



Newton Hill News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have celebrated Anti-Bullying Week. We have taken part in a number of activities in class and started the week wearing our odd socks! Here are some photographs from our Children in Need day last week.



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

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Wheatley

Congratulations to Our Stars of the Week

Nursery – Iqra
Reception A – Ronnie
Reception B - Ella
Year 1A – James
Year 1B – Harper

Year 2 – Zakariya
Year 3 – Rahaf
Year 4 - Heidi
Year 5 – Nathan
Year 6 – Jacob

Update from Mrs Dundas – Our Learning Mentor

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Odd Socks Event.

As we are ALL aware Christmas is approaching. We appreciate at Newton Hill your child/children will be asking for certain items, many will ask for games. We ALL want children to continue to be safe online and below is a website guiding Parents/Carers to have a better understanding of the age range and content of apps, games and social media sites.

Visit the NSPCC site <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

We hope everyone continues to stay safe and well.

Mrs Dundas Learning Mentor

School Fundraising - Tea Towels

Don't forget the school is selling tea towels containing self-portraits of every class to help raise much needed funds for school. These tea towels are excellent quality and make a brilliant present for family and friends - perfect for Christmas!

These will be sold on a first come first served basis - once they're gone they're gone so get your orders in now!



Coronavirus Update

It is important to remember that these are unprecedented times. We do our utmost at school to protect everyone in our community and treat everyone with respect. With that in mind, may we remind you to treat everyone with respect in our community outside of school as there have been reports of individuals being unkind to each other and making comments about coronavirus. Comments and accusations will be taken seriously and this would be in breach of our code of conduct for parents/carers. If you have any concerns please report directly to school and we will do our best to help. Thank you.

As a continual reminder, there are a number of parents who work with vulnerable adults and have relatives who are shielding and so to keep everyone as safe as possible may we please remind everyone to wear a face mask/covering when you are dropping your child/children at school and when speaking with staff.

As a continual reminder, please 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.

Thank you to everyone who is complying with the rules – hands, face and space.

New starters – Reception September 2021

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

Virtual meetings for new starters to Reception 2021:

- Wednesday 2nd October 2:00pm
- Wednesday 9th October 6:00pm



*The virtual welcome meetings will focus on the start of your child's journey at Newton Hill in EYFS. For new children/families joining the school in different year groups please contact school to speak to a

member of staff or your child's teacher. A number of photographs have been displayed on our website of our learning environments and the curriculum we offer at Newton Hill – as always, if you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact school.

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 15th January 2021. The online system opens for applications on 1st November 2020.

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.

Bubble Closures & 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 or advise you to keep your child at home if we are notified during the evening. 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, 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.

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>

<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 27th November – Non-uniform in exchange for a raffle. See the letter at the end of the newsletter for further information.</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 Monday 4th January Thursday 6th May Monday 7th June 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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	= 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
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



NON-UNIFORM DAY Friday 27th November



This year, we are still organizing a Christmas hamper raffle to help raise funds for school.

Unfortunately, for obvious reasons, we are having to cancel our Christmas fair this year. However, the need for fundraising is greater than ever and so we would still like to run the Christmas raffle as this is always very popular.

In exchange for having a uniform-free day, we kindly request that you make a donation of a suitable hamper gift.

There is no theme for the non-uniform, just suitable casual clothes of your choice (no fancy dress please).

We would like you to follow the assigned class colour for your hamper gift where possible. The colour can be represented by either the packaging or contents ☺
We've given some examples below, but you can be as creative as you like.

Nursery / Reception – Red (e.g. jam, wine*, chutney)
Year 1 – Orange (e.g. biscuits, crackers, soft drinks)
Year 2 – Yellow (e.g. pasta, sweets, wine*)
Year 3 – Green/grey (e.g. sweets, tea)
Year 4 – Blue (e.g. crisps, beauty products)
Year 5 – Purple/pink (e.g. chocolate, beauty products, soft drinks)
Year 6 – Brown/Black (e.g. tea, coffee, chocolate, beer etc)



Please bring in an item that fits the theme of your child's class (non-perishable items please). If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, say a £1, that would be welcome too and we can buy items with your contribution. Please ensure any cash is in a sealed envelope.

All donations are made on an entirely voluntary basis, and are very gratefully received.

As you know, we like to include a range of raffle prizes so if you know of any local businesses who would like to donate any prizes, these will be very gratefully received (we will give them a mention on our newsletter / Twitter account). Please let the office / class teacher know if this is the case.

Tickets for the raffle will go on sale at the end of November.

Please accept our apologies – we missed Nursery from the donation list on the Parenthub message.

***Also, we can only accept non-alcoholic wine donations.**

THANK YOU FROM FOTS