



# NEWSLETTER

## Keep Informed:



Queen's Hill Primary



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Dear Parents/Carers,

The last few days have been the most testing of times. When we should be gearing up to our final Easter Assembly and looking forward to the school holidays, we find ourselves in "lockdown"; Easter assembly was held on Friday 20th March with many children already absent from school. Learning is taking place at home and the school is a hub for essential childcare and community support.

I am sure that you will join me in thanking all those keyworkers who are working tirelessly to ensure that we have health and emergency services, food and the other necessities to keep our world as "normal" as possible.

From the heartfelt messages that I have received I know how grateful you are, and I most definitely am, for us having such a wonderful staff team here at Queen's Hill School. Where some schools have had to "fold" we are able to continue to offer essential childcare for sole parents who are key workers and for double key worker parents. This is because support staff have volunteered to swap their hours so that we can offer provision throughout the holidays.

Our Norse kitchen staff have been great - and I know that many of you who are picking up meals have been really impressed with the quality of the hot dinners. We are only able to run this service during termtime - I'll miss our noontime chats!

It would seem that some of our teachers have a calling for CBeebies! I know that the children are enjoying seeing their class teacher. It has been a steep learning curve for them to come to grips with the best way of supporting children's education through distanced learning. After Easter it will step up a gear as we use three different online platforms for Early Years, Year 6 and the rest of the school.

The estate has very much felt like it did when I first arrived way back in 2008 - very quiet and a little eerie. However, the community feel that we had in those early days when the school was at the heart of everything (we had baby weighing, religious groups etc. using our then spare classrooms) has grown and grown. There have been a number of heart warming moments in the last few days: one of our dads going home to get an unopened bottle of Calpol when he heard me trying to get some for one of our mums; thank you cards from children for their school dinners; a chocolate delivery from John Lewis for the staff (and some for a few of our families too); the games donation box getting filled within two hours... I could go on!

Queen's Hill is a very special that the staff and I feel privileged to serve. Keep safe and do get in touch if there is anything we can do to help you or your neighbour.

Penny Sheppard

We have been supporting the Norwich foodbank this week. Mr Honour and Mr Fraser have been helping with collections and deliveries in the school minibus.

If you have any food items or children's games and toys which you would like to donate please place them in the box in the Kestrel Avenue car park.

Thank You



## Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think you might be entitled to free school meals, please download the form on the school website.



## Book Swap

Books can be changed at the front of the school every Monday and Thursday from 10:30 am-2:30pm as part of your daily walk. They are pre-bundled so it's a bit of pot luck! Please place returned books in a plastic bag and place in the quarantine box. **Do not take books out of this box.**

## Free School Meals

Free School Meals can be collected from Kestrel Avenue Car Park every weekday at 12noon. This will only be taking place during Term Time.

Pens, pencils and paper are available from the Kestrel Avenue Car Park



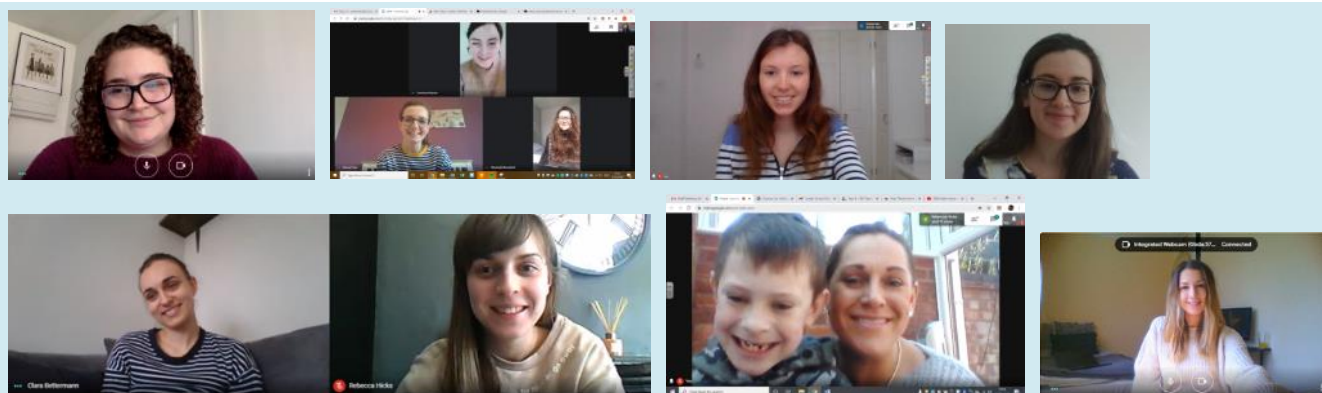
Jasper, Molly and Seb say ...

