



DECEMBER 2021

QUEEN'S HILL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the month of December, the pace of life seems to speed up quickly in a school. With nativity rehearsals and festive singing, concerts and assessments alongside the normal learning it would be busy enough - throw in Covid with everything having to be ready to go virtual at any time and it takes everything to the next level!

I cannot thank the staff enough for their commitment in some challenging circumstances when many of them are, like other front-line professions, absolutely shattered, especially when they are still recovering from the long-term effects of the virus. Normally when I fill in the staff absence return form there are perhaps three or four absences a month - our last return had 20 members of staff off ill for over 100 days, and that was only a 3 week month due to half term! Which makes staffing extremely challenging. We are not alone, the same problem is up and down the country. Supply agencies are reporting NO staff available for the rest of term. In many schools they have had to shut classes down as they just haven't the staff they need.

With the Prime Minister's announcement at the weekend, we are unsure what the next few weeks will bring. The government guidance now stipulates that facemasks should be worn in communal areas - something that we have continued to do throughout the pandemic. We know that good ventilation is key in reducing the spread of the virus and we continue to follow the government guidance of having good air flow in the classrooms. Please do make sure that you send your child to school dressed appropriately for the time of the year, I know many children (and nearly all of the staff!) are wearing thermal vests!

I hope that we still manage to see you at our planned events. At indoor events facemasks should be worn if you are able to wear them and we strongly recommend that you complete a lateral flow test before the event in case you are asymptomatic. Windows and doors will be open when parents and carers are in the building so do ensure you have enough layers on. For some people we know the possibility of contracting Coronavirus is something they are not prepared to take, and we do understand that you may not feel comfortable attending these events and so we are trying to ensure there is an alternative to allow you still to join in eg sharing a recording of the event.

Keep safe,

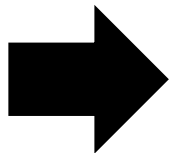
Penny Sheppard



DIARY DATES

Wednesday 1 st December	6pm - Community Centre Light Switch on. All welcome!
Friday 3 rd December	Advent Curriculum Day
Saturday 4 th December	Some of our children are singing at John Lewis
Monday 6 th December	Sugar Donation Deadline
Thursday 9 th December	2.45pm - Library Bus
Friday 10 th December	9am Show and Share Assembly – Miss Arnold
Friday 10 th December	2pm Year 3 Christmas Production
Friday 10 th December	Santa Dash!
Monday 13 th December	Reception Height and Weight (School Nursing Team) 2pm Year 1 Parent Café
Tuesday 14 th December	KS2 Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 14 th December	5pm Carol Singing (On the estate)
Wednesday 15 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16 th December	Norfolk Institute of Performing Arts Pantomime – Cinderella (If risk assessment allows)
Thursday 16 th December	6pm – Year 6 Christmas Meal
Friday 17 th December	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 4 th January	Back to School
Thursday 6 th January	2.45pm Library Bus
Friday 7 th January	Curriculum Day

TERM DATES



AUTUMN TERM 2021

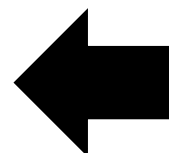
Monday 6th September 2021 – Friday 17th December 2021

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

WHAT'S GOING ON AT QUEEN'S HILL?

Keep Informed at:

queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk



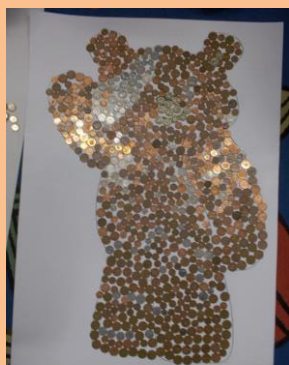
Queen's Hill Primary



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Children in Need Success!

Thank you to Mrs Stevenson and the school council, who took charge and organised our fundraising activities for Children in Need. Altogether we raised £266.09! Thank you to everyone who donated!



Lapland Log

Don't forget to keep updating your Lapland Logs! It is looking likely that we will reach Lapland by the Christmas holidays! Follow the link below for the fundraising page.



www.rocketfund.org/winter-walk-to-lapland

Sugar for Shelters

This Christmas, we are taking donations for Sugar for Shelters, a charity focused on supporting 'the homeless and hungry, families in crisis and those fleeing domestic violence in East Anglia.

Please have your sugar in by Monday 6th December.

There will be a box for donations in your child's classroom.



