



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2020

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As we approach the end of a very busy term, we would like to say thank you to all our parents and carers for their support over the past term. Although we haven't been able to welcome you into the school building for our normal cafes and performances, we have been so thrilled to see so many of you taking part in our cafes and activities at home.

Christmas Events: The children and staff have worked so hard preparing for our Christmas celebrations! The **nativities** will be 'going live' on the website in the next couple of weeks (see diary dates). Watch this space for more information about our **St Peter Mancroft** concert and an **Online Community Christmas Service**. We are also so proud of our collaborative entry with the Rotary Club for the '**Lockdown Crib**' **Art Project** at St Peter Mancroft (see picture).



COVID-19: Thank you for all washing your hands! As of 30/11/20, we have not had any staff or pupils with a positive COVID-19 test result.

Staff Changes: This term we are saying goodbye to Mrs Sims (Assistant Headteacher), Miss Vyse and Mrs Simmons. Mrs Sims is taking up post as Director of Studies at Town Close School. Mrs Sims started with us as a Newly Qualified Teacher in 2014. She has introduced Maths Mastery across the school and our Pivotal behaviour approach, amongst many other things! We wish her luck as she continues to develop her career. We have appointed Mrs. Rebecca Suffield as our new Assistant Head Teacher, who will be joining us in the new year.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families well over this festive season!

Covid Drop Off Procedures

Recently we had an unexpected visit from our local policeman PC Barnard at morning drop-off time. PC Barnard was very impressed with our drop-off procedures and the speed with which over 500 pupils entered the building. Thank you to all parents and carers for following the procedures and making the system work so well. Please remember, **one adult** per family and '**hands, face, space**'.





Queen's Hill Primary School & the Norfolk Lockdown Panto!

We have signed up to be part of the Rapunzel Lockdown Panto in Norfolk! Over the last few weeks we have been learning the songs in school to be part of the virtual panto on **Wednesday 16th December 2020**. We will be able to tune in to a livestream and sing along with a live band. The panto will be accessible for all children from Nursery- Year 6 and will be streamed in school. It can also be accessed from home for those families that are self-isolating.

Staff and pupils can dress up as their favourite pantomime character for the day. Please bear in mind that you may need to layer up as it can be chilly in school!

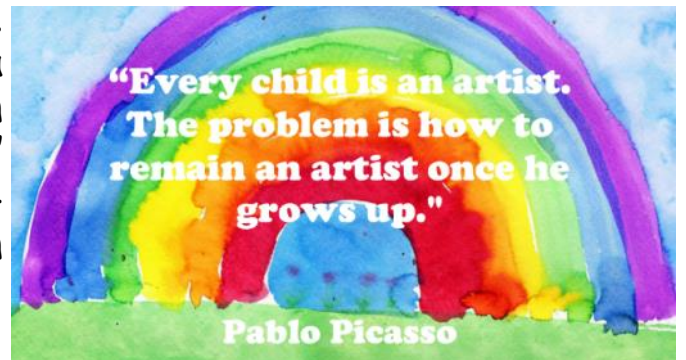


You can learn the songs at home using the following link and password:

<https://www.norfolkmusichub.org.uk/site/rapunzel-resources/> Password: RapunzelNorfolk

Creative Arts half term focus

In school this half term we are developing our arts curriculum and focusing on art theory and vocabulary. Throughout the half term children will be joining in with live sketching assemblies, fun drawing warm up activities and weekly art lessons. Children will be working towards a 'final piece' of art work which will then be displayed in a virtual 'Open Studio' gallery for friends and families to access at home, via the school website in the last week of half term.



We will be inviting you to join in with your child's class in creative activities through virtual cafes and have sent home creative ideas activities that you can get involved with at home.

Gifts for staff

We have received a number of queries from parents and carers asking whether staff are able to accept gifts. Our staff do not expect presents, but if you do want to give something, staff appreciate:

- Cards and letters - kind words mean a lot!
- Homemade gifts
- Donations to charity on their behalf
- Paying it forward - volunteering your time to help others



Due to the current coronavirus situation, if you do wish to buy staff a gift, we would request that they are:

- Brought in 1 week before the end of term (Friday 18th December)
- Clearly marked with the staff member's name. To be on the safe side, we will ensure that they are left in a sanitised area for 72 hours before distributing them to staff.

