

Newsletter End of term 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

A number of parents have asked me what we think September will look like - at the moment, we are not in a position to make any firm plans. What we do know is that cases of Covid are rising across the country and medical advisors are also concerned about the rates of other respiratory related illnesses rising and also the dreaded Norovirus.

With that in mind, and as we have a number of clinically vulnerable parents, carers and children we are going to keep things very similar to how they are now and will reduce gradually the restrictions we have in place.

This week we are reminding/teaching the Reception, Y1 and Y2 children how to collect their lunch from the counter and how to scrape their plate in preparation for a more "normal lunchtime" in September.

Check out the next page re Covid related changes.

Have a wonderful summer break!

Penny Sheppard

Additional Staff Changes

Since we last wrote to you, Mrs Chester (HLTA) has secured a position in a high school setting which will help her on her journey to becoming a high school teacher. We also say farewell to Mrs Fraser who starts a new job in September (so will be with us for our training days). Mrs Fraser has been with us since 2010 and has seen the school grow massively in size during that time. Ms Stanbridge has also managed to secure herself her dream job in a brand new school and will be moving on. We wish them both lots of luck for the future and thank them for all their hard work over the years.

We welcome Mr Williams, Mr Carver and Mrs Fletcher as Teaching Assistants in KS1 in September. We also welcome Mrs Castell who will be supporting Nurture in EYFS and KS1 and Miss Meakin as temporary secretary in the afternoons in the office.

Inclusion Team

Next year, Miss Hicks will be the new inclusion leader for Y3-Y6 and Mrs James will continue to be Inclusion Lead for Nursery-Y2. You can contact on the following email: inclusionleader@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk.



START TIME TO SCHOOL

We will start the term with the current arrangements of Nursery parents walking their children to the Nursery gate, Rec-Y2 parents and carers queueing alongside the bowtop fencing at Fieldfare Way and saying goodbye to their child/ren on the pavement. Those with KS2 children can queue at Fieldfare Way and their KS2 children can walk around the building to the KS2 classrooms.

Those with just KS2 children will drop their child/ren at the Stockwell Gate, queueing alongside the pavement.

We will NOT be having staggered drop offs now. All children (apart from those in breakfast club) should arrive at 8.30 for an 8.40 start.

We will review the drop off as the first week progresses but felt it was important for children to have a bit of continuity for those first few days.

RECEPTION CHILDREN

Their school adults will be in the EYFS outdoor area to greet the children on their first few mornings until they get settled in.

PICK UP

For the first week back at least we will maintain the one way system around the school and parents will pick up from their child's classroom door at 3pm (unless in morning nursery).

LIMITING ADULTS ON SITE

For speed of pick up we still request that just one adult per family picks up at the end of the day. As we amend our pick up arrangements to be more efficient, we will look to relax this.

FACEMASKS

Our staff will still be wearing facemasks inside communal areas and they may choose to wear them outside if they would like to. We ask that you do the same.

CLASSROOM BUBBLES

Unless we have a local outbreak and are instructed to reinstate class bubbles, these are no more! We are keeping to them until the end of term. We will be modelling play with the children in the first few weeks back as we gradually relax our playtime routines and allow different classes and year groups to play together.

PF Kit

Learning to change into PE kits often takes a long time and we are mindful that our Reception and KS1 children haven't had this experience in the last 18 months! We are likely to phase this back in during the autumn term but will start with children coming in PE kits on their set days as before.

USING THE OUTDOORS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

Not only has this helped us to be Covid secure, it has also really impacted on the children's well-being. Please make sure your child brings in the correct clothing to be outside - especially as classes are regularly visiting our wonderful outdoor classroom!

MAINTAINING HIGH LEVELS OF HYGIENE AND VENTILATION

Children will continue to wash hands on arrival at school.

Handwashing/hand sanitiser use will be encouraged before and after breaks, after using the toilet, playing outside and before eating.

We will promote good respiratory hygiene, "Catch it, bin it, kill it".

High touch areas will be cleaned during the day.

We will maximise ventilation in classrooms and indoor spaces.

DIARY DATES				
Mon 6 September	FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM FOR PUPILS			
Thurs 9— Tues 14 September	Reception Pupils staying for lunch. Leaving at 12.40pm			
Weds 15 September	Reception pupils in full-time			

	Term Dates		
Autumn Term 2021	Monday 6 September 2021 to Friday 17 December 2021		
	Half Term : Friday 22 October to Friday 29 October 2021		
	Inset Days: 2 & 3 September 2021, 22 nd October and		
	9 November 2021 (school closed to children)		
Spring Term 2022	Tuesday 4 January 2021 to Friday 1 April 2022		
	Half Term : Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022		
Summer Term 2022	*Wednesday 20 April 2022 to Friday 22 July 2022		
	Half Term : Mon 30 May to Fri 3 June 2022		
	Inset Days : Mon 25 July 2022		

* Additional bank holiday on 19th April 2022 in lieu of bank holiday for Queen's reign in half-term Thank you to all the children, parents/carers and all the staff for continuing to work so hard and cheerfully under the most challenging circumstances.

