



# Queen's Hill Primary School

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## WORLD RENOWNED TRAINER

The staff are VERY excited that we have managed to secure the opportunity to work with Shirley Clarke in the next academic year. The days that she was available were extremely limited which is why our INSET days are not in line with other schools. We will be working with staff at a school in Thetford on these exceptional training sessions over a 12 month period.

Here is an excerpt from her website:

*"Shirley's passion is formative assessment because it encapsulates what is most important in education: empowering children to become confident learners who know how to learn. She is known for taking the principles of formative assessment and encouraging teachers to experiment with ways in which they might be applied. Many thousands of teachers have worked with Shirley or read her books and, through them, the practice of formative assessment is continually evolving and developing. Every year Shirley runs action research learning teams: groups of about 30 teachers. Each team meets with Shirley three times a year, for starting point ideas and principles, discussion and feedback, culminating in a showcase to local schools on Day 3. One-day courses keep teachers up-to-date, but the learning teams create individual experts in formative assessment, schools as centres of excellence, model classrooms and an LA resource for future development. Because of the power of this model of development, Shirley has continual requests for teams to be led both in the UK and the USA."*

## Important

**Change to Term Dates for 2019/20:**

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
INSET days and the school is closed
  - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

School is open to pupils and is the last day of the Autumn Term

# 'Rock Bottom!' - SAVE THE DATE!

Due to our growing numbers, this year we will need to have extra performances of our Key Stage 2 production 'Rock Bottom!'

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 1.15pm**

Year 3 and 5 parents (year 3 and 5 will be performing in the choir)

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 1.15pm**

Year 4 and 6 parents (year 4 and 6 will be performing in the choir)

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 6.30pm**

All Key stage 2 Parents (all children welcome to perform in the choir)

Tickets will be issued nearer the time ☺

We hope to see you there!



Following on from our amazing performance at the 'OPEN' in February, we have been invited by the OVA to perform at their Spring Showcase. They were so impressed by our fabulous routine and boundless enthusiasm; that they thought it should be shared with the rest of the community. It is a great honour to be performing alongside their talented individuals and many past pupils will be performing too. You guys are wonderful representatives of our school and we know you will sparkle and shine!

**There are two performances at 5.00pm and 7.30pm and if you fancy an entertaining evening out tickets can still be purchased through the OVA website (£5 each).**

**Welcome**

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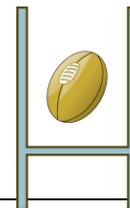
**Good Bye**

We warmly welcome Miss Diana Fisher in the role of Higher Level Teaching Assistant to the school next term. She will be working across KS1 and EYFS.

Mr Pearson leaves us this term - we thank him for being so flexible and working across the school since October.

Congratulations to Miss Hewitt who has been promoted to the position of HLTA in EYFS

We have had another exciting term in PE. We had a great time at the dance show and also enjoyed a KS1 rugby festival. Thank you to everyone who came to watch and to the teachers who helped us. We look forward to trying new sports next term and using our new school sports kit to represent the school!





From Tuesday  
23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019  
the cost of a school  
meal will be  
**£2.30**

## Easter Booster

We look forward to our Year 6 children coming into school over the Easter holidays to keep their brains ticking over.

Thank you to all the staff who are giving up their time to work with the children.



## Alice in Wonderland

The school hall was filled with clapping and cheering last month. The Year 6 children loved their "behind the scenes" workshop where they learned about props, sound and lighting. The teachers planned follow up learning activities in the classroom.



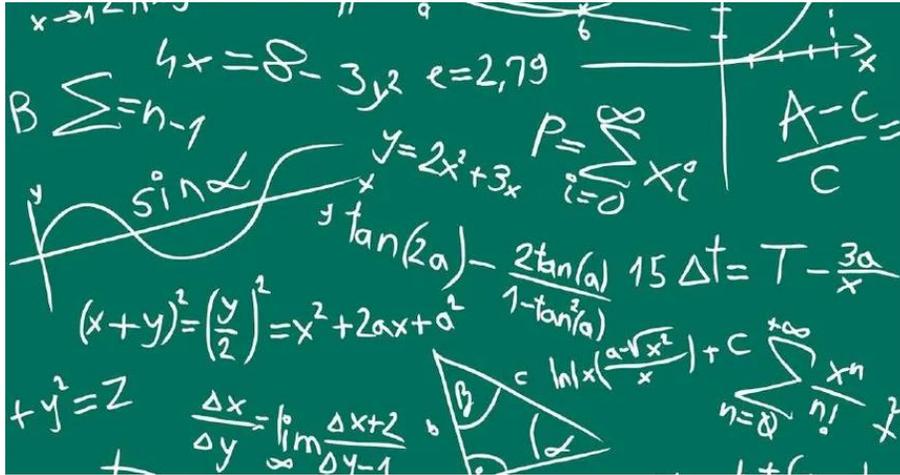
Mrs White is still collecting used stamps for the **RNIB (Royal National Institute for the Blind)**.

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.

## Maths Challenge Competition

A group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils represented the school this month at the Maths Challenge competition at Norwich School. The teams worked incredibly hard through a series of logic and problem-solving questions as part of the morning. The two Year 5 teams ranked 6th and 12th overall; the Year 6 teams ranked 31st and 35th overall.

Well done to all of the children who took part!



## World Book Day

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Read Aloud Day and World Book day activities. Without volunteers these events would not be able to take place. I am sure you join us in thanking Mrs Maskell and her team for all their hard work in organising everything. If you would like to volunteer in the future to listen to readers or to help in the library, Mrs Fraser would love to hear from you.



