



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a relaxing Easter break. We can hardly believe we have started the final term of 2021/2022. We are looking forward to using our outside space and we have our fingers crossed for some warmer weather. With this in mind, please ensure that your child brings a clean water bottle each day. As the weather improves children can also bring a sun hat and some sun cream (roll on or stick) but please make sure all items are clearly labelled.

The children have been working incredibly hard this week and we have been delighted to welcome back our Forest Schools leader and sports coaches from Elite Kids Coaching. We are pleased to announce that some after school extra-curricular clubs have resumed with Year 5 and Year 6 attending a football club this half term. Clubs will be offered to other year groups very soon. This term all children will have an opportunity to experience forest schools within the school day, these are amazing nature-based sessions where trained practitioners nurture learner-led exploration and discovery, nurturing meaningful experiences for positive lifelong impacts.

Thank you to everyone who entered our wildlife competition. We've had some brilliant entries and we will be announcing the winners next week.

#### **Behaviour Policy & Parent Code of Conduct**

You will also find attached with this newsletter our updated Behaviour Policy which we have been discussing and sharing with the children. I have also attached our Parent Code of Conduct as a reminder of our school expectations and I politely ask that you take a moment to read it.

#### **COVID Reminders**

Please continue to follow social distancing rules at pick up/drop off and always wear a face covering. Please do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell. If you are unsure, please contact school for advice before sending your child to school. You must not send your child to school if they are showing any signs of the following symptoms: a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

#### **E-Safety**

In this modern online world this webpage is a really useful read about the risks of certain apps. It explains what level of risk it is and what the potential dangers are for users, for example Minecraft, Roblox and other apps which you may or may not be familiar with.


<https://safetynetfoundation.org/app-risk-assessments/>

#### **Dates**

INSET DAYS: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July (school is closed to all children on these days)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Bank Holiday Monday

Thank you for your continued support. Kind regards,  
Mrs Wheatley

<p><b><u>Congratulations to our Stars of the Week</u></b></p> <p>Nursery – Billie-Jo  Reception A – Lucas  Reception B – Harry  Year 1A – Poppy  Year 1B – Phoebe  Year 2 – Caleb  Year 3 – Layden  Year 4 – Isabelle  Year 5 – Faye  Year 6 – Sanaa</p>	<p><b><u>Headteacher's Awards</u></b></p> <p>Amelia (Y3)</p> 
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<p><b><u>Our 5 Golden Rules</u></b></p> <p>At Newton Hill Community School, everyone follows our 5 Golden Rules.</p> <p><i>We want everyone to be the best they can be and to 'Reach for the Stars'.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ We will always keep everyone included.</li> <li>❖ We will always keep everyone safe.</li> <li>❖ We will always keep everyone learning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ We will always try our best.</li> <li>❖ We are always honest.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<p><b><u>Learning Mentor Update</u></b></p> <p>Dear Parents/Carers.</p> <p>I hope you all had a lovely break and made the most of your time with your children. The clocks have moved forward for Springtime and this brings us to lighter mornings and longer evenings. As restrictions are slowly easing I have checked the local website for Wakefield and surrounding areas to encourage wellbeing <a href="http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/wellbeing">www.wakefield.gov.uk/wellbeing</a>. The site offers cycle routes, healthy living, parks and countryside visits with many, many more activities available. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further support or advice.</p> <p>Mrs Dundas - Learning Mentor</p>
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<p><b><u>Packed Lunch Boxes</u></b></p> <p>Just a reminder that only cold food and drinks can be brought to school in packed lunch boxes. We are also unable to heat any food from packed lunch boxes at school. If you would like to try hot school meals, please contact the school office.</p>
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<p><b><u>Bubble Closures &amp; NHCS Remote Learning Plan</u></b></p> <p>If a class bubble needs to close due to positive COVID test result, we will contact you via Parent Hub in order for you to collect your child/children or advise you to keep you child at home if we are notified during the evening. If a bubble closed, children would need to remain at home for 10 days. We understand that this will be a difficult time for everyone.</p> <p>During the closure we will continue to provide remote learning. On the day of closure activities will be posted on Parent Hub and these will also be sent by the class email system. Activities will also be linked to our school website under the 'Pupil Zone' tab, this will be made available once it has been confirmed that a bubble will need to close. Work will be set daily and it will be an expectation that you return work to school so that it can be marked by class teachers – this can be done via the class email system. Teachers will provide clear explanations for the learning to be completed at home and links to a variety of resources. There will be links to pre-recorded videos however there will be not be any scheduled live</p>
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learning sessions. We will keep you updated through parent hub and may also contact you by telephone as required.