Please do not send gifts if you, a member of your household or your child are self-isolating, have symptoms of coronavirus or have tested positive. If your child wants to write a card, they can instead send an email or e-card to office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk and we will make sure this reaches their teacher(s).

Christmas Cards

We would prefer for you to consider donating to a charity rather than have children bring in Christmas cards this year, but if your child would like to bring in cards for their friends, please make sure they are handed in to their class teacher by the morning of Friday 11 December. They will then be quarantined to be distributed on Monday 14 December.

If your household is isolating you will not be able to drop off any cards. Alternatively you can email a photo/scan/digital card to the office clearly stating who it is for and in which year/class then we will be able to **pass it on for you.**



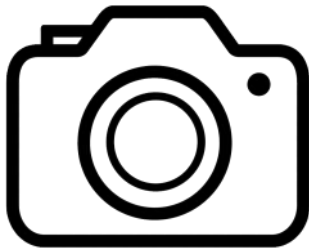
First Admissions—2021/22

If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, they will be due to start school in Reception in the school year starting September 2021. You should have received a letter from Norfolk County Council regarding how to apply for a Reception place. The easiest way to apply is online at www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk.





Our Eco Ambassadors Lily and Luigi have been planting the trees donated to us by The Woodland Trust.



New Date for Tempest Photography

12 and 13 April 2021

Community Support

There is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support.

Information on how to access support for those in need is available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus or by calling 0344 800 8020. Anyone experiencing hardship can also receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme, which already provides support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. The easiest way to get in touch is to visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS or if you cannot access the internet, you can call 01603 223392 (option 5). If the line is busy, leave a message and the team will call you back.

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A STAR IS A SYMBOL OF HOPE IN THE DARKNESS,
SO LET'S LIGHT UP THE TOWN WITH HOPE.

IF YOU NEED ANY HELP OR SUPPORT THIS CHRISTMAS TIME
PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMUNITY CONNECTORS AT
THE SOUTH NORFOLK & BROADLAND COUNCIL EARLY HELP HUB
ONLINE OR BY PHONING 01508 533933

AND THEY WILL HELP YOU FIND LOCAL SUPPORT.

COSTESSEY CARES ARE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WORKING TOGETHER.
WE ARE A NEW STAR BEING BORN AND WILL BE SHINING NEXT YEAR,
RAISING FUNDS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.

CostesseyCares@gmail.com



DIARY DATES

Weds 2 Dec	VIRTUAL Show & Share Assembly Mrs Carpenter's Class
Thurs 3 Dec	VIRTUAL Y1 Toy Cafe
Thurs 10 Dec	VIRTUAL Y4 Family & Friends Café Library Bus (3pm at Kestrel Avenue entrance)
Fri 11 Dec - 2pm	VIRTUAL Show & Share Assembly Ms Taylor & Mrs Pascoe's Class
Tues 15 Dec	Y3/4/5/6 Christmas Lunch VIRTUAL EYFS/Year 1/Year 2 Production for 48 hours
Weds 16 Dec 1.30pm to 2.40pm 4pm	Reception/Y1 & Y2 Christmas Lunch Rapunzel Lockdown Panto streamed for pupils VIRTUAL Y6 Christmas Café
Fri 18 Dec	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
Mon 4 Jan 2021	FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Thurs 7 Jan	Library Bus visiting school
Weds 20 Jan - 3pm	Nursery and Reception - Healthy Me Cafe
Weds 27 Jan	Y1 Train Café
Fri 5 Feb 3.30pm	Road Safety for Y5/6 Y4 Family & Friends Cafe
Weds 10 Feb 4pm	Y6 Reading Cafe
Fri 12 Feb	LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
Mon 22 Feb	FIRST DAY OF HALF TERM
NOTES	Show & Share Assemblies /Christmas Productions A link will be texted to parents on the day of their child's class' Show & Share Assembly from mid-day
	Cafes - A link will be texted to parents on the day of their child's class' café from 3pm

Term Dates for 20/21

Spring Term Monday 4 January 2021 to Thursday 25 March 2021

INSET DAY FRIDAY 26 MARCH 2021

Summer Term Monday 12 April 2021 to Thursday 22 July 2021