



Queen's Hill Primary School

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Letters to Parents

Texts

I hope that you all had a restful half-term and managed to enjoy the sunny spell that we have had over the past couple of weeks. This week has had a very different feel to it in comparison to last year when we had the shovels out and lots of staff were sleeping on the estate due to the snow! The days are getting lighter and it certainly feels as if spring is just around the corner!

We have had a busy first week back at school this half-term and it has seen the start of our new 'composition' whole-school focus. It was launched with a creative curriculum day today and the pupils watched performances from dance club, performance club and recorder club. We really are a creative bunch! With this focus in mind and in light of parent feedback, we have opted for some creative activities for World Book Day this year. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to listen to children read and for supporting our activities. If you haven't signed up to help, it's not too late! We know that some parents may be disappointed in the change of activities but thank you in advance for respecting the school's plans.

Laura Baker - Parent Support Advisor

We are excited to welcome Laura Baker, our new Parent Support Adviser, to our school. She will be working closely with children, parents and families across the school. Parent Support Advisers are there to support in difficult times. They can help by visiting you at home or at school on a one to one basis to offer support, advice and guidance. If you would like to get in touch with Laura, please contact the school office. Laura is in school on:-

Monday 8-2.15pm
Wednesday 9.30-4.30pm
Thursday 8-1.30pm



At Queen's Hill we value our community and want to support families in any way that we can. In case you were not aware, we do have access to foodbank vouchers here at school. Also, we have kindly received many donations of school uniform (both brand new and some nearly new) which we would be more than happy to give to families in need. Please come to the school office and we will be able to point you in the direction of someone who can help!



Well Done to
The Howard Family for
your wonderful
Molly & Jasper Den Building



Reminder!



Class Photos
Monday 25th March

Educational Visits

All educational visits will be available on Eduspot/School Money. You will receive an email and text when your child is going on an educational visit.

The email will contain all the information about the visit and you will be able to pay online. Paper copies of the visit letters are available to collect from the School Office.



Dance Performance at the Open

Well done to all of the children who represented the school week at the dance competition at the Open. Your performance was fantastic and we were so proud of you all. Thank you to Mrs Macare-Cook for her hard work preparing for the performance and to all the other staff and parents who helped on the day.

I  DANCING



Mrs White is still 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 should be placed in the box outside her room in Year 6. Please ask your friends and family to start saving them too, so that we can raise lots of money for this wonderful charity.

Year 6 Trip to the Sainsbury's Centre

In February, Year 6 visited the Sainsbury's Centre for Visual Arts. In class they have been studying the slave trade and Benin, so spent some time with a local artist studying African art in the gallery. Following on from this, they took part in an artist-led workshop, developing their printing skills.



UEA Outreach Day

Before half-term a group of our Key Stage 2 students attended an activity day at the UEA. They had the chance to speak to students and find out all about what it is like to study at university. As part of this, students listened to some musicians and asked questions about extra-curricular opportunities at university. Thank you to the UEA for hosting us!



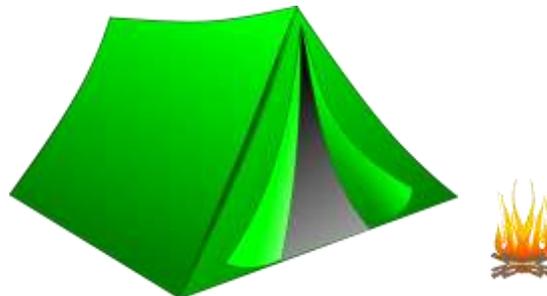
Year 2 had a great time on their trip to **Norwich Aviation Academy** on Monday. They visited as part of their topic on the history of flight. During the day, the children got to see inside a real aircraft, sit in the cockpit and meet with pilots, engineers and cabin crew.



WHITWELL 2019 REMINDER

A brief reminder for parents of children in Y3/4/5. It's not long now till we go to Whitwell, which is part of our curriculum for outdoor learning in Key Stage 2. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to experience the outdoors and learn some valuable life skills alongside developing their teamwork skills.

If you are concerned about any medical/food issues or you need support with equipment please see or ring Mrs Eastaugh. Molly and Jasper can't wait for their next Whitwell adventure!



Sistema in Norwich shortlisted for Tesco Bags of Help

We are excited to share the news that Sistema (who deliver music lessons at Queen's Hill Primary School) have been selected for the Tesco Bags of Help competition from March to the end of April 2019.

Now Sistema need *your* help to collect as many tokens as possible, which could see Sistema receive up to £4,000!

To vote, you just need to make a purchase within store of any value, and you will then receive a token (sometimes you have to ask the cashiers for a token as they forget to give you one!).

The money raised will go towards a Performance Project which provides out of school performance opportunities with professional musicians and composers.