### Covid-19: Actions you can take to help

Please do not send your child to school if they are showing symptoms OR someone in their household is showing symptoms. Please let school know if your child is not attending. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

[Arrange a test](#) if you or your child develops symptoms. Inform school of the results. If the test is positive, follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process. If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result. Please contact school if you need any help.

### Keeping Everyone Safe

If you have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school - our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are: Mrs Wheatley, Mr Duce, Mrs Luck, Mr Paine, Mrs Dundas, Mrs Myton and Miss Land.

### School Attendance Matters

We are very keen to ensure that all children attend school regularly, as this is important for your child's academic progress. We need your help to improve our attendance figure. You can help by making sure your child is at school on time every day.

### Unplanned School Closures

In the unlikely event of a school closure, for reasons out of our control, we will contact you via parent hub. We will also display messages and updates on our school website [www.newtonhill.wakefield.sch.uk](http://www.newtonhill.wakefield.sch.uk)

We will always do our best to stay open, but if for any reason we have to close **during the day** we will contact you by text, parent hub and information will be displayed on our website. A member of the Senior Leadership Team/Senior Teacher will always stay on site until all children have been collected.

### Newts Information/Update

During adverse weather conditions, various considerations need to be assessed to see if school can open safely – for example the number of staff members who can get to work safely, site safety and access. If there are any occasions of adverse weather (snow) conditions in the future, Newts provision will not be open for breakfast club. This is to allow sufficient time for school to assess if school can open safely and if there are enough members of staff able to travel to school safely. Messages will be sent to all parents as reminders should this be the case and we will always give advance notice if weather warnings are issued. We will always try to stay open during adverse weather



conditions and school may offer a later opening time rather than a full closure depending on the circumstances.

**Dates for your diary:**

The full school calendar for 2020/2021 is included at the end of the newsletter for your information.

**Dates**

**INSET DAYS**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July

**Contact Details**

Please ensure we have your up to date contact details (emergency contact details/updates of addresses).

We require at least 2 emergency contacts for your child/children in school.

Please contact school either on 01924 303680 or at [admin@newton-hill.org.uk](mailto:admin@newton-hill.org.uk) if you need to update your details.

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	= Bank Holidays
	= School Holidays

Number of pupil days:	195
Less INSET days to be fixed:	5
Total number of pupil days:	190

Class Emails	Class Teacher
<a href="mailto:nursery@newton-hill.org.uk">nursery@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mrs Luck and Mrs Greaux
<a href="mailto:receptiona@newton-hill.org.uk">receptiona@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mrs Neal
<a href="mailto:receptionb@newton-hill.org.uk">receptionb@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Miss Fletcher
<a href="mailto:year1a@newton-hill.org.uk">year1a@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Miss Cannon
<a href="mailto:year1b@newton-hill.org.uk">year1b@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Miss Spence
<a href="mailto:year2@newton-hill.org.uk">year2@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Miss Brook
<a href="mailto:year3@newton-hill.org.uk">year3@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mr Paine
<a href="mailto:year4@newton-hill.org.uk">year4@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mrs Wrench
<a href="mailto:year5@newton-hill.org.uk">year5@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mr Duce
<a href="mailto:year6@newton-hill.org.uk">year6@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mr Sharp