



# NEWSLETTER

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Queen's Hill Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, THANK YOU!!!! It has been a challenging start to the new term but your support and lovely messages have really helped us to get through!

It feels very different to the first lockdown. We have many more children in school and we have upped our game with remote learning. Last time we were able to put staff on a rota but this time it is all hands on deck. This means that if staff members are unable to work due to illness or self isolation we don't have a bank of staff we can call on to come in and cover.

This means that we may not always be able to accommodate all the children who have been offered a place on site. The Local Authority guidance is that we prioritise sole or double key workers and if we still have too many children, to prioritise critical workers over keyworkers, and double keyworkers over one key worker.

Critical worker parents:

- Both parents need to be critical workers (where there are 2 parents in the household)
- NHS workers involved in COVID-19 health response including vaccinations
- Police and emergency services
- Social care staff including care homes and social workers
- Education staff providing for vulnerable groups and critical worker children

Please keep your phones on in the morning in case we have to get in touch with you at the last minute to let you know we can not provide childcare for that day and possibly the rest of that week.

Fingers, toes and everything else crossed that we manage to get through to half term without too much disruption.

If your circumstances change and you do not now need childcare please do let us know. And equally, if you now do and you are a family with **either sole or double CRITICAL key worker parents**, do get in touch. Other parents and carers of children currently in school, please do understand that this may mean you lose your place. **The children we have in school remains an ever changing picture and we not able to guarantee that your child will always be able to attend.**

Christmas seems an age ago - but we do hope you managed to have a decent break and would like to wish you a belated healthy and peaceful new year. The next few weeks are going to be challenging for us all, but hopefully if we can all work together and support each other (at a social distance!) by late Spring things will start to get better.

Take care and keep safe,

Penny Sheppard



## Online Safety

During the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, people are relying even more on online technology.

Due to lockdowns and high-level restrictions, children are spending more time at home and may not be able to see friends and family in person. This makes keeping in touch online extra important.

Many children are spending more time online - and expanding the ways they use the internet. They may join online communities or start using new video-calling platforms. Children who receive support from services may go online to contact social workers, counsellors and others in their support network.

While all this can bring benefits to children's mental health and wellbeing, children can be exposed to risk online.

To help you understand and tackle the risks all children face online, the NSPCC have pulled together some resources, including updated information on communicating with children via social media, running online services, tips for parents and carers and advice to share with children. Follow the link below:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/may/online-safety-during-coronavirus>

## Free Online Safety for Parents & Carers

We're going to be running free virtual workshops on online safety for all parents and carers. It will explore latest trends of what children are doing online and details of support which is available to families

From the 1st February 2021, for one week only, we will email a URL link enabling you to immediately view the 1-hour session.



## Science 8-week Focus

This half-term we are going to be focusing on developing a vocabulary rich science curriculum. We want to nurture children's curiosity and allow them to ask questions about the world around them. There are some amazing resources online, including games and videos which you may want to explore at home



[learning.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/resources](http://learning.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/resources)

Explore science games and videos from the Science Museum, London

[explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/blog/explorify-during-school-closures](https://explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/blog/explorify-during-school-closures)

Explorify at home is a set of collections of activities that are based on the primary science curriculum, and which are easy for parents and carers to do with their learners at home.

## Change for Life...

is our whole-school topic this term. If you are an expert and would like to be interviewed, e.g. a fitness instructor, mindfulness practitioner, a dietician, a chef or a counsellor do get in touch!



## Book Swap Days

Banded books are available for changing on a Tuesday and a Thursday, 10am to 3pm during termtime.  
"Take what you touch!"





# We're Here to Help



## Mrs Jayne Eastaugh Pastoral Worker

I work alongside children and parents for lots of different reasons. If you or your child would like a chat don't hesitate to call on 01603 746857.

I also have contacts for Nelson's Journey (bereavement), Leeway (domestic abuse), mental health support, eating disorder support and the school nursing team.

Please see below a list of books and websites which might be helpful:-

- Stuck Inside by Dan and Kathryn Allman
- While We Can't Hug by Eoin Mc Laughlin
- Invisible String

Websites:

[Elsa-support.co.uk/free-resources](https://elsa-support.co.uk/free-resources) - This has a range of games, activities, arts, crafts and sensory support ideas.

[Nuturestore.co.uk/stay-at-home-screen-free-activities](https://nurturestore.co.uk/stay-at-home-screen-free-activities)



## Laura Baker—Parent Support Advisor

Although the school is closed to most pupils, I am still able to offer support remotely to families. It is such a difficult time so you may have concerns regarding your own or your child's wellbeing, pressures upon your family, managing at home, finances, parental conflict to name a few. I will be able to talk these through with you, offer support or put you in touch with the right agencies.

Please do get in touch on 07825130002 or

[laura.baker@benjaminfoundation.co.uk](mailto:laura.baker@benjaminfoundation.co.uk)

Please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.



The Benjamin Foundation



# Can we help you?



Norfolk County Council

## Free digital equipment

for vulnerable students



Reconditioned laptops, access to wifi, broadband dongles are just some of the items being distributed to struggling families unable to access the internet during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Make sure vulnerable students get the resources they need to help continue their learning at home, reduce isolation and connect with friends and family.

