



# NEWSLETTER

May 2020

## Keep Informed:



Queen's Hill Primary



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start the month of May in continued lock down I would like to thank our amazing staff for all of their hard work in keeping the school open for childcare and providing home learning. Many are juggling their own childcare and home learning alongside planning for and marking work of 30 plus children, not a mean feat.

None of us are able to second guess what a phased return to school will look like but I do have 101 plans floating around my head ready to put into action! As more children start to be in school please be aware that some of the teachers will be marking the work of children from other classes too so they will not be able to respond immediately to every notification.

Thank you for your support. I feel the partnership between home and school has become even stronger over the last few weeks.

Don't forget, the school phones are manned from 8am to 5pm (as a minimum) so do call us if you need any help or advice or just want to hear another adult's voice!

Penny Sheppard



Miss Bettermann manning the phones in school.

## Key Dates in May

### Wednesday 6th May

Year 4 Jumanji Bedtime Café / 5-6pm

### Thursday 7th May

Reception Explorers Cafe & Afternoon Nursery / 8.50-9.30am

### Friday 8th May

VE Day and Scarecrow Competition

### Monday 11th May

Year 1 'Growth' Café / 4-5pm

### Friday 15th May

Year 2 Writing Café / 8.45-9.30am



## Educational Trips & Visits

The Governing Body met virtually on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April and discussed school trips. The governors have decided that wherever possible refunds will be made via the School Money system. If you made an online payment for trips we will refund the money back to your credit/debit card. Payments made by cash or cheque will be refunded by cheque. We are currently finalising the cancellation of the trips with the companies involved, and we hope that your refunds will be with you by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020. We will send you a text to confirm when refunds have been made.



## Good News!

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 Mrs Sarah Moore gave birth to a son, Felix Moore weighing 8lb. Our congratulations go to Sarah, her husband Matt and their eldest son Rowan.



## Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed, it may be worth checking to see if you are entitled to free school meals. Search 'Norfolk Free School Meals' and apply online today.



## Lunch & Breakfast Club Payments

Payments for dinners and breakfast club payments which were made in advance of school closure have been cancelled and credited back to your child's accounts.



## Book Swap

Books can be exchanged at the front of the school every Monday and Thursday from 10:30 am-2:30pm as part of your daily walk.

# BOOK SWAP MONDAY & THURSDAY

10.30AM-2.30PM / MAIN ENTRANCE

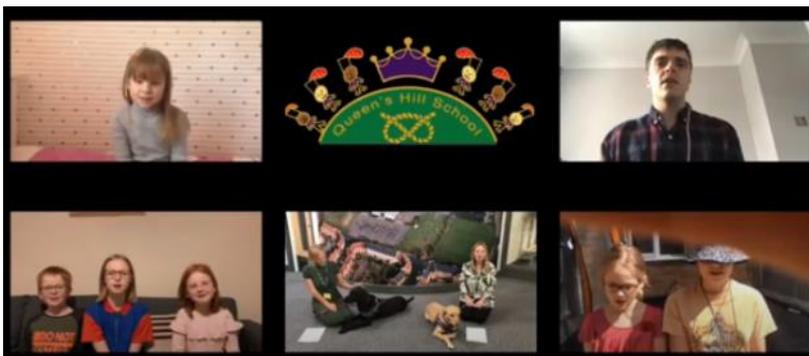


Place returned books in a plastic bag and place in the quarantine box.

SD Adobe Spark

## We Are One: Queen's Hill Virtual Choir

"We are one, we are strong, as we sing our songs together" are the words of our school song. Watch the latest video on Youtube and join in with us from home. Special thanks go to the amazing Mr. James for all of his technical wizardry.



