

# Newsletter

January 2024



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A Happy New Year to you all!  
I hope you have all had a lovely winter break with your families. A special Queen's Hill welcome to any new families who have joined our school - we do hope you quickly settle into our local community.



Autumn term was full of successes and new experiences for our pupils. From local trips, visitors and many sporting events to new displays demonstrating the pride our pupils' put into their work.

This spring promises to be just as engaging, with the launch of many exciting new topics. Reception start this term by diving into stories from across the world, Year 2 will be learning all about the history of flight travel and Year 6 explores the life of the Ancient Mayan civilisation. Year 3 also travel back in time thousands of years to the banks of the Nile as they explore life in Ancient Egypt.

Wishing all of our school community happiness and health in 2024.

**Mr Matthew Cross**  
Headteacher

## Parking: Reminder

With 600 children moving around the school site at the beginning and end of the day, it's important we all play our part in making sure our site remains safe. Please ensure you do not use our school car park for drop off or collection purposes.

## Reminder: Smart Watches



A number of children are coming to school wearing SMART watches. Whilst we appreciate the fact that they have a watch and are becoming aware of the concept of time, the "SMART" element of the watch must be disabled in school.

## Upcoming Trips/Residentials 2024

Below are some of the upcoming trips planned this term

<b>Year 3</b> 8th & 9th February	A trip to Norwich Castle to explore life in Ancient Egyptian times.
<b>Year 2</b> 22nd March 2024	A trip to Snettisham Park to explore how animals are looked after and cared for.
<b>Year 4</b> 25th April 2024	Theatre Trip to see 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. It highlights the power of friendship and kindness
<b>Year 4</b> 22nd - 24th May 2024	Year 4 will be going to Whitwell for 2 nights of camping under canvas.
<b>Year 5</b> 17th - 19th June 2024	Year 5 will be going to Eaton Vale for a 2 night residential, where they will get to do a range of engaging outdoor activities.

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## Show and Share Assemblies: KS1

This half-term sees the start of our Show and Share Assemblies for Years 1 and 2. These class assemblies will take place at 9:40am in the school hall, and will include our celebration certificates for the week. Dates for your child's class assembly are in the diary below.

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## Year 6 Careers Fair: Can you help us?



We are holding the Year 6 careers fair on **Monday 12th February 9:00-12:00**. The impact of this morning is always very positive and really inspires the children to think about how school can positively impact their future career choices.

Previous career fairs have all been supported by parents and our local community. If you are available on this morning and would like to share your job with our children, please contact Becky Suffield on [ahtb4l@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:ahtb4l@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk).

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## School Money: Are you in Credit?



We have worked hard this year to freeze the price of breakfast club and school dinners, despite rising costs. Any outstanding payments from parents and carers impacts on our ability to keep costs as they are. If you still have outstanding balances left from last term, please can you log in to ensure your account is in credit. If you are experiencing difficulties in paying, please contact the school office to find out what support may be available.

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## Reminder: Coats

It's that time of year where the weather can change really quickly. Please make sure your child is coming into school each day with a suitable coat for rainy and cold weather. We try to keep playtime outdoors as much as possible.

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## Get to know Age Ratings

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing.



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## DT Success in Year 5



We are so proud of our Year 5 pupils, who, at the end of last term, created their own mechanical CAM toys. They created their frame and moving parts using wooden dowel and discs, before decorating with their own designs.

# Upcoming Dates

## Term Dates: 2024-2025

We have now confirmed our term dates for next academic year.

These dates are now available on our [school website](#).

<b>4th January 2024</b>	First day back to school	All pupils
<b>15th January 2024</b>	<b>Deadline for Reception 2024 applications</b>	
<b>19th January 2024</b>	Year 3 Show and Share Assembly	Year 3 parents
<b>24th January 2024</b>	Reception Height and Weight	Reception
<b>25th January 2024</b>	Library Bus	
<b>26th January 2024 - 9.40am</b>	Miss Hunter's Show and Share Assembly	Class parents
<b>2nd February 2024 - 9.40am</b>	Mr James' Show and Share Assembly	Class parents
<b>8th February 2024 - 3pm</b>	Workshare event	Parents welcome
<b>8th February 2024</b>	Year 3 Castle Trip	Year 3
<b>9th February 2024</b>	Year 3 Castle Trip	Year 3
<b>9th February 2024</b>	Safer Internet Curriculum Day	
<b>12th February 2024</b>	Careers Fair	Year 6
<b>16th February 2024 - 9.40am</b>	Mr Passage's Show and Share Assembly	Frogs Adults
<b>Half-term Break</b> 17th - 25th February 2024		
<b>28th February 2024</b>	Dentist Visit	Nursery and Reception