



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

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Newton Hill News

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know schools will be staying open during the second national lockdown and there are no changes to our organisation. We are continuing with all our activities to the best of our abilities and dare we say it, we will soon start on our Christmas activities! However, sadly, we will be unable to do our fantastic Christmas performances this year. This week we have practised our fire drill and a whole school lockdown – I am incredibly proud of everyone at school, the children were amazing!

At Newton Hill we try to ensure our Golden Rules are upheld by all of our school community. We are in unprecedented times and everyone has had to change and adapt. May we please remind everyone to be respectful of our neighbours when dropping off and collecting children – please try to keep our neighbours' gates free for access and do not block any driveways. Our local PCSO will continue to be on duty to support.

Friday 13th November – Non-uniform day for Children in Need (donations appreciated for CIN)

Monday 16th November - children can wear odd socks for Anti-bullying week (normal uniform please, donations not required).

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Wheatley



If you have any questions/concerns please do not hesitate to contact school or class teachers via the email system.

Congratulations to Our Stars of the Week

Nursery – Alma
Reception A – Evie
Reception B - Oscar
Year 1A – Annie
Year 1B – Jenson

Year 2 – Penelope
Year 3 – Maddison
Year 4 - Amira
Year 5 – Ben
Year 6 – Lena

Update from Mrs Dundas – Our Learning Mentor

Dear Parent/Carers,

Due to pupils unable to celebrate their Birthdays we feel at Newton Hill it would be a great idea for your children to have a special day in school. If your child has a birthday from Monday to Friday your child will be given the option to not wear uniform on that Friday. This will include children who may have a birthday the previous weekend (Saturday/ Sunday).

Hope you have all had a good half term, if you have any questions or queries please contact Newton Hill and ask for Mrs Dundas.



Remembrance Day - A challenge! (There is still time to make a poppy)

We would like to encourage ALL our pupils to try and make/model anything waterproof in regards to a poppy. This can then be displayed on the main gates for everyone to see and enjoy. Please make sure you add your child's first name to the project. Good Luck!

For more information you may wish to take a look at <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>



New starters – Reception September 2021



If your child is due to start in September 2021 and you would like a virtual tour please contact Mrs Judd or Mrs Edgar in the school office on 01924 303680.

To apply for a school place, please visit:

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/schools/admissions/reception>

For the school year starting in September 2021, the closing date for applications for Reception places is 15 January 2021. The online system opens for applications on 01 November 2020.

The online application system is for Wakefield residents only. If you are not a Wakefield resident, please contact the local authority where you live. It is your responsibility to apply for a school place for your child. The application must be made by someone with legal Parental Responsibility for the child.

If you need any help, please do not hesitate to contact school. Please pass this information on to anyone else you know who requires a school place for September 2021. Thank you.

Interim Reports

To replace our consultations this term, we will be sending home an interim report in December. Please contact your class teacher via the email system if you have any concerns regarding your child or if you would like to speak to your class teacher.

Coronavirus Update

Please continue to wear a mask or face covering when collecting/dropping off on school premises. This also applies to older children who are collecting. You must still keep a safe distance from other parents/carers and staff (2 metres) when waiting to collect/drop off. Thank you to everyone who is complying with the rules – hands, face and space.

NHCS Remote Learning Plan

If a class bubble needs to close due to positive COVID test result, we would contact you via the parent hub in order for you to collect your child/children. If a bubble closed, children would need to remain at home for 14 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 children can start to use the resource pack which has been sent home – these have been sent out this week (please keep these activities in a safe place), further activities may be posted on parent hub. From day 3 of the closure, further remote learning activities will be set. These will be sent out via parent hub and also be linked to our school website under the 'Pupil Zone' tab. The website pages 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. We will also be in daily communication via email. We may also contact you by telephone as required.

School Gates

If you are travelling in a car, please take extra care when dropping off and collecting your child/children. We also ask that you respect our neighbours by not blocking driveways.

Actions you can take to help

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.**

Further information regarding COVID-19 can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>School Attendance Matters</u></p> <p>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.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Keeping Everyone Safe</u></p> <p>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 Myton and Miss Land.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Unplanned School Closures</u></p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Our 5 Golden Rules</u></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"> ❖ 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. |
| <p><u>Dates for your diary:</u></p> <p>The full school calendar for 2020/2021 is included at the end of the newsletter for your information.</p> <p>Friday 13th November – Non-uniform day for Children in Need (donations welcomed for Children in Need)</p> <p>Week beginning 16th November – Anti-bullying week. On Monday 17th November children can wear odd socks (normal uniform please, donations not required)</p> <p>Friday 11th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day/Non-uniform (donations welcomed for save the children)</p> <p>INSET DAYS</p> <p>Monday 7th September</p> <p>Monday 4th January</p> <p>Thursday 6th May</p> <p>Monday 7th June</p> <p>Monday 26th July</p> | <p><u>Contact Details</u></p> <p>Please ensure we have your up to date contact details (emergency contact details/updates of addresses).</p> <p>We require at least 2 emergency contacts for your child/children in school.</p> <p>Please contact school either on 01924 303680 or at admin@newton-hill.org.uk if you need to update your details.</p> |

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
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| Total number of pupil days: | 190 |

| Class Emails | Class Teacher |
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| nursery@newton-hill.org.uk | Mrs Luck and Mrs Greaux |
| receptiona@newton-hill.org.uk | Mrs Neal |
| receptionb@newton-hill.org.uk | Miss Fletcher |
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| 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 |