



FEBRUARY 2022

# QUEEN'S HILL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a staff we love being in school and working with your fantastic children - but I've got to admit none of us can wait to get to half term. This has been one of the most difficult terms re staffing that I can remember and we have averaged at least 10 staff off each day, up to 16 on some occasions!

This has meant support staff and teachers have needed to be redeployed to other classes and just been incredibly flexible.

Fingers, toes and everything else we seem to be getting over the worst of it now - with fewer cases of Covid amongst the children. A lot of the children seem to have bounced back quickly, or not shown symptoms. Sadly, it has been a different situation for many of the staff and they have suffered with chest infections, fatigue and sickness and therefore taken much longer to return to work. I'm ever optimistic that after a half term rest and spring on its way that our staffing levels begin to return to normal. It hasn't stopped many activities from happening but it has meant that those in school have been juggling multiple roles!

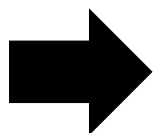
Penny Sheppard



# DIARY DATES

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents and Carers Consultation Evening for EYFS
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentines Shop
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Castle Museum Trip
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	9am – Show and Share Assembly (Les Hiboux)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	2.20pm – Show and Share Assembly (Les Aigles D)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 Planting the QH Orchard as Part of Queens Hill Platinum Jubilee
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	BACK TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Times Table Rockstar's Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Read Aloud Day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	2.45pm – Library Bus

# TERM DATE

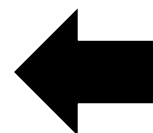


## SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Half Term

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022



## SUMMER TERM 2022

\*Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

Half Term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

*Inset Days (Closed to Children)*

*Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022*

\*Additional bank holiday on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in lieu of bank holiday for Queen Reign in half-term

## AUTUMN TERM 2022

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Half Term

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

*Inset Days (Closed to Children)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022*

# WHAT'S GOING ON AT QUEEN'S HILL?

Keep Informed at:

[queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk)



Queen's Hill Primary



@QPrimary

## A Message from Our Governors

Following Mrs Sheppard's decision to step down from her role at the end of the summer term, the Governing Body have begun the process of recruiting our new Headteacher.

Governors have thought carefully about the competencies and attributes that the successful candidate will need to have to uphold the vision and aims that make Queen's Hill the school it is. The post has been advertised nationally and interested individuals have visited the school. All have commented on the calm atmosphere and the amazing attitude to learning they have witnessed around the school.

Shortlisting has taken place and the Governors have been impressed by the strong field of applicants. We have planned a rigorous recruitment procedure with the first round of interviewing taking place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Please be assured that we are looking for the right person for the children and the school and will only appoint if we find the best person for the job.

The Governors look forward to informing you of the outcome when we have a firm successor in place.

## Children's Mental Health Week

Week commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February, this year's theme is "Growing Together".

'We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others grow'



## Balloon Race

The Friends of Queens Hill have organised a fundraising event that you can take part in! All you have to do is purchase a balloon to enter the raise.

1 balloon (entry) = £2.50

The winner will receive a "Get into Gardening" spring hamper.

All money raised will go towards outdoor learning equipment for our school.

If you would like to take part:

[www.balloonrace.com/FoQHPS](http://www.balloonrace.com/FoQHPS)

Get your balloons now!!

## Active Canaries Health Month

Your child would have brought home a letter about Active Canaries Health Month (7th March - 31st March).

This means we will have a new menu every Thursday during March. The Thursday choice for each week will appear differently on School Money:

Thursday 10th March:

Roast Chicken - Greek Chicken Flatbread  
Quorn Chicken - Greek Quorn Flatbread (v)

Thursday 17th March:

Beef Bolognese - American Mac 'n' Cheese (v)  
Potato Broccoli and Cauliflower bake - Baked Vegetable Risotto (v)

Thursday 24th March:

Cottage pie - Vegetarian Sausage Red Lentil and Tomato Stew with Mash (v)  
Italian Bean Bake - Cheese and Potato Pie (v)

Thursday 31st March:

BBQ Chicken - Finnish Fish Pie Pasta Bake  
Veggie mince Lasagne - Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake (v)

There will be NO jacket potatoes - your child will be asked to change their option if they have one booked on the day.

Please hand your letters in by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February



## Parent Workshops

Online sessions provided by the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation, providing advice and guidance on how to support young people.

If you would like to watch please follow this link: [www.nsft.nhs.uk/parent-workshops](http://www.nsft.nhs.uk/parent-workshops)

## 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](mailto:office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk)).

If in doubt, try and organise a Lateral Flow/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>

## IMPORTANT REMINDER – FORM HAND INS

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February: Y3/Y4 Whitwell Residential Letter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February: Y5 Eaton Vale Residential Letter

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February: World Book Day Lunch Choices

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February: Active Canaries Lunch Choices

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Y2 IWM Duxford Letter





## 'Times Table Twosday'

22.2.22

Come to school dressed as your Times Table Rockstar Avatar or any Rock Star!

You don't need to buy a new costume - raid your wardrobe and put together an outfit you already have!



Just make sure you still have sensible shoes for school activities and are warm enough at playtimes!

Voluntary donations of £2 (or two of any coin!) go to 'The Friends of Queen's Hill.'