## Nursery and Reception

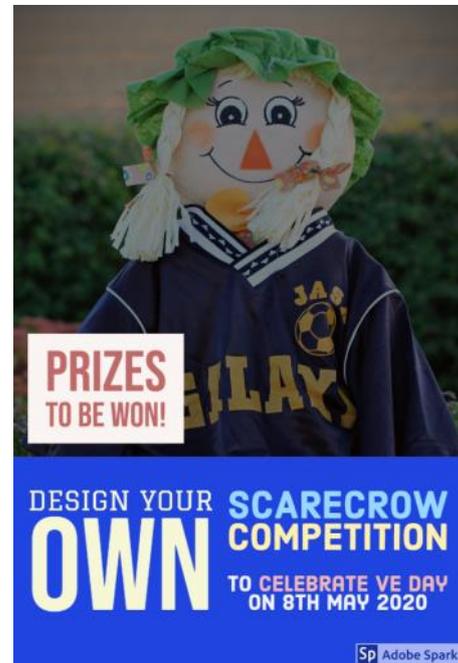
Our new intake meeting for children starting in our nursery and reception classes in September is on **Monday 29th June**.

We will be posting a video for you to watch. This will tell you lots of information about the school, what a normal day looks like and things the children will need to bring to school.



We will also be putting together a video of the school so that your child will be able to see what the environment looks like and even meet the school dogs Molly and Jasper. We will send out more information about this nearer the time. We thank you for your support and look forward to your child starting with us.

Marie Compton, EYFS Phase Leader



## Build a Scarecrow for VE Day

Queen's Hill Community Facebook group have started a scarecrow challenge to mark the VE day celebrations on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Design and create a scarecrow, put it outside your house and post a photo on the community Facebook page. There will be a prize for the winning entry. You may also want to join in with some of the activities planned by the Royal British Legion:

- A live VE Day 75 livestream at 11.15am
- An evening of memories and music from 8pm on BBC One

A lot of residents in Queen's Hill will be decorating their homes with red, white and blue and having a picnic in their garden at 4pm.

## Support for SEN Pupils

There are lots of additional resources and web links to support children with additional needs. For resources and videos to support anxiety, emotional development, mental health, autism, sensory circuits, Lego therapy and fine motor control follow the 'SEN Home Support' button on the school website home page. We know that this time has its challenges for all. If you have any concerns about your child's learning, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

**Social and Emotional Learning**  
**Outdoor Scavenger Hunt**  
Focus your mind and your senses on what is happening outside...

Scissors out the boxes when you have found the item or completed the task!

	Look for something that makes you smile.		Find something that feels hard and UNCOMFORTABLE to touch.		Watch the clouds, look for shapes and take 3 deep breaths.
	Find something that feels soft and COMFORTABLE to touch.		Smell something fresh - how do you feel?		Can you find something to recycle?
	Smell something stinky - how do you feel now?		Remember the Hugging Hug!		Find a place you think Hesteria would like to live.
	Improve the Duck		Listen for the sound of a bird.		Take the Dog
	Can you find a stick that Duke would like to play with?		Find something you would share with a friend.		Find an animal - no matter how small!

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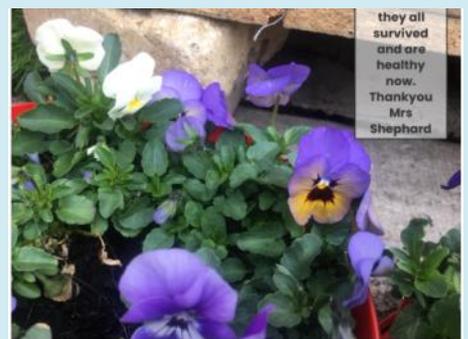
Take care and keep safe, Miss Butcher

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

Our staff are continuing to be busy, supporting both in school and remotely with online learning. We have been really impressed with how well parents and children have engaged with our new online learning platforms and have enjoyed both seeing and celebrating the learning children have been doing.

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

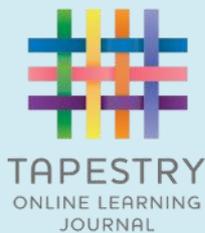
## One of the highlights of the week:



*"Mrs Sheppard gave us some poorly plants that needed saving. We took them home and gave them some water. They all survived and are healthy now. Thank you Mrs Sheppard"*

## Home Learning Platforms

Nursery and Reception



Years 1,2,3,4 and 5



Year 6



Google Classroom

If you are having difficulty accessing your account, please contact the school office so that we can support you.

