



Queen's Hill Primary School

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WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had a lovely summer - I'm always surprised with how quickly the holidays go. Every year I let you know how many children we have on roll in our growing school. With the estate now complete the growth has slowed down - we are now at 538 (including Nursery children), a bit different to 29 pupils in 2008!

The children have all come back eager to get started with their learning and there was a fantastic buzz around the school on the first day. If you have recently moved onto the estate we hope that you soon feel settled and part of the community.

We have lots of ways that we communicate information to you; if you are on Facebook or Twitter you may like to follow us. The new school website is up and running and hopefully is more user friendly! If you have any problems with IT please come to the school office and have a chat with the staff and they can provide you with paper copies.

We have an open door policy at QH school but sometimes issues need more than a conversation in passing to be resolved. If you have any concerns please make an appointment to see your child's classteacher. Should you still be concerned then an appointment should be made to see the Year Leader:

Nursery - Miss Compton;

Reception - Miss Butcher;

Year 1 - Mrs Walden and Mr Cross;

Year 2 - Mrs James (nee Parker);

Year 3 - Mrs Andrews;

Year 4 - Ms Taylor;

Year 5 - Mr Emmens;

Year 6 - Mrs Sims (nee Kerrison) and Mrs White.

Sometimes you may want to discuss the issue further with the Phase Leader:

Reception and Nursery- Miss Compton;

Year 1 and 2 (KS1) - Mrs James

Year 3-6 (KS2) - Mr Jones

We strongly advise parents and carers to come in and voice their concerns and worries in person rather than discussing school issues on social networking sites such as Facebook.

FAREWELL

We are very sad to say that Wendy Reilly who has been cook at the school since 2008 will be leaving to start a new career. Wendy's last day is the 20th September. I don't know how many meals she must have cooked over the years! We wish her luck and hope that Norse manage to recruit an equally fantastic replacement.

We will also be saying farewell to Kate Mallet (HLTA) who will be taking up an exciting new role.

VOLUNTEERING

If you, a friend, relative or neighbour have any spare time to come in and volunteer we would love to hear from you! We would welcome help to support in class with general learning activities, keeping the library tidy, art activities, gardening or listening to readers. For further information please see either Mrs Fraser in the office or Mr Williamson in the Research Library.

STAFF TRAINING

Whilst the children were enjoying the last of their holidays staff spent two days learning. KS2 staff have had training in grammar and curriculum development whilst EYFS and KS1 staff have had refresher training for the Read Write Inc programme which is used to deliver phonics, reading and writing skills in the lower school.

PUPIL WELFARE

One of our pupils in Year 3 was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL) last term. The good news is that she has been responding really well to the ongoing treatment which is likely to last two years.

Your child is not at any health risk but we will need to all work together to support the pupil's recovery. Chemotherapy suppresses the immune system. Chicken pox and measles are especially dangerous to children being treated for cancer. It is therefore really important that you inform the school office immediately if you suspect your child has either of these illnesses. It is also important that you let us know if there are shingles in your household.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask Mrs Eastaugh via the school office.

Parent Support and Emotional Wellbeing with Time 4 You

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back for the new term! I am continuing this year working 1:1 with individual pupils and offering Parent Support.

Parenting is a tough job that is not easy to negotiate. If your child is struggling with any difficulties or there are challenges you may be facing as a family please do get in touch for an informal chat. I can offer telephone or face to face support as well as making links with other organisations.

I can be contacted on laura.baker@benjaminfoundation.co.uk / 07825130002 or ask for me in school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Laura Baker



The Benjamin Foundation



HARVEST



We are collecting for **FOODBANK**, a charity that has supported a number of our families in our community over the years and that donated food for our Terrific Tuesdays in the holidays. We will have a collection box in the Kestrel Avenue Entrance Hall or children can bring items to class on the day of their Harvest celebration (3rd October for Nursery and Reception) and Friday 4th October for the rest of the school. The most needed items are:-

Long life fruit juice
Tinned Meat

Long life sponge puddings
Cereal Bars

Instant Coffee

Please note that **FOODBANK** are currently very well stocked with baked beans, soup, cereal and pasta.



Each year the governors and staff decide on areas to develop, these are part of our School Improvement Development Plan. This term our focus is on "Learning to be respectful in our community".

