



Newsletter

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Queen's Hill Primary

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I don't think we've probably ever been quite so keen to cross off the days and weeks and a lot of us will be pleased that February has arrived with the hours of daylight starting to get longer and signs of spring flowers on their way!

Thank you for everything that you have been doing to support the country's fight against Covid-19, whether that is working in a front-line job or helping to keep your child learning from home whilst juggling your own work. These are challenging times for everyone.

Whilst we are still unclear what will be happening post March 8th, we should have an announcement on 22nd February which will lay out the "roadmap for return to school." In the meantime, we will continue to be open for those children who need to be in school and also providing remote learning for those at home. I have been so impressed with the dedication of the teachers, teaching live lessons (sometimes while having to supervise children in school) and constantly reviewing and improving the ways they deliver learning and feedback to the children.

Mr Cross has been working hard to ensure those without broadband or devices have support. If you are struggling with either of these do get in touch and he will see what he can do to help.

Mr Honour has continued to keep our links with both The Assembly Rooms and Norwich Foodbank and we are able to support a number of families with regular food parcels. If this is something that you would benefit from, then do get in touch with Lauren in the school office.

If you need any pens, pencils or paper for your child to carry out their home learning, please do call Lauren in the school office and she will be to arrange this for you.

Half term is nearly upon us. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we will be able to get outside for some much-needed fresh air and vitamin D. Do take a peek at the outdoor classroom in the woods.

Take care and keep safe,
Penny Sheppard





Mrs Suffield joins as new Assistant Head

Hi my name is Becky Suffield. I am very excited to be joining the team at Queen's Hill Primary as the new Assistant Head Teacher working alongside Mr Cross. I will also be sharing teaching responsibilities in Year 1. My teaching career began in Bradford before moving to London where I have been for the last 10 years. My family and I have now relocated to Norfolk. I am looking forward to getting to know the great team here at Queen's Hill and meeting the wider school community.

Learning at Queen's Hill during the Covid crisis - governors' perspective.

Every half term we meet together as a governing body to meet the staff at school, to see how the children are progressing and to see how well the school is run. Since March 2020 we have had to move our committee and full governing body meetings to a monthly online meeting via zoom.

At the end of September, I was able to visit the school following Covid protocols and was heartened by how calm and focused the children were towards their learning and the quality teaching that was being consistently delivered. No-one could have anticipated a second strict nationwide lockdown and this year has seemed never-ending, gloomy and stressful for everyone. As governors, we always keep track of the schools' progress on its website and last year saw some excellent interactive videos prepared for the pupils to view and learn at home.

During the January meeting, we were given a really positive report by the leadership team on how well the school addressed remote and live learning and how it performed against the government's new expectations. We learnt that our school was exceeding the provision set as a baseline. Pupils in school are following the same curriculum as the pupils at home. Communication between school and parents and pupils is key in its regularity and support. We also wanted to make sure no one missed out on their learning because they did not have the technology and we were pleased to hear that the school had distributed laptops and data cards. Over the last week, we have watched live and recorded lessons and assemblies and have been so pleased with the outstanding effort, quality and care teachers have given to ensure pupils do not lag behind and enjoy learning as best they can in the present circumstances.

Queen's Hill has always been a nurturing school and we want a big shout out for the teachers, staff, parents and pupils in these unprecedented times. We are so grateful to be part of this community.

Kind regards



Laura



Laura Cowan - Chair. On behalf of all the governors.



Free online safety session for parents
Available all this week: <https://bit.ly/3rfsDds>



Online Safety For Parents & Carers

Provided by a specialist from Education Child Protection Ltd.

What is covered in the session?



What children are taught about online safety (specific to their age)




Latest trends of what children are doing online




Details of the current 'apps' & games that children are using & playing



The issues & dangers children face online



How we can make children safer online



Details of what support is available for you & your family

If you go down to the woods today ...



...there are some exciting changes happening in the Queens Hill Community Park where work has begun on the new outdoor classroom. Go and have a look when you next go for a walk.





Can we help you?

After the Prime Minister's announcement stating that 8 March is the earliest that we might see a return to some normal schooling, I wanted to remind you of some of the support which is available to you in these times.

As always, you can always contact the school direct:

Call 01603 746857 or

email office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk

If you would like to talk to Laura Baker,
our Parent Support
Advisor, please call:
07825 130002

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals,
please follow the link below:

[https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/
school-meals-and-milk](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk)

Norfolk County Council also offer a range of support and
assistance schemes, more details can be found here:

[https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/health-and-
wellbeing/adults-health/coronavirus/community-support-for-
people-at-home](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/health-and-wellbeing/adults-health/coronavirus/community-support-for-people-at-home)

Thank you for everyone who kindly donated to our Sugar for Shelters appeal.

The Sugar Shelters charity and all the people in homeless projects are extremely grateful.

The sugar donated is used in cooking and hot drinks where it provides a much needed energy boost.

It is estimated that the number of meals provided with the sugar donated in 2020 was 100,000!



