



Newton Hill News

Thank you to everyone who supported our Valentine's Disco and a BIG thank you to FOTS for organising the event. Wishing everyone a safe and happy half term break.

Congratulations to our Roll of Honour Children

Nursery	Lucas
Reception	Jacob
Year 1	Robin
Year 2	Joshua
Year 3	Lily
Year 4	Imogen
Year 5	Maisy
Year 6	Mohammed

EYFS

Nursery:

This week in Nursery we have been re-telling the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.' The children have re-told the story in their own words and have decorated their own bear books for their version of the story to go into.

Reception:

Reception Class have really enjoyed our Three Little Pigs provision enhancements! We have been dressing up as the characters to retell the story, making split-pin moving puppets of the Big Bad Wolf, and printing with bricks, sticks and straw at the easel. We have also done a super job at writing speech bubbles for the characters from the story.

Year 1

In Year 1 this week the children have made their own shelter for Beegu. The children have written a set of instructions that explain how they made their shelter.

Year 2

This week Year 2 have been learning about the food that was eaten on the Titanic. We have looked at different menus and have chosen what we would eat from each menu. We have also been retesting our fitness, looking at how fast we can run, how many times we can jump and how long we can plank.



Newton Hill News

Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been learning about how to stay safe on the Internet. After discussions, the children have used the laptops to create their own e-safety posters to display in the classroom to remind us how we can use the Internet safely and what to do if we are unsure about something we may come across online. In maths this week we have been learning how to multiply a 2-digit by a 1-digit number using the column method.



Year 4

This week Year 4 have been continuing their work on Sound. We made our own pan pipes out of different length straws to investigate how the length of the straw can change the pitch of the sound it creates. We have also been writing an explanation text about how sound travels to the ear.



Year 5

Year 5 have been comparing and ordering decimals using a number of different practical activities. We had to use our reasoning and problem solving skills to place decimal numbers in a grid so that all rows and columns were in a certain order.

Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have been thinking about internet safety and coming up with creative ways to share key messages about staying safe. The children all worked in groups and created raps to inform people about how to stay safe, which they performed in class (we really do have some exciting talent in Year 6). We also finished our Greek pots which will be displayed in school for everyone to see.

Our Whole School Target is 96%	
Whole School 2019/2020	95.89%
Nursery	94.90%
Reception	96.97%
Year 1	96.19%
Year 2	94.77%
Year 3	95.74%
Year 4	95.22%
Year 5	95.96%
Year 6	96.51%

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 and close at 9:00am. 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.

Water Bottles & Snacks

We encourage all children to bring a clean water bottle to school each day. Fruit is available in school for our EYFS and KS1 children. We encourage children in KS2 to bring a **healthy snack** for break time, which can be either a piece of fruit or a cereal bar.

Medicines

Please note that only medication prescribed 4 times a day can be administered at school. All medication must be signed in and out by an adult at the school office. Thank you.

School Uniform Reminder

Our school uniform is a black skirt/pinafore or trousers, white polo top, red cardigan or jumper, red, black or white socks/tights and black shoes. Children also need an indoor and outdoor PE kit and trainers. Hair accessories need to be neutral or red, black or white. We ask that nail varnish is kept for special occasions. Earrings must be stud earrings for safety reasons. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Car Park and Parking

The school car park is for **staff only**. For health and safety and safeguarding reasons parents and carers are not permitted to use the car park unless it is for Newts within the designated times unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please drive slowly and take extra care if you are dropping off/picking up in a vehicle near school. Please be considerate to our neighbours when you are dropping off and picking up in a vehicle and do not block driveways. Please do not use the garage opposite school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Phone calls to school

The school office can take calls from 8:30 to 3:30pm. From 3:30pm, please use the answerphone to leave a message.

Parent Code of Conduct

This policy has been sent out for all parents/carers. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your diary 2019/2020

- Friday 14th February – Interim reports for Y1 to Y6. EYFS information to follow from the EYFS team.
- Friday 14th February – break up for half term.
- Term 2b starts Monday 24th February.
- Tuesday 25th February - Book People Bus. Open from 8:30 and 3:30pm.
- Thursday 5th March – World Book Day (dress as your favourite book character)
- INSET DAYS: Monday 2nd September, Friday 29th November, Monday 6th January, Thursday 7th May (Polling Day), Monday 20th July.

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.

Useful Numbers and Websites:

116 123 Samaritans
0808 800 5000 NCPCC
0800 111 Childline



<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

E-Safety

On Tuesday 11th February, we celebrated Internet Safety Day and focussed on the importance of good e-safety.

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.

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.



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.