days. The sun shone and the rain hammered down but we didn't let that dampen our spirits! It was wonderful to see the children working so well together and developing teamwork skills, providing support and encouragement for each other during the activities. Despite very little sleep, we still had the energy to enjoy abseiling, rafting, canoeing, crate stacking, mountain biking and much more!

*Mrs White*

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Eaton Vale Scouting Activity Centre from 17th-19th May 2017 this year. Three days of outdoor pursuits activities from abseiling, climbing, archery and mountain-biking to canoeing, raft building and blind folded obstacle courses. Bunk bed accommodation in all tents, breakfast, lunch and dinner in the canteen, as well as the on-site sweet shop, all proved to be popular. Lots of life long memories were made and much laughter was had before our Year 6s begin the next step on their educational journey to high school after next half term. I will certainly treasure the night around the campfire, sharing our favourite memories and jokes before we went to bed, for many years to come.

*Mr Jones*





### Whitwell Hall Residential Trip

What a fabulous week Year 3/4/5 spent at Whitwell! The sun shone all week and spirits were high. There were many new challenges to face and even though this was the first time away from home for many, the Year 3s embraced this experience with gusto! Molly and Jasper were certainly exhausted by the end of the week after all of the orienteering, river dipping, campfire fun and singing to name but a few! There were many sleepy children (and staff) on the bus on the way home! All of the children were amazing and it was great to see them working so well together. Definite highlights were the talent show and water fight with lots of fun and laughter. We are already looking forward to next year.

*Mrs White*



## Defibrillator

Just a reminder that we have a defibrillator in school which is available for community use, should the need ever arise. This can be found in the office any time the school is open.



## Sun Safety

Hooray- the sunny weather is still here! We are learning lots about sun safety during lessons and recently sent out an information booklet about keeping safe in the sun. Please can you continue to ensure that children have water bottles and sunhats (broad rimmed hats are best) in school every day - we plan to be out and about more as part of our 8 week plan focus on outdoor learning. 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).



## Mobile Phones

Unless it is unavoidable children, should not bring mobile phones into school and these must be stored in the school office.



## School Improvement Focus - Using the outdoors to enhance learning

There are so many potential benefits of outdoor learning for our children. Children (and adults) can benefit greatly from spending time in the natural environment. Some of the ways in which exposure to the natural environment is beneficial to human health are:

- enhanced personal and social communication skills
- increased physical health
- enhanced mental and spiritual health
- enhanced spiritual, sensory, and aesthetic awareness
- the ability to assert personal control and increased sensitivity to one's own well-being.

Source: *Health, Well-Being and Open Space, Literature Review by Nina Morris, OPENspace Research Centre, (2003).*

During this half term your children will be learning outdoors to enhance their curriculum. We have already obtained our Bronze Award from the Woodlands Trust and have high hopes for further accreditation as the half term progresses. Watch this space...

You should have received your **50 things to do outdoors** and I really look forward to seeing what you get up to, don't forget to send your evidence in and post in the Outdoor Learning Box so your child has a chance of winning a prize. Alternatively you might like to have a go at the 30 Day Wild Challenge from the Wildlife Trust. You can obtain your free pack here

<http://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/7184/petition/1>

There are many places that you can go to help your child with outdoor learning without having to travel too far. This website lists places that you might like to try <https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/east/norfolk/costessey/adventure/parks-playgrounds>





## Celebration of Reading

Nursery and EYFS had a Celebration of Reading in the new Connie Forsyth Library. A story-teller came in and entertained the children and laughter from the Library was heard all up the corridor.

To celebrate all the Read for a Star success the children this week in KS1 and KS2 who have achieved Gold Award will take part on Friday with a special celebration in our new Dance Studio, more details of the event will be on our social media sites.

Please continue to encourage your child to read as every child who achieves Platinum will receive a Golden Ticket which entitles them to choose a book from a selection that has been kindly supported by the Friends of Queen's Hill Primary School.



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



<http://jsa4.me/queenshillps>

### **Newsletters**

Letters to Parents

**Weekly Diaries at the School Entrances**

**TEXTS**

**Katelyn W & Betty F**



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

***Congratulations!***

# DIARY DATES

<b>June 2017</b>	
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y2 Visit 3.30pm New Nursery &amp; Reception Parents' Meeting &amp; Uniform Sale</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Miss Mason's Class Show &amp; Share Assembly</b>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3pm Y6 Maths Cafe</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y1 Sheringham Park Visit</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>3pm Y4 Maths Café</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>2.30pm Miss Terry's Class Show &amp; Share Assembly</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Leavers' Breakfast Y1 - 6 Parents' Evening</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y1 - 6 Parents' Evening</b>
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 noon Portuguese Story Telling &amp; Brazilian Carnival Portuguese speaking parent welcome to help - please see Mrs Lugassey</b>
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Anti-bullying Workshop</b>
<b>July 2017</b>	
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm KS2 Production</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y5 visit to Crucial Crew 3pm Y5 Reading Cafe</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>GRAND OPENING OF SCHOOL EXTENSION 1.30- 2.30pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly (Y6 parents welcome) 3.15 - 5pm Community Event - <i>put this date in your diary!</i></b>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.30am Reception Classes Reading Café 8.50am KS1 Work Share</b>

	<b>2.30pm KS1 Work Share</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS1 Maths Café</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.45am Parent Forum</b> <b>2.30pm Miss Parker's Class Show * Share Assembly</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Transition Week</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>

## 2016/17

	<p><b>Summer Term 2017</b>          Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 21st July          Half Term holiday: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2nd June          (May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May)</p>
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## 2017/18

	<p><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          Please note : <b>NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER</b></p>
	<p><b>Spring Term 2018</b>          Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 28th March          Half Term holiday: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</p>
	<p><b>Summer Term 2018</b>          Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 24th July          Half Term holiday: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1st June          (May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May)</p>