



NOVEMBER 2021

QUEEN'S HILL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we are already in November! The next few weeks are incredibly busy with our Remembrance Service and hopefully the usual Christmas festivities alongside the normal school events.

As the situation in Norfolk currently stands, each head teacher is able to make their own risk assessments based on the number of cases in the community, staffing situations and their school building.

I have therefore made the decision, with the support of our senior leaders, that we will try to keep things as "normal" as possible whilst also trying to protect the most vulnerable members of our school community. We will need to keep to strict health and safety guidelines and we will also ensure we have a hybrid approach for those in our community who are not able to attend larger gatherings. This means that we will continue with Show and Share assemblies and have our normal Nativities and St Peter Mancroft celebrations unless we have a large outbreak of Covid within the school.

It would be really lovely if I could be more confident about whether these events will definitely be able to take place but I'm sure you understand my hesitance!

As you will have noticed with signs in shops and restaurants, the country is currently short staffed. Our school is no different. We are experiencing a high level of staff absence with both Covid and non-Covid illnesses. This is really unusual for us, as our staff normally are able to drag themselves in - but this year, whether it is due to the illnesses being stronger, or because the staff are already so worn out from working through a pandemic, our staff are really suffering. I do ask that you

are understanding in the current climate. We are trying our very best to ensure we meet the needs of our young people, but it is not always possible to deliver the usual experiences due to Covid. We are determined that we won't need to shut the school but we do know of schools where this has had to happen.

Thank you so much to those of you that have already noticed that we are short staffed and have offered your full support and understanding about the situation we find ourselves in. It is a difficult time for everyone but I know we will find our way through it - as we always do - generally still with a smile on our face!

Your children continue to be amazing. The Y6 ambassadors are incredible and are showing such maturity. They are helping with office duties, school evaluation and generally just picking up jobs to help us where they can.

Thank you for all your continued support, understanding and patience,

Penny Sheppard



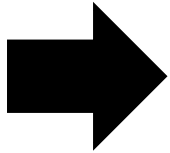
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 nativities will be week commencing 6th December. Exact times will be confirmed shortly.

DIARY DATES

Monday 1st November	Back to School
Friday 5 th November	Bonfire Lunch
Friday 5 th November	9am Show and Share – Mrs Hunter
Friday 5 th November	2.20pm Show and Share – Mrs Stevenson
Tuesday 9th November	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN (INSET DAY)
Thursday 11 th November	Year 6 Remembrance Assembly
Thursday 11 th November	2.45pm Library Bus
Friday 12 th November	9am Show and Share Assembly – Mr James
Friday 12 th November	2.20pm Show and Share Assembly – Year 5
Monday 15 th November	3.15pm Year 2 (Souris) Parent Café
Wednesday 17 th November	3.15pm Year 2 (Hirondelles) Parent Café
Thursday 18 th November	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 18 th November	3.15pm Year 2 (Grenouilles) Parent Café
Friday 19 th November	Curriculum Day
Wednesday 24 th November	1-3pm Upper Key Stage 2 Careers Fair
Friday 26 th November	9am Show and Share Assembly – Miss Harper
Friday 26 th November	2.20pm Show and Share Assembly – Miss Earl
Friday 3 rd December	Advent Curriculum Day
Monday 6 th December	Sugar Donation Deadline
Wednesday 8 th December	Year 6 Orchard Planting
Friday 10 th December	9am Show and Share Assembly – Miss Arnold
Friday 10 th December	2pm Year 3 Christmas Production
Saturday 11th December	St Peter Mancroft
Monday 13 th December	2pm Year 1 Parent Café

Tuesday 14 th December	KS2 Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14 th December	5pm Carol Singing (On the estate)
Wednesday 15 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16 th December	6pm – Year 6 Christmas Meal
Friday 17th December	Last Day of Term

TERM DATES



AUTUMN TERM 2021

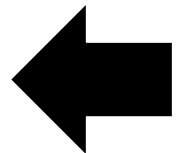
Monday 6th September 2021 – Friday 17th December 2021

Half Term

Friday 22nd October 2021 – Friday 29th October 2021

Inset Days (Closed to Children)

2nd and 3rd September 2021, 22nd October 2021 and 9th November 2021



SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022 – Friday 1st April 2022

Half Term

Monday 14th February 2022 – Friday 18th February 2022

SUMMER TERM 2022

*Wednesday 20th April 2022 – Friday 22nd July 2022

Half Term

Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

Inset Days (Closed to Children)

Monday 25th July 2022

*Additional bank holiday on 19th April 2022 in lieu of bank holiday for Queen Reign in half-

WHAT'S GOING ON AT QUEEN'S HILL?

