



Newton Hill News

<u>Congratulations to our Stars of the week</u>	
Nursery	Evie
Reception	Penelope
Year 1	Darcie-Beau
Year 2	Amira
Year 3	Max
Year 4	Asem
Year 5	Jamal
Headteacher's Award	<p>Everyone in Year 6 – for having a super attitude to learning and for working incredibly hard this week.</p> <p>Everyone in Reception – outstanding behaviour at Harlow Carr.</p>

EYFS

Nursery:

We have been learning all about farms this week. The children have been talking about the animals they might find on a farm and looking at photographs of different farm animals. Mrs McTiernan brought in some quail eggs for the children to look at.

Reception:

We have had a wonderful week in Lion Class, not only have we have been using clay to recreate nature sculptures but we have also been on our class trip. The children visited Garden Harlow Carr in Harrogate. We went on a nature walk and then planted our own vegetables to take home.

Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been making observations about the beans we are growing in class. The children have kept a diary of what changes happen to the plants each week

Year 2

This week Year 2 have created some amazing persuasive posters linked to their topic (Australia) and information leaflets explaining what to see and do at Melbourne Zoo. Our independent writing this week has been a letter home from Australia.



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Year 3

In Geography, we have been thinking about Land use. We considered how our land is used here at school, and we created sketch maps of Newton Hill! We also created a key to label our maps.



Year 4

Year 4 have had an extremely busy week! We have created cave art using a range of materials, looked at Stone Age diets and begun our investigation into how different drinks can cause tooth decay.



Year 5

As part of our new topic, Year 5 have used their creative skills to produce a piece of drama showing the effects of global warming.

Year 6

We are extremely proud of everyone in year 6 this week for their super attitude to learning in their end of year tests. We are also excited, as auditions have begun for our end of year production 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'.



E-Safety

Keeping children safe whilst they are online.

Each week we will help keep you informed on recent E-Safety developments and share with you useful resources you can use with your children at home.



This is a really good website created by Google, which has lots of information about keeping children safe on the internet.

<https://safety.google/families/families-tips/>



Last week, The Parent Zone and Google came to Newton Hill to present a brilliant e-safety assembly. We learnt how to be sharp, alert, secure, kind and brave online.

Don't forget to be "Internet legends"!

Nursery Provision:

I am pleased to inform you that our Nursery provision will be ready after half term. A further letter will follow from Mrs Luck. Thank you for your patience.

Expansion Update

We are still waiting for the completion of the new building – both inside and outside. The temporary classroom will be removed during the half term. I will keep you updated with any further developments.

Friends of the School News (FOTS)

FOTS is a group of people (staff and parents/carers) who work together to organise events to raise additional vital funds for school such as the Summer Fair, Christmas Fayre, non-uniform days etc. Mr Paine is the staff representative who meets with FOTS each month. FOTS meet on the 1st Monday of every month at 3:30pm at school.

We are always looking for new representatives to join FOTS. If you can help in any way we would love to hear from you. Come along for a coffee and see what we do!

Our next meeting is Monday 20th May – everyone welcome!

Next event: Summer Fair Tuesday 23rd June at 3:30pm



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.

The school doors open at 8:50am. School gates open at 8:40am.
If you need any support, Miss Hargreaves our learning mentor will be happy to help.

Please help us to ensure our attendance is the best it can be.
Thank you for your continued support.

Our Whole School Target is 96%	
Whole School 2017/2018	95.54%
Whole School 2018/2019	95.81%
Nursery	93.66%
Reception	94.45%
Year 1	96.38%
Year 2	94.91%
Year 3	95.63%
Year 4	95.97%
Year 5	97.32%
Year 6	95.84%

Attendance	Days Missed Over a Year
100%	0
95%	10
90%	20
85%	30
80%	40

If your attendance is under 95%, you are missing at least two weeks of learning time a year.

If your attendance is at 90%, you are missing four weeks of learning time.



Dates for your diary

- Thursday 23rd May School Closure day. This is because our school will be used as a polling station for the European Elections. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.
- Wednesday 19th June: Aspirations Day
- Monday 24th June 4:00pm New starters meeting for parents (children new to Reception)
- Tuesday 25th June: Summer Fair at 3:30pm
- Wednesday 3rd to 5th July: Year 6 Residential to Robin Wood
- 1st July – 12th July: Fitness Fortnight (Sports days: EYFS and KS1 10th July and KS2 11th July). Further information will follow regarding our sports days.
- Week beginning 15th July: Transition week for all children
- Week beginning 15th July: End of year reports will be sent home
- Tuesday 16th July at 2pm and Wednesday 17th July at 6pm: Year 5 & 6 end of year production
- Tuesday 23rd July 9:15: Year 6 leavers' assembly (Year 6 parents/carers)
- Tuesday 23rd July: Break up for summer

Parent Workshops: Further dates will follow for parent workshops.

Ofsted

Thank you for your continued support during our Ofsted visit last week. I will share the report with you as soon as it is published.

School Uniform and PE Kits

Just a polite reminder that our school uniform is black trousers/skirt, white polo shirt, red jumper/cardigan and black shoes. Hair accessories must be red, black or white. Earrings must be plain studs that can be removed for PE. Please remove nail varnish for school.

PE Kits needs to be in school every day – children will need black/navy shorts and a plain white T-shirt. Y1 to Y6 children will also need black/dark blue tracksuit (long joggers and jacket/jumper) for outside and outside trainers. PE sessions are taught inside and outside. Thank you.

Our 5 Golden Rules

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.



Unplanned School Closures

In the unlikely event of a school closure, for reasons out of our control, we will contact you via text messaging. We will also display messages and updates on our school website 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 will always stay on site until all children have been collected.



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, Miss Hargreaves, Mrs Myton and Miss Land.

Visit NSPCC for your guide to social networks, apps and games.

Contact Details

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

Please call in at the school office or contact school either on 01924 303680 or at admin@newton-hill.org.uk if you need to update your details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. You can speak to class teachers at the end of the day or you can make an appointment if you prefer. We are here to help. Thank you for your continued support.