## HOT OFF THE PRESS!

We are pleased to announce that we will be **PILOTING for one year only (Autumn 2019 to Summer 2020) 30 hours in the nursery**. There will be limited places. As you will be aware from the media, school budgets are being extremely stretched at the moment and therefore we do need the 30 hours to be self-funding. We will be doing a detailed cost analysis as the academic year progresses to know whether it is something that we will be able to offer from Autumn 2020. I am sure you will appreciate that ensuring there are enough teachers for the main school will need to always remain our priority.

# Open Studio at Queen's Hill Primary School

We are very excited to have our annual open studio on  
**Monday 29th April from 3:00pm - 4:30pm**  
which will take place in the school hall.

Performance club will be performing.

Please come along and see the art work created by the children of Queen's Hill Primary School and for a small donation you can purchase your child's art work.

This donation will go towards future art projects at school.

Refreshments and cakes will also be available.

All welcome.



**Our Topic for next term is "A drop in the Ocean"**

If you have an interest in anything to do with the sea please do let your child's class teacher or the office staff know, the children love to have "experts" in to talk to them and share their passion.



## Carers Matter Norfolk – Young Carers

Do you know a young person - 18 & under - who has caring responsibilities for a family member?

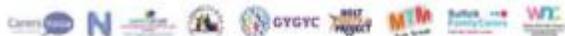
From 1st April 2019 Norfolk County Council has funded Carers Matter Norfolk to provide support for young carers and their families, including:

- 7 day a week Freephone Advice Line
- 1:1 support for young carers and their families
- Life skills and social development
- Connecting carers with other young carers for activities and support

For more information and to refer a young person:

- Use our Online Referral Form
- Visit: [www.carersmatternorfolk.org.uk](http://www.carersmatternorfolk.org.uk)
- Call 0800 083 1148

The Young Carers & Families Support Service is funded by Norfolk County Council Children's Services and is delivered by Carers Matter Norfolk in partnership with local youth and young carers organisations.



[info@carersmatternorfolk.org.uk](mailto:info@carersmatternorfolk.org.uk)

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## Young Carers, drop-in sessions with MTM Youth Services – Hethersett

### Young Carers

Young Carers living in Breckland and South Norfolk can access support and opportunities with a new service starting in April 2019. If you are a **Young Carer**, aged between 5 and 19 years old, you can:

- Meet other Young Carers
- Get one-to-one support
- Ensure your voice is heard
- Access training and socialising opportunities
- Make sure your family is getting the help they need

We are holding two open **Drop-in Sessions** for you to come and **meet workers**, have some **fun**, and tell us how we can **help you**. There will be lots of people to chat with you, plenty of activities to do while you are there, and some lovely snacks and drinks. And it's all **free!**

### Hethersett Jubilee Hall

Back Lane, Hethersett, NR9 3JJ

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 11am – 2pm** or  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1.30pm – 4.30pm**



You can drop-in at any time, but it would be great to know if you are coming! Please contact us on [info@mtmyouthservices.org.uk](mailto:info@mtmyouthservices.org.uk)

Or contact the Carers Matter Norfolk Advice Line on 0800 083 1148

## QUEEN'S HILL COUNTRY PARK

We continue to work with South Norfolk County Council to develop the use of the Country Park and to be able to use it to enhance the children's learning.

Watch this space!





Today a group of Year 6 pupils went to **Pizza Express**. As part of the morning, the children worked alongside one of the chefs to learn how to make pizza and also developed their understanding of food hygiene. These children were selected to go on the trip as they have gone 'over and above' in their learning both at home and at school throughout the Spring Term.

Thank you so much Pizza Express Norwich for having us!

# April 2019



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
Tues 23		SUMMER TERM BEGINS
Mon 15	8.30 - 1.30pm	Year 6 Easter Booster Sessions
Tues 16	8.30 - 1.30pm	Year 6 Easter Booster Sessions
Wed 17	8.30 - 1.30pm	Year 6 Easter Booster Sessions
Mon 29		Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
		Sistema Music Lessons start this week
	5pm	Whitwell Parents' Evening
Tues 30	9am	Miss Parker's Class Show & Share Assembly
		Reception Hearing & Vision Screening

# May 2019



Weds 1		Reception Hearing & Vision Checks
	3 - 4pm	Y3 Rhythm of the Rain Café
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>		MAY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 7	9am	Mrs Walden's Class Show & Share Assembly
Thurs 9	3 - 4pm	Y4 Maths Café
Fri 10	2.30pm	Y2 Work Share
	2.30pm	Miss Hicks' Class Show & Share Assembly
Sat 11		Friends of Queen's Hill Primary School Car Boot Sale
Mon 13		SATS WEEK FOR YEAR 6
Tues 14	2.30pm	Miss Keenan's Class Show & Share Assembly ***PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME***
Thurs 16	3.15 - 4pm	Nursery & Reception Café
Fri 17	2.30pm	Miss Hunter's Class Show & Share Assembly
Mon 20		WHITWELL RESIDENTIAL WEEK Y5 and Y3 go to Whitwell
Tues 21	9am	Miss Smart's Class Show & Share Assembly
Weds 22		Y3 return from Whitwell Y4 go to Whitwell
Thurs 23	4.30 - 5.30pm	Y2 Café
Fri 24		Year 4 & 5 return from Whitwell
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>		Costessey Fayre
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>		HALF TERM BREAK