Christmas Pop Up Shop

What a success the Christmas pop up shop was! We raised £84 towards new IT equipment for the school!

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.



Santa Dash!

We are excited to be taking part in a national fun event called 'Santa Dash' on Friday 10th December. Children across years 1 - 6 will be able to wear Christmas items to school such as jumpers, tinsel, hats etc. The children will do a fun run activity within their classes/year groups outside on the playground. This will include some festive music to increase the excitement.

Careers Fair

On Wednesday 24th November Years 5 and 6 had our Careers Fair. We would all like to say a big thank you to all the amazing exhibitors that attended. We were lucky enough to have exhibitors from a range of different jobs and spheres. The children learnt about different career paths and what it takes to be successful.

Here is just some of the positive feedback:

'I really enjoyed the photographers work and felt inspired!' Charlie

'I think I'd like a job in science after trying out the microscopes' Evie

'The exhibitors were very welcoming and gave great advice' Ollie

'I couldn't believe how expensive the air vacuum machines were - you could make a lot of money!' Giselle



In School Pantomime

We are lucky to have the Norfolk Institute of Performing Arts joining us on Thursday 16th December for an in-school performance of Cinderella!

Congratulations Miss Robson

A massive congratulations to Miss Robson, who gave birth to Elsie, weighing 8lb 3oz!

Carol Singing around Queen's Hill

Join us on Tuesday 14th December for some carol singing! Please meet outside Kestrel Avenue at 5pm, wrap up warm and bring a torch! Children must be accompanied by adult. We will finish at 5.30pm; join The Friends of Queen's Hill in the new school garden for a hot drink and mince pie!



The Maddermarket Theatre

Ms Graham (Year 6 HLTA) will be starring in 2 Christmas shows at The Maddermarket Theatre in Norwich! The Christmas Spectacular (December 4th – December 10th) and Cinderella (December 15th – December 31st)! Follow the links below to book tickets!



<https://maddermarket.co.uk/event/a-sound-ideas-christmas-spectacular/>

<https://maddermarket.co.uk/event/cinderella/>

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/>



Naturally in Norfolk

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

[@naturallyinnorfolk](https://naturallyinnorfolk.wixsite.com/mysite)

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.

Information on the vouchers:

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

Milkshake Mondays!

Every other Monday The Shake Pit will be parked at the front staff car park between 10.30am and 3.30pm!

Kids' size: £2

Medium: £3

Large: £4

Christmas Nativities

	Monday 6 th Dec	Tuesday 7 th Dec	Wednesday 8 th Dec	Thursday 9 th Dec	Friday 10 th Dec
AM (9.30am)	Blue Butterflies	Red Butterflies	Les Sauterelles	Green Butterflies	Les Souris
PM (2pm)	Les Abeilles	Les Hirondelles	Les Coccinelles	Les Grenouilles	

You should have received a letter and tickets from your child's class teacher. If you have not please contact them regarding the nativities.

Staffing Update

Mrs Suffield (Assistant Head teacher) has started her maternity leave and we wish her all the best for the next few weeks. Mrs Carpenter is returning from her maternity leave on Monday 6th December and will be a part-time class teacher for Les Papillons Verts.

Mrs Hayes (Year 5 teacher) is relocating to North Yorkshire at the end of this term and we wish her luck for the future. Miss Kendrick, an experienced teacher, will be teaching Les Blaireaux from 1st January 2022.

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>

Current Covid-19 Plans in School

In order to make the classroom environment as safe as possible from the spread of Covid-19:

- Classroom windows and doors will be open, in order for good air ventilation
 - Areas will be sanitised regularly
- Staff will continue to wear facemasks in communal areas

Please make sure your child brings warm clothes with them to school e.g thermals, hat, gloves, coat and scarfs. They are allowed to wear these in the classroom if they are cold.

If your child is displaying symptoms of Covid-19, we advise that you book them in for a PCR test and isolate in order to stop the spread within the school and the class.

IMPORTANT REMINDER – FORM HAND INS

Monday 6th December – Norse Christmas Lunch form

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, which 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). You are also able to self-refer. 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.

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>

Gifts for Staff

Please do remember, our staff do not expect presents, but if you do want to give something, staff appreciate:

Cards and letters (kind words mean such a lot!)

