



# Queen's Hill Primary School

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Letters to Parents

Texts

It is with a heavy heart that we say "goodbye" to Manuel Giraldo, our site manager this month. His last "official" day with us is 8th November, but as a parent at the school we know we still see him around. Manuel has been a huge asset to the school, especially with his ICT skills. He oversaw the school extension and has made sure that the school has remained open, whatever the weather!

We wish him all the best for the future in pursuing a career in ICT.

Welcome to Mr Mark Lee who is an experienced school caretaker who will be starting with us on 11th November. I am sure that you will all make him feel very welcome and give him a bit of slack as he slots into the routine of our large primary school. Finally, a warm welcome back to Mrs Moore following her maternity leave. Mrs Moore will be working with Y5 children and supporting staff training in the lower school.

November is always a busy month as we start to gear up towards Christmas events. A big thank you to those parents who supported our Upper KS2 Careers Fair this week. We had over 10 different careers which the children found out about - research indicates that between 9 and 12 is the ideal age for children to be thinking about what they might like to do in the future and can help children to make an informed choice about their GCSE options. Our aim is to open up the children's minds to the numerous opportunities there are in the workplace and to know that they are likely to have many different jobs in their lifetime. The average person will change careers 5-7 times during their working life according to career change statistics.

### **Date for your diary**

We will soon have tickets on sale for our joint concert with The Poringland Singers and supported by the Rotary Club. This is a fantastic family event and really will set up for the festive season. KS2 singers, dancers and musicians will be performing but anyone can attend as the event is open to the public and raises money for local charities.

### **Cleaning Vacancies**

We are still looking for temporary cleaners to cover maternity leaves. If you know anyone who may be interested, 15 hours a week, either before or after the school day, please see Mrs Fraser in the office. This would be an ideal job for a 14year+ school attender or undergraduate as it could fit around their studies.



It's been another busy few weeks in PE. Some children enjoyed going to the UEA for an indoor sports festival, whilst some KS2 children showed great perseverance, grit and determination at the tag rugby competition. We have some skipping, football and cross country events upcoming.

We have an exciting opportunity coming up with a team GB athlete coming in to complete a fitness circuit with the whole school. Children will be sponsored to compete the fitness circuit on December 4th. Sponsorship forms will be coming home this week with a prize for the class with the most sponsors! Forms and money can be handed in at the office as soon as it is collected, the deadline is 27th November. Good luck everyone!



### **Parking during breakfast club**

We're aware that some parents are still using the Fieldfare way car park when dropping off their child to breakfast club. This car park should not be used during this time, as children are walking or cycling into club. Please use the road if you do need to park.

### **Jewellery**

Please remember that children should not be wearing makeup, nail varnish or jewellery (with the exception of stud earrings) in school



Poppies will be on sale from Thursday 7 November. Contributions for merchandise (as suggested by the Royal Legion) are as follows:

Zip Pull 50p

Poppy Reflector 50p

Wristband £1

Snap Band £1.50

Paper poppies will also be on sale. We recommend a minimum donation of 20 pence



### Impact of our 'Learning to be respectful in our community' focus

Thank you to everyone who has helped to keep this focus 'alive' around the school and for taking part respectfully! We have been really pleased with the progress that we have made around the school. We were particularly happy to hear that some parents noticed a change in their child's behaviour at home as well. At the start of the focus, we RAG rated (Red, Amber and Green, Red - not achieved, Amber - nearly there, Green -achieved) each of our weekly focuses. Look how much progress we have made as a school!

Start of the Focus	End of the Focus
We walk in the corridors - Green	We walk in the corridors - Green
We walk on the left - Amber	We Walk on the left - Green
We hold the door open for others - Red	We hold the door open for other - Green
We greet people around the school - Red	We greet people around the school - Green
We speak to each other respectfully - Red	We speak to each other respectfully - Yellow
We take care of our corridors - Yellow	We take care of our corridors - Green
We take care of our classrooms - Yellow	We take care of our classrooms - Green

As you can see, there are still areas for us to focus on but we have come so far! We would really appreciate your help with supporting your child to be respectful in school.



At Queen's Hill Primary and Nursery School we are delighted to announce the launch of our new Parent Forum -

**Parent Voice Counts (PVC)**

which gives you the opportunity to give your opinions and views on a variety of topics, which have been raised by the Senior Leadership Team.