*Stay Safe!*



# A Busy Week of Home Learning at Queen's Hill Primary School

Our staff have been busy working remotely to create new and exciting content for you all to use at home. Check out your new year group home learning page on the website, which is filled with new daily content including videos, stories and suggested websites. We'd love to hear how you are getting on with learning at home. Join us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up to date with the latest online content and to share your learning with us. #homelearning



*Our teaching staff having their daily staff meetings online.*

## Home Learning after Easter

We are shortly going to be implementing new software to make it easier for you to share the learning your child is doing with their class teacher. This will include daily reading, writing and maths tasks along with weekly projects to complete. These will also be made available in printed packs for those without internet access at home.

### Nursery and Reception

Nursery and Reception will continue to use Tapestry to share new learning tasks, stories and activities from the Early Years Team.

If you are having difficulty accessing your Tapestry account, please contact the school office with an email address so that we can update your account.

### Years 1,2,3,4 and 5

These year groups will be using Seesaw. Seesaw is a simple way for teachers and students to record and share what is happening in the classroom. Each student will get their own login and will add things to it, like photos, videos, drawings, or notes. This can be accessed online, through tablets and on IOS and Android.



### Year 6

Year 6 will be issued with individual logins for a Google Classroom account. Students can sign in from any computer or mobile device to access class assignments, course materials and feedback from teachers.



# Hello from your Teachers!

## Nursery

Miss Compton and Miss Wright have been busy filming some exciting videos for you to watch. Make sure you have a look at the school website and Tapestry to see what we have been doing. We have also posted a new phonics sound every day for you to learn at home. Keep sharing what you have learnt at home on Tapestry. We have loved seeing all of the learning you have shared so far!



## Reception

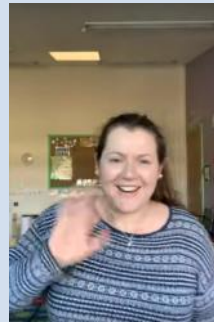
Mrs Spicker, Miss Smart and Miss Butcher have been busy filming lots of short learning videos for you to watch. Keep checking the school website on the Reception page and on Tapestry so that you can join in.

Keep joining in with phonics each day on YouTube. We have loved seeing families share what learning you have been doing at home on Tapestry, keep it up!



## Year 1

Mr Cross, Miss Denmar, Miss Stephens and Mrs Walden have been busy sharing lots of activities for you to do at home. You can find these on our school website. Keep joining in with daily phonics on Youtube, check out your Purple Mash account for activities to do and watch videos of us reading stories. Email the school office if you've got some work you want to share with us!



## Year 2

Mrs James, Miss Peek, Miss Keenan and Miss Blomfield have been busy filming stories and challenges for you to do at home. We hope you are enjoying learning at home using what we have uploaded on the website/ YouTube to help you. Don't forget to join in with phonics every day on YouTube and check your 2Dos on Purple Mash. Keep learning and checking the website for new, exciting videos! :)



# Hello from your Teachers!

## Year 3

Mrs Andrews, Miss Bettermann and Miss Hicks have been busy filming introductions for your Maths tasks. Check out the Year 3 tab on the school website to access these videos to support your learning. On Monday, Miss Hicks will share an audio explaining an art task (that links to previous learning). Keep an eye out for a special story from Mrs Andrews this week. We hope that you have enjoyed the tasks set and we look forward to seeing what you have done. Don't forget to check your Purple Mash account for new 2Dos and battle against Year 4 on Times Table Rock Stars!



## Year 4

Ms. Taylor and Miss. Hunter have uploaded recordings of their class' current reading books. We have been busy adding links and ideas to make learning at home fun such as creating your own crazy golf course. Miss. Hunter has been busy recording herself doing some baking. We have also uploaded some cartoon draw along live videos. There will be new videos each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you have forgotten any written methods for the four operations, there are short video tutorial clips for you to watch. Don't forget to check your Purple Mash account for new 2Dos. There is also a Times Table Rock Star battle currently happening between Year 3 and Year 4. Make your contribution to the battle and help your year group to win!



## Year 5

Mr Emmens and Mrs Bowes-Mulligan have been busily creating lessons and building content for the website. Check out the Year 5 home learning tab to find: home learning packs, a suggested timetable of daily activities (and a video explaining how to use this), videos of the week's reading comprehension, stories, links to useful websites and information regarding logins for Purple Mash and Times Tables Rock Stars. Be sure to check back regularly for exciting new updates!



## Year 6

The Year Six Team has been busy creating and posting learning tasks for you to complete on our wonderful school website. Remember to keep checking the website for more ideas and inspiration. We are also pleased that lots of you have been completing your MyMaths activities but don't forget we are all aiming for 100%. If you are unsure about something, remember to watch the online lessons (in mymaths) and look in the scores section to check your progress. We are very excited about the new Google Classroom platform too - logins and information will be with you soon! Keep up the good work :-)