Homemade gifts

Donations to charity on their behalf

Paying it forward - volunteering your time to help others

CHARITIES

Our chosen charities this year are again Nelson's Journey and Young Lives vs Cancer which used to be known as ClicSargent. Nelson's Journey is a local charity that supports bereaved children and sadly continues to be needed by our children. As you will probably be aware, we have a number of children who have survived cancer or who are currently receiving treatment so Young Lives vs Cancer is very close to our hearts.

We will have collecting buckets out at our events and you may choose as a family to donate to our chosen charities rather than send Christmas cards to the whole class.



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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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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SCHEDULE



DATE	VENUE	ACTIVITY
MONDAY 20th DECEMBER	NORTH WALSHAM SPORTS CENTRE	FOOTBALL
MONDAY 20th DECEMBER	FAKENHAM FOOTBALL CLUB	FOOTBALL
TUESDAY 21st DECEMBER	CROMER SPORTS CENTRE	MULTI-SPORTS
TUESDAY 21st DECEMBER	COSTESSEY BRECKLAND HALL	DODGEBALL & NERF-COMBAT
WEDNESDAY 22nd DECEMBER	ST MARY'S ENDOWED (ROUGHTON) PRIMARY SCHOOL	MULTI-SPORTS
WEDNESDAY 22nd DECEMBER	HAPPISBURGH PRIMARY SCHOOL	DODGEBALL & NERF-COMBAT
THURSDAY 23rd DECEMBER	FAKENHAM SPORTS & FITNESS CENTRE	DODGEBALL & NERF-COMBAT
THURSDAY 23rd DECEMBER	SHERINGHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	FOOTBALL

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS HOLIDAY CAMPS

MULTI-SPORTS DODGEBALL NERF COMBAT & MANY MORE

Children will have the opportunity to experience a variety of different sporting activities in a safe and friendly environment, led by our team of qualified and DBS-checked coaches.

Regular Time (9AM - 3PM): £16
Extra Time (8.30AM - 4PM): £20

MULTI-BOOKING DEALS

3 Regular Time Bookings: £40
3 Extra Time Bookings: £50

TO BOOK CONTACT:
07399 520948
@activeeducation1
@ActiveEducation1
Active Education
office.activeeducation@gmail.com

Children will need a packed lunch, plenty to drink, suitable clothing/footwear and bundles of energy for the day!
These camps are for ages 4 (reception class) - 12, however some exceptions can be made for siblings!



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**Christmas
Holidays**

Multi Sport Holiday Camps for your children!

In every fun-filled activity, our fully qualified coaches prioritise safety and ensure every child goes home with another happy memory!

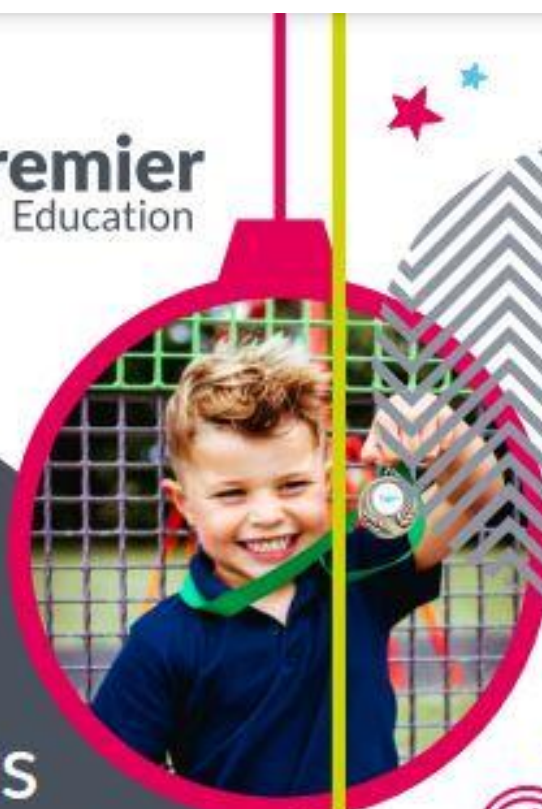


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Holiday camps near you

Venue:	Queens Hill Primary School
Dates:	20th December-21st December 2021
Times:	10.00-14.00
Price:	£11.25 per session
Ages:	5-12
Additional info:	MISTLETOE15 FOR 15% OFF

Our Activity Professionals have additional training in order to provide the best care to the children under their supervision, specifically the Transcend Level 2 Award in Infection Prevention, Mitigation and Management.

In the event these courses are canceled, we will issue a full refund within 7 days.

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Please bring

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
for weather
Loads of energy!

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