You can cast your vote at any of the following stores:

Earlham Road	NR4 7TF	Grove Road	NR1 3RL
Magdalen Road	NR3 4AF	Blue Boar Lane	NR7 8AB
Aylsham Road	NR3 2RE	Cringleford	NR4 7FF
Cromer Road	NR6 6XA	Dereham Road	NR2 3TA
Harford Bridge Superstore	NR4 6DZ	Guildhall Hill Metro	NR2 1JH
Prince of Wales Road	NR1 1BL	Westlegate	NR1 3LJ
Plumstead Road	NR1 4AB	Unthank Road	NR2 2RW
Wroxham Road	NR7 8AG		



Estate Issues

I know a lot of parents and carers were concerned about being on time to pick up their child on the last Friday of half term following the terrible accident on the Dereham Road, which sadly resulted in a fatality.

Please be reassured that, although we need children to be collected on time on a daily basis, in the situation of the estate being gridlocked we will always look after your children until you are able to arrive or until you can make alternative arrangements. On this occasion we had children in the Connie Forsyth library which staff volunteered to run. I have raised my concerns (again!) with Richard Bacon MP about the "one road in/out" design of the estate and I know he is passing these on to the relevant authorities.



This half term sees the start of our whole school focus on **composition** within the arts. Composition is how things are 'put together' and what the ingredients of a piece of work are. In **art and design** composition is the arrangement of 'things' in a piece of work, including how colour, shape, line and size are used for effect. In **music**, this can be how sounds are used to create a piece of music, including instruments and voice. In **dance**, composition is how movements are combined using actions, space and energy.

Children will be looking at different artists throughout the focus and continuing with weekly music sessions delivered by SISTEMA. Look out for creative arts composition home learning tasks which will encourage children's creativity and composition skills.

Online Safety

We have heard from some parents concerns regarding inappropriate content which has reportedly been appearing in children's YouTube videos. The National Online Safety organisation have published an advice sheet which parents might find useful. It can be found at:

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Important

Change to Term Dates for 2019/20:

- **Tuesday 1st October 2019 is an INSET DAY**
- **Friday 20th December 2019 School is open to pupils and is the last day of the Autumn Term**

Cleaners Wanted

- **One permanent position for 15 hours per week**
- **One maternity cover position for 10 hours commencing after Easter 2019**



The closing date is 8th March 2019.

Early applications are advised as if sufficient candidates apply, interviews may take place prior to the closing date.

Please contact the School Office for further details

March 2019

Tues 5	10 - 12.30pm	KS1 Rugby Festival
	2.30pm	Miss Peek's Class Show & Share Assembly
Wed 6		READ ALOUD DAY
Thurs 7		WORLD BOOK DAY
	8.50-9.30am	Reception & Nursery AM Explorer's Café
	12 -12.40pm	Nursery PM Explorers Café
	3 - 4pm	Library Bus
Fri 8	8.40 to 9.40am	Y1 Breakfast Story Café
	2.30pm	Mr King's Class Show & Share Assembly
Mon 11	3 - 6pm	Parents' Evening for Nursery & Reception Parents
Tues 12	2.30pm	Miss Smart's Class Show & Share Assembly
Weds 13	3 - 6pm	Parents' Evening for Nursery & Reception Parents
	3 - 4pm	Y4 Dream Cafe
Fri 15	8.30 - 9.30am	Y6 Parent Breakfast
	2.30pm	Miss Hicks' Class Show & Share Assembly
Tues 19	2.30pm	Miss Parker's Class Show & Share Assembly
Thurs 21		Y5 Maths Challenge at Norwich School
		Nursery to Y6 "Alice in Wonderland" Production Including Year 6 Workshop
Fri 22		Governor Activity Day
		Y6 Maths Challenge at Norwich School
	2.30pm	Mrs Andrews' Class Show & Share Assembly
Mon 25		CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS
Tues 26		Mother's Day Shop
	2.30pm	Mr Cross & Mrs Walden's Class Show & Share Assembly
Wed 27		Mother's Day Shop
Thurs 28	8.30 - 9am	Y1 Workshare

April 2019

Mon 1		Y1 Easton Farm Visit PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WEAR WELLIES
Tues 2	9am	Miss Keenan's Class Show & Share Assembly
		Y5 Easton & Otley College Visit (Group 1) PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WEAR WELLIES
Weds 3		Y3 Castle Visit
		Y5 Easton & Otley College Visit (Group 2) PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WEAR WELLIES
Thurs 4		Y1 Easton Farm Visit PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WEAR WELLIES
Fri 5	2.30pm	Y6 Mrs White & Mrs Sims' Class Show & Share Assembly
		LAST DAY OF TERM
Mon 29		Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
	5pm	Whitwell Parents' Evening
Tues 30	9am	Miss Parker's Class Show & Share Assembly
		Reception Hearing & Vision Screening