Keep Informed at:

queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk



Queen's Hill Primary



@QPrimary

This is my story about my journey with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia by Mia Nelmes

It all started December 2018 with an eye infection that just wouldn't go. It then went to my legs and also a lot of nose bleeds, they could happen at any point. After after that my skin started to change to a green / yellow and I had no pink in my hands they were just white also with a lot of sickness. 6 months of constant doctors appointments my mum wasn't happy with what they were telling her and said she wanted my bloods done. They finally agreed and sent us to The Jenny Lind children's department at the hospital where it was confirmed I was diagnosed with Leukaemia. The day after I was admitted to Addenbrookes to start my treatment straight away!

The highs were my amazing team of nurses and doctors and all my family around me!

The lows were all the pokes and all the high temperatures and hospital stays then also not being able to do a lot! The medicine I was taking and having in the hospital used to make me poorly and I used to have procedures that hurt my back and my mobility wasn't great and still isn't 100% but I do my exercises to help this! It was a really long journey for me and my family but we're all so much stronger and closer now!

Ringin my bell was amazing. I've been waiting for this day for 2 and a half years . It felt amazing. My family and me were so pleased. My journey was long and tough but I'm trying to make up for all the things I missed and enjoy my life with my family and friends and get back to normal.

Mia Nelmes



These beads represent every treatment or medication/ operation Mia has had throughout her journey from start to finish

Farewell to Miss Robson

After two years of working at Queen's Hill, Miss Robson has begun her maternity leave, in which she will be returning to her roots. We wish her and her new bundle of joy, the best in this new and exciting journey.

Sugar for Shelters

Thank you for your sugar donations to Sugar for Shelters. We collected a total of 144 sugar packets!

Thank you to everyone who donated, and our wonderful ambassadors for your sugar counting!



Year 4 Reading Volunteers

We are on the hunt for year 4 reading volunteers! If you have some spare time in your day to listen to our year 4 children read, then please get in contact with the school office.



Anti-Bullying Week

Starting with Odd Sock Day: a chance to express uniqueness and individuality. A voluntary £1 donation will go towards the Anti-Bullying Alliance Charity.

Monday 15th November – Friday 19th November



Queen's Hill Primary School Countryside Project

We are delighted that we have developed part of our school playground into a countryside area to allow children to learn about the countryside, gardening and local nature. If you have gardening skills and would like to volunteer to help us to maintain this area, we would love to hear from you. We would also appreciate donations of herb or bee loving plants for our sensory garden.



If you can help in any way please email office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk.

National Competition

Congratulations to Nikki, our wonderful cook, who won silver in a national competition!

It was just her second time of making macarons!!



Upper Key Stage 2 Careers Fair

We are hosting a Careers Fair for all year 5 and 6 pupils on Wednesday 24th November. This is an opportunity to inspire and educate the children.

If you would like to have your own stall and participate in talking to the children about your employment, please contact Mr Hann or the school office ASAP.

Inspiring Norfolk

The topic theme for this term is "Inspiring Norfolk", with a focus on history, geography and the community.

There are lots of ideas on the Inspiring Norfolk website which you may decide to look at as a family. Under the video are a number of challenges you can complete at home.

<https://www.inspiringnorfolk.co.uk/>



Remembrance Sunday

Our ambassadors will be coming round with poppies and donation boxes from 8th November. We suggest a minimum donation of 20p for a poppy.



Our children will be taking part in our Remembrance Service on 11th November led by our year 6 pupils.

Christmas Sugar Collection!

We will be collecting white sugar this Christmas for Sugar for Shelters.

There will be a sugar collection box located in each child's classroom.

Last year we were the highest collecting school!

Naturally in Norfolk

If you are wanting to get out, about and explore. Naturally in Norfolk offers ideas for a day of discoveries.

@naturallyinnorfolk

Books for Schools Vouchers

We are currently collecting the Books for Schools vouchers found within the EDP and Norwich Evening News! Please can you either bring them to the main office, or your child's classroom.

Voucher Information:

<https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/education/books-for-schools-2021-tokens-launched-8410464>

IMPORTANT REMINDER – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS (INSET DAY)

Tuesday 9th November 2021

Staff will be accessing training remotely with a world renowned educationalist! Do check with school calendar on our website as our terms dates can differ from other schools.

This has been a longer term project and is the final part of the training focusing on improving learning outcomes for children.

Families in Hardship

The Councils are currently holding funds in excess of £200,000 to assist families in hardship. These monies will be available until 31st March 2022 or until the allocation is spent, whichever is earlier. Where a school identifies that a family is in need this will be accepted by the Councils without further need for verification. Individual grants are not cash limited. Where a need is identified by a school it is proposed that the Councils transfer the monies to the school who can then assist the family directly.

