

Ready for Learning - Ready for Life - Reach for the Stars

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#### Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Year 6 children have been taking part in Bikeability training in the local area – everyone has tried really hard and their behaviour and attitude has been amazing. Well done Year 6!

If for any reason you missed the parent consultations this week, class teachers will be in touch to arrange an alternative phone call appointment after Easter.

Today we break up for the Easter holiday. School will reopen on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. There is a 'Happy Holidays at Home' booklet attached which you may find useful for your family.

#### **Contact Tracing Covid-19 - Easter Holiday**

You only need to inform the school of a positive case where children have developed symptoms within 48 hours of being at school. Please contact school on <u>admin@newton-hill.org.uk</u> with the subject line 'Positive Covid Test Result'. We will then contact you should you have been identified as a close contact. Where pupils need to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case during the holidays, we do not need to be informed about this until the first day of the Summer term. Please note, only emails relating to a positive Covid test result will be monitored. Please note class emails will not be monitored during the Easter holidays. Thank you.

#### On returning to school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

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:

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday. Kind regards, Mrs Wheatley

> <u>Congratulations to our 'Roll of Honour' Children</u> Nursery – Jessica S Reception A – Sophia Reception B – Amelie Year 1A – Asia-Mai Year 1B – Martha

> > Year 2 – Emelia Year 3 – Samuel Year 4 – Heidi Year 5 – Lily Year 6 – Riley

#### <u>Our 5 Golden Rules</u>

At Newton Hill Community School, everyone follows our 5 Golden Rules.

We want everyone to be the best they can be and to 'Reach for the Stars'.

- ✤ We will always keep everyone included.
  - ✤ We will always keep everyone safe.
- We will always keep everyone learning.
  - We will always try our best.
    - We are always honest.

#### Learning Mentor Update

Dear Parents/Carers.

The Easter Holidays are now upon us and many of us still feel very restricted and frustrated to the limits placed upon us with the pandemic. I have been looking around to try and find new activities and places to visit and walk. I have found a few places you may wish to go Easter Egg hunting – weather permitting.

Saturday 3rd April: Easter Bunny Trail in West Ardsley starting at 10 am until 5pm Saturday 3rd April: Sharlston Together Giant Easter Egg Hunt starting at 12 pm. Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April: Hemsworth Water Park Eggtravaganza starting at 10 am until 2 pm

Happy Easter. Take care and stay safe.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further support or advice. Mrs Dundas - Learning Mentor

#### Packed Lunch Boxes

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.

#### A message from West Yorkshire Police

We have had some instances of Coronavirus breaches in the past week in relation to gatherings in our district. These gatherings have involved young people and resulted in anti-social behaviour and damage caused to public spaces. If you have any information or concerns, please contact the police on 101.

### Bubble Closures & NHCS Remote Learning Plan

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.

During the closure we will continue to provide remote learning. On the day of closure activities will 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 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.

<u>Arrange a test</u> if you or your child develops symptoms. Inform school of the results. If the test is positive, follow <u>guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection</u>, 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 <u>www.newtonhill.wakefield.sch.uk</u>

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:	<u>Contact Details</u>
The full school calendar for 2020/2021 is included at the	Please ensure we have your up to date contact
end of the newsletter for your information.	details (emergency contact details/updates of
Dates	addresses).
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	We require at least 2 emergency contacts for your child/children in school. Please contact school either on 01924 303680 or at <u>admin@newton-hill.org.uk</u> if you need to update your details.

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Total number of pupil days:	190

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#### Bank Holidays School Holidays

Class Emails	Class Teacher
nursery@newton-hill.org.uk	Mrs Luck and Mrs Greaux
receptiona@newton-hill.org.uk	Mrs Neal
receptionb@newton-hill.org.uk	Miss Fletcher
year1a@newton-hill.org.uk	Miss Cannon
year1b@newton-hill.org.uk	Miss Spence
year2@newton-hill.org.uk	Miss Brook
year3@newton-hill.org.uk	Mr Paine
year4@newton-hill.org.uk	Mrs Wrench
year5@newton-hill.org.uk	Mr Duce
year6@newton-hill.org.uk	Mr Sharp