NB: This is not a non-uniform day. Rock star costumes or full uniform only.



## *Valentine's Shop*

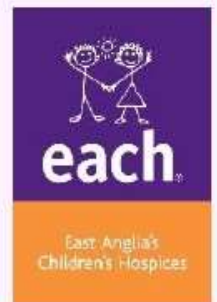


**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 12pm and 3pm**

Please support the Rotakids in their first community project to raise funds in support of The Nook – children's hospice.

The Rotakids will be selling homemade gifts that they have made just in time for Valentine's Day. These will be sold in the studio at lunchtime or outside the main reception at 3pm

Please come along and buy a gift for a loved one or why not treat yourself to something sweet.



### **Nursery Places for September 2022**

If your child has their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 and you would like them to start at our nursery in September 2022, please email the school office [office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk) for an application form.







*Youth football*

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## FREE January/February Family Learning Sessions

Norwich City Council are offering one off sessions [Family learning courses - Norfolk County Council](#): Fussy Eaters, Lockdown Babies, Help with 100 Square, Help with Maths and English (4 to 7s and 7 to 11s), Learning Through Art and Paediatric First Aid Awareness.

Does your child bemoan broccoli and snub sweet potato?

Join Norfolk Adult Learning's fantastic FREE Fussy Eaters session and with the support of their dedicated tutor, you will gain confidence and skills to encourage your child to eat a healthy, balanced diet.

This session is designed for parents/carers and their children aged 0 to 4 years, taking part together.

11th Feb

Find out more and book your place:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/familylearning>



How confident do you feel supporting your children with KS2 maths?

Maybe what they learn at school is confusing you? Join Norfolk Adult Learning's fantastic FREE 90-minute online session which will help you discover some fun maths-based activities from the comfort of your own home.

This course is for any adult over the age of 19 who has responsibility for the care of a child or children aged 4 to 7.

Feb 7th

Find out more and book your place:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/familylearning>

## Anguish's Educational Foundation

Are you struggling to pay for school uniform, or need help to pay for your child's residential school trip?

If so, financial help may be available from Anguish's Educational Foundation.

This charity supports Norwich families on a low income, whether you are working or receiving benefits.

You can contact Anguish's Educational Foundation by emailing:

[info@norwichcharitabletrusts.org.uk](mailto:info@norwichcharitabletrusts.org.uk)

Or leave a message on: 01603 621023

A Grants Officer will contact you to discuss whether we can help you.



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# **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**



# Active Canaries

Health Month

working with local schools

Thursday 10th March

## Week 1

**Dimitris Giannoulis' Menu**

**Greek Chicken Flatbread**

Or

**Greek Quorn Flatbread (v)**

served with Cucumber and Yogurt Dip,  
Salad and Mediterranean Couscous

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**Orange Drizzle Cake**

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Thursday 17th March

## Week 2

**Josh Sargent's Menu**

**American Mac 'n' Cheese (v)**

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**Baked Vegetable Risotto (v)**

served with Homemade 50/50 Garlic Bread  
and 'Norwich City' Peas and Sweetcorn

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**Fruit and Oat Energy Bar**

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Thursday 24th March

## Week 3

**Tim Krul's Menu**

**Vegetarian Sausage, Red Lentil  
and Tomato Stew (v)**

served with Mashed Potatoes

Or

**Cheese and Potato Pie (v)**

served with Broccoli and Sweetcorn

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**Dutch Apple Cake**

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Thursday 31st March

## Week 4

**Teemu Pukki's Menu**

**Finnish Fish Pie Pasta Bake**

Or

**Roasted Vegetable  
Pasta Bake (v)**

served with a Vegetable Medley

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**Cocoa Banana Bread**

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## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 dietitian has developed 'allergen aware' menus for children with medically-defined food allergies. Registration forms can be found on our website - [www.norsecatering.co.uk](http://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

[norsecatering.co.uk](http://norsecatering.co.uk)  
 **@NorseCatering**



# SPRING HALF-TERM VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE

Help us raise funds for our outdoor learning areas. New tools, plants and weather proof clothing will benefit children across the school

**£2.50**  
PER  
BALLOON

The winner will receive a 'Get in to gardening' hamper!

Race starts at 10am on Saturday 12th February and runs for 8 days

[WWW.BALLOONRACE.COM/FcQHPS](http://WWW.BALLOONRACE.COM/FcQHPS)



## Unit ed Kids Club

Providing extraordinary opportunities for play



Our unique holiday club provision aims to create a safe and welcoming environment for children to learn, grow and thrive through exciting and engaging activities. We offer the children that attend our clubs a lot of freedom to shape their experience, with the opportunity to choose the activities that they enjoy the most. Our activity programme is designed to help children unlock their imaginations and discover new interests. It's the perfect place for children to let loose and have fun making new friends and memories that will last a lifetime.

**Visit our website**



### About the Club



All children aged 3-11 are welcome\*

With small groups and a relaxed child-led atmosphere, it is a great environment for:

- Children who struggle in large groups
- Children who are attending a club for the first time
- Children who thrive in a quieter setting
- Children with special educational needs and disabilities

### More information

- School holidays and term time
- Starting from £28 per day
- We accept childcare vouchers
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\*Please note - the above may vary slightly depending on the location. Check out our website for site specific information.

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