



Queen's Hill Primary School

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Welcome back!

We hope you had a restful and healthy Christmas break. The children have come back with a fantastic attitude to learning and there is a calm and purposeful atmosphere around the school.

Staff started the term on the 3rd January with training in mental maths (our school improvement focus for this half term), metacognition (learning about how to learn) and curriculum development. We had an outside speaker from Pivotal Education come to talk ALL staff about behaviour management. We have streamlined our behaviour policy and hopefully your children are able to tell you our three school rules: Ready, Respectful, Safe.

There is an online course for parents by the same company. I have not seen the content and there is a cost but if you would like to explore further please follow the link: <https://pivotaleducation.com/product/taking-care-of-behaviour-for-parents/>



[Taking Care of Behaviour for Parents – Pivotal Education](https://pivotaleducation.com/product/taking-care-of-behaviour-for-parents/)

pivotaleducation.com The course is live – so you can start training yourself in a matter of minutes. If you would like to pay for and start this course immediately, please click this link and purchase through the online course portal to ensure instant access.

and if you do access it I would be very interested in knowing how useful it was/is. Mrs Sims and Miss Smart are our Behaviour Champions, having attended a two day residential course, and they will be supporting, guiding and training staff over the next few months so we can get even better at creating an environment where every child wants to do their best. There will be scripts that we will follow for some of the children and you will probably hear some of our consistent phrases when you talk about the day with your child.

There are Five Pillars of Pivotal Practice:

1. Consistent, calm adult behaviour
2. First attention to best conduct
3. Relentless routines
4. Scripting difficult interventions
5. Restorative follow up

The staff will be working hard to establish and sustain these pillars... Many staff have already commented on the difference they have noticed with the behaviour in their classes in just three days and I know lots of the children are very excited to be shaking hands with their teacher at the start of the day. We trialled it in Upper Key Stage 2 last term; not only is it a great life skill, it sets the mood for learning and gives the teacher a moment of connection with each child.

The Spring Term is often the term when bad weather arrives. At Queen's Hill we try to keep the school open whenever we can as we have so many parents who work for public services which otherwise would grind to a halt. We can only do this with your help. If we should have lots of snow (they are threatening it!) we would love to have a "Snow Patrol", a group of parents who are able to help Manuel and Thomas to clear paths to school and/or able to help staff who live locally to look after children until all staff are able to get in. All parent helpers would be accompanying QH staff and safeguarding procedures are followed at all times.

If you would like your name added to the Snow Patrol, please email

admin@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk or speak to Debs, Rachael or Lauren in the office.

Kind Regards

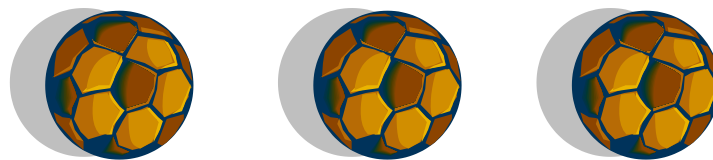
Penny Sheppard



Feedback from our Autumn Term Questionnaire

Thank you to parents for taking the time to fill out our school questionnaire at the end of last term. The feedback we get helps us to continue to reflect and improve on what we are doing as a school. We were pleased to hear that over 80% of parents thought their child was well taught at Queen's Hill, 75% were pleased with the way their child is looked after and some parents commented on their enjoyment of the reading cafés. In response to some of the feedback provided we are implementing a payment system in February (further details to follow) and we have reviewed activities in the playground to help engage pupils and promote good behaviour.

Last half term we continued to enjoy RealPE lessons and had some tennis coaching from a professional coach. We also participated in a KS1 football festival and KS2 tag rugby event. This term, we are excited to continue our RealPE lessons and will also attend a KS1 Sportshall Athletics Festival, as well as a KS1 rugby competition and a KS2 Football Festival. The Dance Show 2019: 'A Night at the Movies' at the OPEN Norwich is nearly upon us (27.2.19) and tickets are selling fast for both the 4pm and 7pm shows. Tickets can be ordered on the OPEN website or by calling 01603 763111. We are perfecting our dance routine and are excited for this opportunity.



Parent Readers

Here at Queen's Hill we strive to promote a love of reading for all pupils and we need your help! We're always looking for adult volunteers to come into school, listen to children read and help them choose books from one of our school libraries. We welcome parents, family friends and grandparents to volunteer with us. If you're interested, please contact our school office.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Moore on the birth of a healthy baby boy at the start of December. At the moment he is still without a name, it's always hard to decide when you're a teacher!



And to Miss Kerrison who got married at the end of December and became Mrs Sims!



Do you or does someone in your house eat, sleep and breathe the little plastic bricks? Is the LEGO MASTERS build room with over 1 million bricks your idea of heaven?

The producers of the popular Channel 4 series **LEGO MASTERS** are looking for a new bunch of imaginative building pairs to take part in a third series of the bold brick-building competition.

If you think you, a family member or a friend have the creativity, skill and imagination to be crowned Britain's best amateur building team then please email

build@tuesdayschild.tv

Applicants must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part.



DO YOU WANT TO PUT YOUR BRICK BUILDING SKILLS TO THE ULTIMATE TEST?