**Contact Norfolk Assistance Scheme direct to apply today** [www.norfolk.gov.uk/nas](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/nas) • Tel 0344 800 8020

Individual applications accepted only.

We are unable to accept bulk order applications

### Who is eligible?

- **Any student who does not currently have access to digital devices at home**
- **Pupils claiming pupil premium**
- **Families claiming universal credit, who are on a low wage or who may recently have been furloughed**



### Norfolk Assistance Scheme - Norfolk County Council

Find out about the Norfolk Assistance Scheme, which helps some of Norfolk's most vulnerable residents or those going through a time of crisis. The information includes the criteria to apply for the scheme, an online form to apply and how to get urgent help with food or gas and electricity costs.



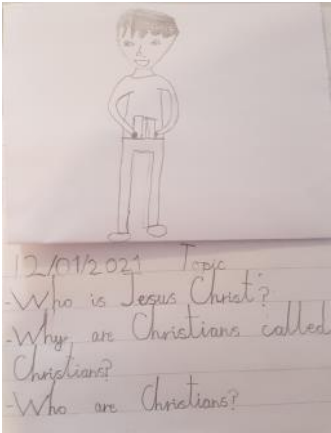

[www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk)

### Christmas Charities

Thank you to everyone who donated to...

Shelter

# Home Learning Updates!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
<p>Hello Nursery!</p> <p>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!</p> <p>From Miss Compton and Miss Wright.</p>	<p>Hello Reception!</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Hello Year 1!</p> <p>We have been so impressed with the amazing learning that we have been seeing on Tapestry. Thank you all very much! We have enjoyed seeing lots of your writing about Antarctica and Captain James Cook, as well as some fantastic science experiments to test which materials would be best to make a boat. A big well done to you all for your super 2D and 3D shape learning in maths. Keep up the great work. From the Year 1 team.</p>	<p>Hello Year 2!</p> <p>We have enjoyed seeing all the work that you have been sharing with us either via paper learning packs or See-saw. Thank you to everyone who sent in questions to ask Paul the church pastor, it was great to see how inquisitive you are! We are missing you all very much but it's been lovely to see you using your creative crowns to create your fruit drawings. We are proud of you all for grasping the concept of division!</p>
			

# Home Learning Updates!

## Year 3

A massive thank you and well done to all our families who, despite all of the sudden changes and last minute news, have ensured that children's learning continues. It has been so lovely to see all our Year 3 families engaging in remote learning once again. Live lessons started this week with a fantastic turn out and brilliant learning outcomes... and very few technical hitches! Year 3 live lessons will continue to be hosted daily at 10.30am. Show and share assemblies will continue in a remote format so please keep a look out for these.



## Year 4

The Year 4 team would like to say a massive thank you for all your hard work and engagement with all the remote learning activities. The flexibility and creativity that you have shown in adapting back into this style of learning has been really impressive. You have all already shown such resilience and perseverance. It has been so lovely to see so many of you join us for the live lessons, which we will continue to host every morning at 10am. We couldn't be more proud to be your teachers.

We have really been enjoying seeing all your wonderful creations that you have been producing as part of our topic on Aztec art. It was really hard to choose just one example to include in this newsletter.

Thank you to all the parents and carers of children in Year 4 for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you!



## Year 5

Hello Year 5 and their families. We wanted to start by saying a massive thank you and well done to all our families who, despite all of the sudden changes and last minute news, have ensured that children's learning continues.

We have really enjoyed watching all your videos of you completing PE tasks and singing at home.

The Grecian Urn models and drawings have been fantastic and we were proud to showcase them in this week's art gallery.

In science some of you were able to make very detailed models of the Earth and its different layers. We even had some video presentations where amazing science vocabulary was demonstrated.

Live lessons started this week and we were amazed at the turn out - Keep it up Year 5!

The Year 5 team are missing you all and look forward to seeing some more of your fantastic work going forward.



## Year 6

Hello Year 6 and our families! We have been so impressed with your learning so far and it has been great to see so many of you in our live lessons. Keep up the good work! We have particularly loved seeing your artwork - you are a creative bunch!

Your work about the African Slave Trade has been amazing and your notes have been extremely detailed. It has been wonderful to hear so many thoughtful questions too.

You will see below just one of the many creative ideas from our work about healthy lifestyles (there were so many to choose from!)

We hope you are enjoying listening to Mr Jones reading Wild Boy - remember to catch up on any parts you have missed.

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



# DIARY DATES

Weds 20 Jan	Nursery and Reception - Healthy Me Cafe
Weds 27 Jan	Y1 Train Café
Thurs 28 Jan	Y3 Cafe
Thurs 4 Feb	Y2 Cafe
Fri 5 Feb	Road Safety for Y5/6 Y4 Family & Friends Cafe
Weds 10 Feb 4pm	Y6 Reading Cafe
Fri 12 Feb	Y5 Cafe <b>LAST DAY OF HALF TERM</b>
Mon 22 Feb	<b>FIRST DAY OF HALF TERM</b>

## Term Dates for 2020/21

Spring Term	Monday 4 January 2021 to Thursday 25 March 2021 <b>INSET DAY FRIDAY 26 MARCH 2021 (School closed to pupils)</b>
Summer Term	Monday 12 April 2021 to Thursday 22 July 2021