



Newton Hill Community School – Newsletter Summer 1

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Dates for your diary

May 2018 – Y2 assessments will take place throughout May.

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th May will be INSET days. School closed to children.

Monday 7th May is also a Bank Holiday.

Week of 14th-18th May Y6 SATs week.

Friday 25th May Summer ½ term.

Monday 4th June Term 3b starts (Week beginning 4th June Science Week)

Parent Hub:

As you are aware we are now using the Parent Hub App to share information with you. We have 50% of parents who have downloaded the App so far. If you have not yet downloaded the App please visit www.parenthub.co.uk to find out more instructions. If you are experiencing any difficulties accessing the app, or would like to give feedback on the app, please contact a member of the office staff.

The Parent Hub is a FREE app and it will help keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.

What you need to do:

1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Add a School" and enter the school handle @NewtonHill

Please note only parents who have downloaded the app will receive pictures, documents and newsletters. If you have not downloaded you will be limited to the type of messages you can receive via SMS messages, so with this in mind we would encourage all parents to download if possible. From September we are aiming to communicate entirely through the Parent Hub app.

Please note all parents not on the app will still receive key messages via SMS.

Expansion: 2017/2018

The plans for our expansion are available on our website under 'Planned School Expansion'.

Thank you for your suggestions and patience at this time. We are here to help, so if you have any questions/queries please do not hesitate to call in at the school office or contact school either on 01924 303680 or at admin@newton-hill.org.uk.

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who has returned their parent survey. It is important that we receive your feedback. We have received some lovely positive comments about our school and staff and some constructive suggestions for how we can improve further. We are in the process of pulling all of the information together and I will share with you key outcomes from the survey and how we will address areas to develop this half term.

I would encourage any parent/carer with any concerns to come into school to meet with myself, Mr Duce or class teachers. If we do not know about your concerns we cannot address them. As always, we are here to listen and to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Updates

Behaviour Policy March 2018

Following the successful trial of new rewards and consequence systems, our behaviour policy has been amended. This has been uploaded to our website.

Homework: This term will be trialling termly class newsletter which will detail the learning to take place over the term. This will replace weekly class letters. Weekly homework activities will continue to be sent home in homework books.

School Premises

School Car park: Parking on school premises is **not allowed** without prior permission. Exceptions to this at this time are if you are dropping off/collecting from Newts or dropping off at Early Bird Reading Club. For these clubs you can access the school car park until 8:30am and after 3:45pm. These timings will be reviewed in the summer term. Parents using the clubs should walk their child to the door to meet a member of Newts staff. With our ever growing staff, we ask all parents to use the side car park and not the car park at the front of school. The front car park is for **staff only**. The disabled bay is for **blue badge holders** only. Safety of the staff and children is always paramount and despite a number of letters, *some* parents are still not adhering to requests. There are also still occasions where cars entering the school are not given priority which causes dangerous driving situations on Leeds Road.

Parking on school premises for Newts and Early Birds will be monitored and reviewed this half term. Thank you to all those parents who fully adhere to requests.

Parking: Please be respectful of our residents; a number of drives have been blocked at pick up and drop off. Car/van registrations will be reported to our PCSO. Thank you to all those parents who fully adhere to requests.



School Attendance Matters

Our current attendance figure is 95%. Our target is 96%. You can help us to improve our attendance by ensuring your child arrives on time every day, that they come to school unless they are ill and that holidays are not taken during term time.

The link between attendance and attainment in school is clear. The more a pupil is in school the more they increase their opportunity to fulfil their potential. Our school attendance is improving but it is still below national. We need your help to improve our attendance.

You will need to complete a **Holiday Request Form** if a holiday is to be taken in term time. Once this has been received you will then receive a letter from school regarding the absence. As a school we pass all requests for holidays to the Education Welfare Service. You will receive a letter/penalty notice from the EWO regarding your term time holiday.

Holiday Request Forms are available from the school office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Judd or Mrs Offord in the school office.



2017/2018: Unplanned School Closures

In the unlikely event of a school closure, for reasons out of our control, we will send a text and messages via the Parent Hub app and also 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.

Keeping Everyone Safe

This half term there will be a number of visits from our local PCSO. He will speak to the children in classes and as part of assemblies. He will be covering topics such as Stranger Danger and E-Safety/keeping safe online.



If you have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school - our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are:

Mrs Wheatley, Mr Duce, Mr Paine, Miss Hargreaves, Mrs Myton and Miss Land.

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.