Access to funds is via our online referral form (link below). Please complete the form showing clearly that this is an application to the HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND. Please include details of the parent and at least one of the children involved. Please specify the amount of funds required. Please include details of your school bank account to which funds should be transferred. You will be notified when funds have been transferred, usually within one week of application.

If you require any further information or advice please call the Councils' Help Hubs:

South Norfolk 01508 533933

Broadland 01603 430431

<https://forms.southnorfolk.gov.uk/pub/RequestForSupport.ofml?Prepopulate=true&Request=Early%20Help>

Current Covid-19 Information and Guidelines

A quick reminder of the government and NHS listed symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- Loss of taste and/or smell

If you think that your child may have Covid-19, please let the office know so they can arrange home learning for your child (office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk).

If in doubt, try to organise a PCR test for your child if they are over the age of 5 years or seek assistance from the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

PRIZES TO BE WON!



**PLAY NOVEMBER 8TH-11TH
FROM 7:30AM TO 7:30PM DAILY**

**1-HOUR
TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON
PER DAY**

**ANSWER AS
MANY QUESTIONS
AS POSSIBLE**



**WINNING CLASS
WILL HAVE THE
HIGHEST NUMBER
OF CORRECT
ANSWERS PER PUPIL**

**PLAY IN
ANY
GAME TYPE**

**ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS OR VISIT:
[TTROCKSTARS.COM/PAGE/ENGLANDROCKS2021](https://ttrockstars.com/page/englandrocks2021)**




Free Bike Checks & Repairs

Bike checked for safety.
Small fixes & parts provided
free of charge

Thursday 11th
November
10 - 2
**Queen's Hill
Community Centre**
First come, first served



Provided by
**Wonky Wheels
Community Bicycle
Workshop**

www.wonkywheels.org
hello@wonkywheels.org
 [@wonkywheels](https://www.facebook.com/wonkywheels)





**Fitness?
Confidence?
Self Defence?**



Haya-Ashi Ju Jutsu

**Queens Hill Primary School
Tuesday Evenings
Juniors 18:30-19:30
Adults 18:30-20:00
FIRST TWO SESSIONS FREE!**



Interested?

**For more information call/ text
Sensei Jack Stapleton (4th Dan,
Technical Officer) on 07837 088209**

What's new?



Norfolk & Waveney Children's SaLT transferred to Cambridgeshire Community Services on 2nd August making closer working with Health Visitors, School Nurses and other Healthy Child Programme professionals much easier.

The service is being redesigned to better meet the needs for all children and young people in Norfolk and Waveney.

Priority changes



Agreed service priorities for the next year are:

- Reducing the waiting times whilst carrying on with essential work
- Joining speech and language therapy with Just One Number and Just One Norfolk so there is a single place to go for all speech and language therapy enquiries
- Developing the Balanced System® Framework for all speech, language and communication needs in Norfolk & Waveney

What is The Balanced System® framework?



A new way of working in Norfolk & Waveney to support families, caregivers and professionals to develop the skills and confidence needed to support children with speech, language and communication needs. This is a long term plan, developing with your support over the coming months.

Managing the waiting list

We are already working actively with 2400 children, families and the team around the child. There are approximately another 1500 children waiting for advice. The Speech and Language Therapy team will continue to work with children who need specialist support and are working hard to reduce waiting times.



If you are waiting for support, we will be in touch as soon as possible.

Where to go for help:



Visit www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/salt for information and resources to support children's communication development.

If you need more information or advice call Just One Number on 0300 300 0123 to speak with a member of the team.



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Fresh Ideas Feeding Minds



There is such a thing as a **FREE LUNCH!**

Your child may be eligible for a free school meal which could save you over £400 a year and gain additional funding for your school. To see if you qualify, visit
www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals



Don't forget school meals are still free for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 regardless of circumstances!



 **NorseCatering** norsecatering.co.uk

Myth Busting School Meals!

"My child is a fussy eater"

Our menus offer variety and choice to suit all tastes. In our experience, children are more likely to try new foods when they have regular school meals in a social setting.

"I cook a meal in the evening"

We fully understand that some families eat a hot meal together in an evening so we have developed our own cold lunch options and jacket potato menu to help support this.

"They're not healthy"

Our menus consist of well-balanced dishes that adhere to the school food standards. Real fruit is used in over 50% of our dessert recipes; **we have reduced sugar content by 25%** and wholemeal flour is used in all of our bread and pastry recipes!

"My child has a food allergy"

Our dietician has developed 'allergen aware' menus for children with medically-defined food allergies. Registration forms can be found on our website – www.norsecatering.co.uk.

"I love my school lunches! I like the different flavours and how tasty it looks on the plate!"
School Council Feedback

Did you know, on average less than 1% of packed lunches from home meet all of the school food standards?
Source: The Independent School Food Plan

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