

Newsletter May 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the government's announcement that restrictions will be eased from Monday 17th May, I thought it was important to let you know what those changes mean to us here at Queen's Hill School. The guidance for school has not changed much at all.

From Monday 17th May we will be starting after school clubs as planned. Educational visits and residentials will be able to go ahead.

One decision we have made is that our Reception children will have freeflow access to their Outdoor Learning area. This will help the children to be able to access a wider range of outdoor provision as they would have done in "normal times". So far this academic year, children have been restricted to certain areas at specific times with children from their own class. The children will continue to sanitise their hands when they return to their classroom.

Other than that, all our current procedures will remain in place until further notice.

I know lots of families will be looking forward to next week and being able to mix within larger groups outside and finally being able to meet with another family or up to six people indoors. The government is urging people to remain cautious about the risks and to be mindful that some people are more vulnerable than others.

Please remember HANDS, FACE and SPACE.

Thank you for your continued support, Penny Sheppard, Headteacher



Please can I remind parents and carers about use of language around our young children and pupils. The school site should feel safe and secure for everyone.

Thank You!



Well Done, Leiland!

Leiland in Year 4 ran 5 miles recently at Eaton Park to raise money for leukaemia charities, inspired by his friend Mia who has been undergoing treatment for leukaemia. If you would like to help Leiland reach his goal of raising £500 please use the link

fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/leilands-giving-page





Make the most of the outdoors!

We are so pleased with the Outdoor Classroom and it is being used regularly by Y1 children upwards. We have already noticed the positive impact it has been having on many of our children. If you haven't heard the episode "Green Spaces" by Michael Mosley as part of the Series on Radio 4/BBC Sounds "Just one thing" do take a listen. The benefits include:-



- •Even 5 minutes in a green space starts to have a positive effect.
- •Being in a green space helps your heart and improves immune system.
- •Having been outside has lasting effects on stress levels and mental health.
- •Different benefits from different outside settings, but all provide benefits.
- •Being around trees, plants and the sound of running water especially beneficial.

Library Bus

Unfortunately the library bus was unable to reach us last Thursday due to the road closure. The next visit will be on Thursday 27th May





DIARY DATES



Wed 12 May	VIRTUAL Y2 Alien Cafe
Fri 14 May	VIRTUAL Y3 Show & Share Assembly—Mrs Andrews/Mr Cross
Tues 18 May	VIRTUAL Y1 Show & Share Assembly—Mrs Walden/Mrs Suffield; Y4 Friends & Family Cafe
Tues 18 May	Outdoor performance "Band Wagon" during the school day
Wed 19 May	VIRTUAL Y3 Cafe
Thurs 20 May	VIRTUAL Y6 Cafe
Fri 21 May	VIRTUAL Y4 Show & Share Assembly—Mrs Stevenson
Tues 25 May	VIRTUAL Y2 Show & Share Assembly—Ms Phillips
Thurs 27 May	Library Bus in school: 3-4pm
Fri 28 May	VIRTUAL Y3 Show & Share Assembly—Miss Hicks
Tues 8 June	VIRTUAL Y1 Show & Share Assembly—Miss Hunter
Wed 9 June	Y6 at Eaton Vale Residential Trip
Fri 11 June	Y6 return from Eaton Vale Residential Trip
Tues 15 June	Performance of 'The Railway Children'. TBC, depending on restrictions.
Thurs 17 June	Reception visit to Gressenhall
Fri 18 June	Reception visit to Gressenhall VIRTUAL Y3 Show & Share Assembly—Miss Peek
Mon 21 June	Photographer in School
Tues 22 June	Photographer in School VIRTUAL Show & Share Assembly—Miss Keenan
Weds 23 June	VIRTUAL Year 1 'We're going on a Safari' Café VIRTUAL EYFS Volcanoes Café
Thurs 24 June	KS2 Sports Day—Children only at this stage. Library Bus visiting the school
Fri 25 June	VIRTUAL Y4 Show & Share Assembly—Miss Bettermann
Mon 28 June	Whitwell Hall Residential Trip (returning Fri 2 July)
Tues 29 June	VIRTUAL Y1 Show & Share Assembly—Mrs James/Mrs Moore 9am EYFS Big Toddle Event



TERM DATES



Summer Term 2021	Monday 12 April 2021 to Thursday 22 July 2021 Half Term : Mon 31 May to Fri 4 June 2021
Autumn Term 2021	Monday 6 September 2021 to Friday 17 December 2021 Half Term: Monday 25 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	Tuesday 19 April 2022 to Friday 22 July 2022 Half Term : Mon 30 May to Fri 3 June 2022 Inset Days : Mon 25 July 2022