This term we would like your views on:

**Communication** - What does good communication look like for parents?

**Home Learning** - How does it work for you?

**Community** - How can we involve the community in Christmas Carols around the estate on the 17th December?

If you would like to attend the forum on

**Wednesday 6th November**

there are three time options available.

**8.40am 2.15pm or 5.30pm.**

To attend the forum you need to contact or email the school office on 01603 746857 [office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk) giving your name and the time you will be attending. Refreshments will be available at each meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there.



This year's anti-bullying week (from 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> November) has the theme 'Change Starts with Us'. Small changes mean big differences. Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well into adulthood. By educating children with small, simple changes, the cycle can be broken to create a safe environment for everyone. Our anti-bullying curriculum day (on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November),

# November 2019

Tues 5		Y5 Bikebility (Group 2)
		Y1 Norwich Museum Visit (Miss Phillips' Class + $\frac{1}{2}$ Mrs Walden's Class)
Thurs 7		Y5 Bikebility (Group 2)
Fri 8	9am	Miss Phillips' Class Show & Share Assembly
		Y5 Bikebility (Group 2)
	2.30pm	Ms Taylor's Class Show & Share Assembly
Mon 11	10am	Remembrance Service for Y6 parents only
	3-4pm	Y4 'The Day the War Came' Café
Tues 12		Y1 Norwich Museum Visit (Miss Stephens' Class + $\frac{1}{2}$ Mrs Walden's Class)
		Y5 Bikebility (Group 3)
Wed 13	8.30am	Y3 Parent Breakfast
		Y5 Bikebility (Group 3)
	5pm - 6pm	Y2 Writing Café
Thurs 14		Y5 Bikebility (Group 4)
	3pm	Mobile Library Bus
Fri 15		Y5 Bikebility (Group 5)
Mon 18		Y5 Bikebility (Group 5)
Tues 19		Y5 Bikebility (Group 5)
		Y6 STEM visit to Norwich Aviation Museum
Weds 20		School Council Residential Visit to London
Thurs 21	3 - 4pm	Y1 Toy Shop Café
Fri 22	9am	Mr Cross' Class Show & Share Assembly
	2.30pm	Miss Hunter's Class Show & Share Assembly
Tues 26	10- 12.30pm	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Festival
Wed 27		Flu Immunisation (excluding Nursery)
	4.30pm	Y5 Advent Cafe
Thurs 28	5.30- 6.30pm	Y6 Advent Café
Sat 30		OVA Christmas Fair

# December 2019

Tues 3		St Peter Mancroft 'Save our World' Tree Festival
Thurs 5	8.45- 9.30am	Y2 Space Cafe
Thurs 5		Friends of Queen's Hill Primary School

		'Winter Wonderland' Christmas Fair
Fri 6	9am	Ms Stephens' Class Show & Share Assembly
	2.30pm	Mr Emmens' Class Show & Share Assembly
Mon 9	9.15am	Y2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
	10.30am	Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal
	1.30pm	Y1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Weds 11	9.15am	Y2 Nativity
	10.30am	Reception Nativity
	1.30pm	Y1 Nativity
Thurs 12	9.30am	Y1 Nativity
	11am	Y2 Nativity
	2pm	Reception Nativity
	3pm	Mobile Library Bus
Fri 13	11am	Nursery AM Christmas Carols
	2.30pm	Mrs Bowes-Mulligan's Class Show & Share Assembly
	2.30pm	Nursery PM Christmas Carols
Sat 14	7pm	St Peter Mancroft Carol Service
Mon 16	2.30pm	Y2 Workshare
	5pm	Reception Bedtime Café
Tues 17		Y3 Cinderella Pantomime
		R/1/2 Christmas Dinner
	4.30-5.30pm	Carol Singing around Queen's Hill Estate (children to be accompanied by an adult)
Weds 18		Y3/4/5/6 Christmas Dinner
Thurs 19	6pm	
Fri 20		LAST DAY OF TERM
MON 6 JANUARY		CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

We are looking to collect some highly engaging toys to be used in small group activities to engage and develop children's attention skills. If you are able to donate or even lend any of the following kinds of toys we would be most grateful! These could include spinning tops, bouncing balls, slinkies, light up or wind-up toys and toys that make noises. Please leave any donations with the school office or with Miss Butcher in Les Papillons Verts.





Our Queen's Hill Primary School team went to Langley Preparatory School in Taverham on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October to participate in the WNDSSP Country Country event. The whole team performed well, and a special mention goes to Oliver B who came third in the Year 4 Boys' race. Oliver will go on to represent QHPS in the finals. - Well Done Oliver!



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