# Hello from your teachers!

## Nursery

Hello Nursery! We have really enjoyed seeing your home learning on Tapestry. It looks like you are all having lots of fun. It has been lovely to see your self-portraits and we have been especially impressed with all the super work you have been doing to learn your sounds through our daily phonics videos. Keep up the hard work!

Our 'Explorers Cafe' will go live at 8.30am on Thursday 7th May. This will be available on YouTube and Tapestry. We hope you can join us!

From Miss Compton and Miss Wright.



## Reception

We have loved continuing to teach phonics remotely and it has been lovely to see photos and videos of children joining in with the lessons. We are so pleased that the children are continuing to make progress with their reading and writing with the support of the grown-ups at home. The Reception team have enjoyed planning exciting home learning activities and it has been great seeing the extra home learning activities that you are doing to keep learning through play at home.



## Year 1

We have loved seeing all your hard work and brilliant home learning. You have written stories, shared amazing artwork, joined in with our spelling challenges and taken part in the daily phonics lessons. We really enjoyed seeing your designs for your dream bedroom and finding out what you want to be when you are older. We also want to say thank you to your grown-ups, who we can see have been helping you with your learning, even during these difficult times.

Our 'How Things Grow' Cafe will go live at 9am on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. This will be available on YouTube for you to join in with.



## Year 2

Hello Year 2! We have enjoyed seeing all the work that you have been sharing with us either via paper learning packs or Seesaw. Thank you to everyone who joined in with our virtual parent cafe on Wednesday 29th April. It was great to see the pictures and videos of you working hard to solve the maths problem. Miss Keenan, Miss Peek and Mrs James are missing you all very much! We loved seeing your 'Thank you to key workers' posters.



# Hello from your teachers!

## Year 3

Hello Year 3! We have loved seeing all the work that you have been sharing with us either via paper learning packs or Seesaw. We have been inundated with notifications! Thank you to all the families who joined our virtual parent cafe on Monday 27th April. We hope you enjoyed video calling your friends to virtually complete the activity set. It has been great to see that you are all being incredibly creative and we have particularly loved seeing the outcomes for the topic work set.

Mrs Andrews, Miss Hicks and Miss Bettermann are missing you all! We look forward to seeing, hearing and watching more of your virtual learning.

## Year 4

Hello Year 4! We have loved seeing all of your hard work being uploaded to Seesaw and in the paper learning packs. It has been great to see you all being so creative in your responses to the activities we have set. There have been some amazing shoebox houses and digestive systems uploaded, as well as some fantastic performances showcasing your special skills. You are all very talented!

On Wednesday 6th May at 5pm our virtual Jumanji Cafe will go live, there will be a link on Seesaw and the school website so you can craft along at home. A list of materials needed is available on Seesaw.

Ms Taylor and Miss Hunter are missing you all and looking forward to seeing even more of your virtual learning.

## Year 5

A big hello - and thank you - to all Year 5 children and their families. We have been so impressed by the quality of work that you have been uploading to Seesaw / submitting to school in paper packs. In particular, some of the responses that we received to the Mindfulness activity on Monday 27th April were really moving - and show just how much you've all matured this year. Keep on posting all of your amazing learning, and be sure to log in to Purple Mash to update your class' blog too.

Remember: there are lots of exciting things happening on Times Tables Rock Stars in the next few weeks as well. Please join us on the afternoon of Tuesday 12th May for our virtual cafe 'Wonderful Webs', which will be linked to our key text: Charlotte's Web - a link to this will appear on Seesaw and the school's website closer to the time

## Year 6

Hello Year 6 and your families! We have been so impressed with your learning so far this term and have loved seeing other activities that you have been busy doing at home too. Keep up the good work! We have particularly loved seeing your artwork - you are a creative bunch!

Over the last week, Mr Jones, Mrs White and Mrs Sims have been starting to speak to your High Schools about transition and letting the teachers know all about the learning you have been doing at home.

We look forward to seeing more fantastic work from you! Thank you also to your parents, carers and families for your ongoing support.