LEGO MASTERS

The popular Channel 4 series is looking for imaginative building pairs to take part in the creative brick-building competition to find the UK's most talented amateur builders.

Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv for more information.

Unfortunately, we are unable to answer all the requests individually. Under 16's - must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part and a parent or guardian must email on their behalf. Tuesday's Child is committed to safeguarding and protecting your Personal Data. Further information can be located on our website - www.tuesdayschild.tv

Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer all the requests individually. Your application will be received by a member of Tuesday's Child production company and they will contact you directly. Tuesday's Child will process your personal data in accordance with their privacy policy.

Happy New Year!

January 2019

Wed 16	3pm	Y6 Café
Thurs 17	8.50am	YR and AM Nursery Explorers' Café
Fri 18	2.30pm	Miss Hunter's Class Show & Share Assembly
Tues 22	2-3pm	Y1 Fact Finding Cafe
Thurs 24	3pm	Y4 Brain Box Café
Fri 25	9am	Y2 Breakfast Café
	2.30pm	Mr Emmens' Class Show & Share Assembly
Mon 28	8.45am	Vista Class Group Photography
Tues 29		Y5 Inventors Cafe
Thurs 31		Road Safety Workshops
	5-6pm	*** Highly Recommended*** Parents' Internet Safety *****

February 2019

Fri 1		Safety Awareness Day
Tues 5		Safer Internet Day
Wed 6		Y5 Keep It Fair Café
Thurs 7	3 - 3.30pm	Library Bus in the Playground
Fri 8		Y6 Sainsbury's Centre Visit
		Y4 West Stow Visit
	2.30pm	Y3 Show & Share Assembly
Mon 11		Y1-6 Dance Show at Open
Tues 12	2.30pm	Mrs Carpenter's Class Show & Share Assembly
Thurs 14	2pm	Y3 Reading Café
	3pm	SEND Parents' Forum
Fri 15	8.30-9am	Y1 Workshare
	2.30pm	Mr Jones' Class Show & Share Assembly
		Half Term Break
Mon 25		Pupils return to School
	3.15pm	Nursery Open Session for Prospective Parents of children due to start nursery in September 2019
Weds 27	3-4pm	Y2 Workshare Drop In
	4pm & 7pm	Dance Show - A Night at the Movies

This term, Mrs White will be collecting used stamps for the RNIB (Royal National Institute for the Blind). Each stamp needs to have at least a 1cm border around the outside and be placed in the box outside her room in year 6. Please tell your friends and family to start saving them too, so that we can raise lots of money for this wonderful charity.



Welcome to Miss Holland (HLTA) and Miss Taylor (TA) and **Farewell** to Mrs Nicki Price our Parent Support Advisor

Please could you collect empty crisp packets during January for *Hallswood Animal Sanctuary*

They can recycle them and earn credits towards fundraising. There is a collection point in the Reception Area



Online!

From Monday 4th February you will be able to order lunches and make payments for lunches, trips etc online

Further information to follow

FREE ONLINE SAFETY FOR PARENTS

AT QUEEN'S HILL PRIMARY

Thursday 31st January 2019 5-6 pm



Join us for pizza and get an insight into

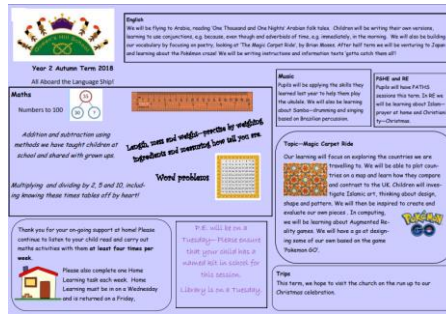
The applications, games and websites that children are engaging with
How we educate children regarding staying safe online
Update into the online world of children
Making things safer at home



WOW!! That was so relevant it should be compulsory for EVERY parent.

I feel now I can answer my daughter's questions when she's asking about the new apps she wants to download.

I've learnt so much about safety with children's apps and games, I had no idea how to set safety settings and to keep my child safe - thank you



This term sees the start of our new whole-school topic -
You Can Make a Difference Too.

Over the course of the term, pupils will be learning about people, places and inventions which have helped to make a difference to the world. Year 2 start this term by learning all about famous pioneers of flight, year 3 will be exploring the lives of others during Egyptian times and year 5 will be looking at the ideas and inventions of Isaac Newton.

You will shortly be receiving curriculum plans for this term from your class teacher, and we will be continuing to update year group blog pages with information on the latest learning taking place across the school.

Take a look at **ICONS** on BBC2, Wednesdays at 9pm (obviously this is too late for all of our pupils to watch) but you may want to take a look, and if appropriate, watch it with your child on iplayer. **ICONS** asks you to assess the achievements of the 20th century's most important and influential figures - men and women who helped shape our world today.

We are excited to have begun developing our times tables knowledge as part of our Whole-School focus this half term. All of our teachers have taken part in lots of fun games and activities, which will be passed on to the children in their classes. These have been designed to help make learning the times tables, which are of great importance for children's life chances, a fun and engaging experience. Look out for our times tables songs on the School's website every week, and the interactive puzzle sheets which your child will be bringing home soon. There will also be a parent support session for times tables held on
Thursday 17th January 2019;
more details to follow.