Autumn 1: Learning to be respectful in our community



Our three school rules are ready, respectful and safe; the school rules are followed by all members of our school community (children, parents and families and staff). This half-term we are going to be focusing as a school community on learning to be respectful in our school community. Each week we will all practise one of the following habits (as well as some others):

- Walking in the corridor on the left hand side
- Greeting people that we pass in the corridor
- Holding doors open for others around the school
 - o Keeping our environment tidy

Your child will also be learning more about our community and community groups that they may belong to, developing their empathy skills.

Mrs Sims will be running a Behaviour Blueprint parent session from **8:45-9:15 and 3:15-3:45 on Friday 13th September** where you can come and find out more about our school rules and how we aim to develop these skills with your child.

During the focus why not do one or more of the following activities with your child to help them to develop their respect:

Visit a local museum, such as Norwich Castle, to find out about how our community has changed over time.

Talk to your child about which respectful skill they are focusing on that week and practise together at pick up/drop off.

Visit the school library's 'Respect' display and borrow a book!



Aldi is offering 20 schools across the UK the chance to win £20,000 each through its new Kit For Schools campaign.

As part of Aldi's long-standing partnership with Team GB, Aldi will be offering a Mini Olympics Kit to all schools who complete a poster, which includes relay batons, cones and bibs.

From 6th September, Aldi shoppers will receive stickers every time they spend £30 or more in-store, which can be taken into schools and added to their sticker chart.

For each completed chart the school will receive one entry into the final prize draw to win £20,000 worth of equipment for a healthy legacy. Our sticker chart is in the main entrance hall

September 2019

Thurs 12	9am	Meeting for Reception Parents
	2.30pm	Meeting for Year 5 Parents
Thurs 19	3pm	Mobile Library Bus
Fri 20	8.15- 8.45am	Parent Behaviour Blueprint Workshop
Fri 20	9am	Miss Keenan's Class Show & Share Assembly
	2.30pm	Mrs Andrews' Class Show & Share Assembly
	3.15 - 3.45pm	Parent Behaviour Blueprint Workshop
	3.30 & 4.30pm	Cycling Session for Y1 & 2 pupils with parents (limited space)
Mon 23		Y1 visit to Easton Church (Harvest)
		Y2 RAF Day (in school)
Tues 24	8.45am	Y2 Writing Café
Weds 25	8.30am	Y4 Sheep Café

	2-3pm	Y1 Let's Get Going Cafe
Thurs 26	6pm - 8.30pm	OVA Open Evening for Year 6 pupils and parents
Fri 27		Library Van Visit
	3.30 - 4.30pm	Cycling for Y1 & 2 children with parents (limited space)
October 2019		
Tues 1		INSET DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN
Thurs 3	8.50am	Reception Harvest Stay & Play
Fri 4	9am	Y1/2/3/4/5 & 6 Harvest Assembly (children only)
	3.30 - 4.30pm	Cycling for Y1 & 2 pupils with parents (limited space)
Mon 7	3pm	Y5 Make It Count Café
Wed 9	3pm	Y3 Hunter-Gather Café
Fri 11	9am	Miss Peek's Class Show & Share Assembly
	2.30pm	Miss Bettermann's Class Show & Share Assembly
	3.30 - 4.30pm	Cycling for Y1 & 2 with parents (limited space)
Mon 14		Y6 Parent Interviews
	2.15pm	Y2 Mystical Cafe
	3 - 6pm	Nursery to Y6 Parents' Evening
Tues 15		Y3 Cathedral Visit
		Y6 Parent Interviews
	9am	Y5 Read between the Lines Cafe
	9.45am	Y3 Sacred Science Workshop - Light & Sound - Norwich Cathedral
Wed 16		Y5 History off the Page Workshop for children
	3 - 6pm	Nursery to Y6 Parents Evening
Thurs 17	8.30am	Y6 Parent Breakfast Work Celebration
	3pm	Library Mobile Bus
		LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
Fri 18		INSET DAY NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN
Mon 28		HALF TERM STARTS
Thurs 31		Y3/4/5 & 6 Cross Country Event at Taverham

Please Note:
TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER & FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2019
ARE INSET DAYS
SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR CHILDREN ON THESE DAYS