UK self-isolation period reduced from 14 days to 10 days

You must self-isolate if:



You have COVID symptoms (new continuous cough, high temperature, change in taste or smell)



You test positive for COVID-19



You live with someone who has symptoms



You arrive in the UK from a country that is not exempt from quarantine rules



You are contacted by NHS Test and Trace to say you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive

Nursery Places for September 2021

If your child has their 3rd birthday on or before
31st August 2021

and you would like them to start at our
nursery in September 2021,
please email the school office
**admin@queenshill.
norfolk.sch.uk.**
for an application form.



Bourton-on-the-Water
DAY NURSERY



Free Mobile Data to Support Home Learning



Vodafone have provided us with a supply of free data SIM cards to give to families to help their children to continue learning from home. These provide 30GB of data and are valid for 90 days. This generous offer aims to support children who do not have enough internet access at home. The SIM cards can be used in a smart phone to create a hotspot or used in any device which has a slot for a SIM card.

Please email the school office (office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk) to request one for your child.



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 - 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**



DIARY DATES



Thurs 4 February	VIRTUAL Y2 Cafe
Fri 5 Feb	Road Safety for Y5/6 VIRTUAL Y4 Family & Friends Cafe
Weds 10 Feb 4pm	Y6 Reading Cafe
Fri 12 Feb	VIRTUAL Y5 Café LAST DAY OF FIRST HALF TERM (SPRING TERM)
Mon 22 Feb	FIRST DAY OF SECOND HALF TERM (SPRING TERM)
Weds 3 Mar	VIRTUAL Year 1 Maths Cafe
Tues 9 March	VIRTUAL EYFS Healthy Planet Café
Weds 17 March	VIRTUAL Y4 Family & Friends Café
Fri 19 March	VIRTUAL Show & Share Assembly with Miss Bettermann
Mon 22 March	VIRTUAL Y6 Café
Tues 23 March	Community Park Event
Weds 24 March	VIRTUAL Y3 Café
Thurs 25 March	VIRTUAL Y5 Maths Café LAST DAY OF TERM
Mon 12 April	FIRST DAY OF FIRST HALF TERM OF SUMMER TERM

Term Dates for 2020/21

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





How many have you done?

We've been working closely with kids just like you to put together this list of the best things to do before you're 11¾. (Although lots of them are still great fun even when you're 81¾.) You'll find fun things to do for every kind of outside place, from mountains to sea, forests to fields. So what are you waiting for? Get out there and see how many you can do!

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| 1. Get to know a tree | 2. Roll down a really big hill | 3. Camp outdoors | 4. Build a den | 5. Skim a stone | 6. Go welly wandering | 7. Fly a kite | 8. Spot a fish | 9. Eat a picnic in the wild | 10. Play conkers |
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| 11. Explore on wheels | 12. Have fun with sticks | 13. Make a mud creation | 14. Dam a stream | 15. Go on a wintry adventure | 16. Wear a wild crown | 17. Set up a snail race | 18. Create some wild art | 19. Play pooh sticks | 20. Go paddling |
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| 21. Forage for wild food | 22. Find some funky fungi | 23. Get up for the sunrise | 24. Go barefoot | 25. Join nature's band | 26. Hunt for fossils and bones | 27. Go stargazing | 28. Climb a huge hill | 29. Explore a cave | 30. Go on a scavenger hunt |
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| 31. Make friends with a bug | 32. Float in a boat | 33. Go cloud watching | 34. Discover wild animal clues | 35. Discover what's in a pond | 36. Make a home for wildlife | 37. Explore the wonders of a rock pool | 38. Bring up a butterfly | 39. Catch a crab | 40. Go on a nature walk at night |
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| 41. Help a plant grow | 42. Go swimming in the sea | 43. Help a wild animal | 44. Watch a bird | 45. Find your way with a map | 46. Clamber over rocks | 47. Cook on a camp fire | 48. Keep a nature diary | 49. Watch the sunset | 50. Take a friend on a nature adventure |

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/february-half-term-for-all-the-family>

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/events/decoding-pictures-february-half-term-15-02-2021>

<https://calderdale.mumbler.co.uk/>

[101-things-to-do-with-kids-indoors-and-your-own-garden/](https://www.101-things-to-do-with-kids-indoors-and-your-own-garden/)

<https://weelicious.com/20-easy-recipes-to-make-with-your-kids/>

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/campaigns/norfolk-feel-good-fun>



Sounds of nature **bingo!**

Whether you're a town mouse or a country mouse, you're bound to have lots of noisy neighbours. We're talking about cooing pigeons, crying seagulls, buzzing bees and hooting owls. If you listen carefully you may also hear the wind in the trees or the patter of rain. You can play Sounds of nature at home, in your local area or at a National Trust place.

Tick off the sounds you hear

Tapping of a
woodpecker

A buzzing
bee

Quack of
a duck

Rustling
bushes

A cow's
moo

Patter
of rain

Bird
singing

Scuttling
squirrel

Flying insect
bumping into
a window

Wind in
the trees

Bleating
sheep

Trickle of
water

Coo of a
pigeon

Cry of
a seagull

Owl
hooting

A surprising
sound in
nature