We hope you enjoy a restful summer.

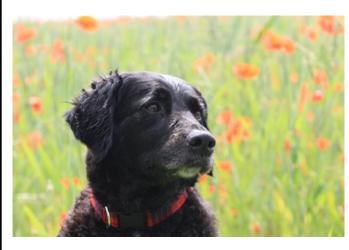
The Governors



Thank You, Seb!

Seb was just a year old when he joined QH in 2013, and became the first trained school dog in Norfolk. He is nine years old and will be retiring at the end of term.

Seb has enjoyed working in school with the children. He worked with Mr Fraser helping the children with their reading. Well done to all the children who improved so much whilst working with Seb!



Seb and Mrs Fraser also took children from a different KS2 year group every day for a lunchtime walk, as a reward for showing a passion for learning.

Seb has been a friendly companion to children and staff alike ,and has enjoyed all the tickles, and strokes from everyone!

Enjoy your retirement, Seb!

Relief Mid-day Supervisory Assistant vacancies

We would like to have a bank of relief MSAs to cover lunchtime sessions either 1 or 2 hours per day between 11.30am and 1.30pm

£9.24 per hour

If you are available at short notice and interested in the vacancies, please contact the school office (Tel: 746857)

Even though the Summer Holidays haven't begun yet, you might be getting ahead of the game with purchasing uniform.

Our uniform provider is

Birds of Dereham

and details of the uniform are below!

https://www.birdsofdereham.com/

All pupils

Purple school sweatshirt (optional for Nursery)
White polo shirt (optional for Nursery)
Flat, sensible school shoes
Purple fleece jacket (optional)
Purple reversible jacket (optional)
Grey trousers/shorts / skirt
Purple gingham dress in summer (optional)
Purple school cardigan

PE Kit

Purple school polo shirt (KS2)
White t-shirt (EYFS & KS1)
Black shorts and black plimsolls
Hooded school sweatshirt (KS2)
Swimming costume and hat (KS2)
Outdoor trainers and tracksuit bottoms

Outdoors

Wellies and waterproof clothing essential in Nursery and Reception

Accessories

Purple School Book bag Rucksack with school logo Baseball cap with school logo



TIME 11:00 - 12:00

27TH JULY / 3RD-10TH-17TH AUGUST

COME ALONG DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS TO QUEEN'S HILL SCHOOL:

- ♦ COLLECT SOME BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY BUS FOR THE WILD WORLD HEROES SUMMER CHALLENGE
- **◆** COLLECT A BAG OF ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS TO MAKE A LUNCH *
- **♦** BRING A BLANKET TO SIT AND READ IN OUR NEW COUNTRYSIDE GARDENS
- **→** FREE REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE *

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
*SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY







Launches on 10th July!



Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD HIGHOGS

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Keep the kids busy during the summer holidays with our wild world themed reading challenge. It's all free and kids can earn themselves a medal by reading 6 books of their choice.

Sign up for your free pack at your local library and get ready to collect your stickers to solve the Summer Reading Challenge clues!



Plus we've got loads of exciting wildlife themed online events taking place throughout the holidays. To find out more about the challenge contact your local library or visit: www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries





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READING IS FUN! You can read anything just about anywhere. Here are some ideas to help you achieve your Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge target, see how many you can tick off.

Read to a pet/toy. Dogs like stories about cats and cats like stories about superheroes. If you find out what goldfish like, please let us know!		Read two different books by the same author. Which one did you prefer?
Read wearing your favourite hat. We're partial to woolly Bobble hats ourselves		Read a non-fiction book and become an expert in something. Why not find out about an interesting animal that you like?
Read in your pyjamas. Pyjama reading is the besti		Read a recipe (and maybe if you're brave you can then actually make it!)
Swap a book with a friend. Read a funny book. It MUST make you laugh out loud though, or it doesn't count.		Make a reading den/nest with lots of cushions, you will find it irresistible to settle down with a good book. Perhaps with a little something to nibble on from the previous challenge? Sorted!
Write a book review or make a recommendation and share it with a friend or your brother/sister		Read a book outside. On a bench, in the parkon a trampoline?!
Read a book with an animal in it. We like the red river hog, check them out below, they have ears like Yodal		Read a poem out loud. You can whisper itor shout it! Read to your grown-up at home. You could always cuddle up next to them while you do so!
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JOIN IN THE FAMILY FUN

Join Adult Learning's Family Learning Team for a range of FREE and FUN activities you can enjoy with your children.

All the sessions are delivered by an expert and friendly tutor who will provide a relaxed and supportive online environment. The aim is to explore and discover fun and creative ways to help your child's development and wellbeing as well as strengthening your bond.

Suitable for families with children aged from 0 to 4 years. The information on the back provides further details about the courses we run. Our sessions take place on a range of days and times so you can find the most suitable one for you.





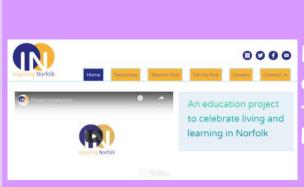












Hundreds of free or cheap ideas and activities for families to enjoy during the holidays.

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