



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, everyone at Newton Hill will be taking part in Eid celebrations and everyone will be working individually to create a whole school celebratory display for Eid.



This week Year 2 had lots of fun cake tasting, designing buns and making afternoon tea for passengers on the Titanic. There were some fantastic skills and effort on show from our Year 4 Boccia competitors this week - well done everybody!

Reception Class have had a busy beginning of the Summer Term exploring their minibeasts topic. The children have been on minibeasts hunts, made a wormery, explored the lifecycle of a butterfly, taste-tested a variety of fruit and made snail art work.



I would like to inform you that Miss Cannon and Mr Duce will be leaving Newton Hill at the end of this academic year. Miss Cannon and Mr Duce have been a big part of Newton Hill and they will both be missed by everyone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their continued hard work at Newton Hill. Congratulations to Mr Duce who will be starting his own Headship in September and Miss Cannon is relocating to a new area to start a new adventure. We are recruiting for new staff at the moment and we will update you later next half term regarding class teachers and organisation for 2021/2022.

School Absence

Please ensure you leave a message on the school answerphone if your child is not in school. We ask that you provide as much detail as to why your child is absent. This is important as if we do not know why your child is not at school certain procedures have to be followed – contacting parents, home visits etc and I am sure you can appreciate that this is not only concerning as we do not know where your child is but is also time consuming for staff.

Holidays in Term Time: If you are taking your child out of school for a holiday this is recorded as an unauthorised absence. You are required to complete an absence request form prior to taking your child out of school – we ask that you are open and honest about taking holidays during term time so we know exactly where your child is and that they are safe.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Nursery – Jessica G
Reception A – Matiss
Reception B – Jackson
Year 1A – Charlotte
Year 1B – Skyela
Year 2 – Olivers
Year 3 – Jessica
Year 4 – Ammar
Year 5 – George
Year 6 – Lilian

School Access

For the safety of everyone at Newton Hill this is just a polite reminder to drive slowly when you are using the school car park for Newts. All pedestrians must use the pedestrian path and not the vehicle access/drive when walking to school. We ask that you please ensure all children are supervised when waiting to access school at the gates on East Street and Fourth Ave. Thank you.

Dates

- INSET DAYS: Monday 7th June, Monday 26th July (school is closed to all children on these days)
- Tuesday 8th June – School Meal Ocean Day – thank you to everyone who has pre-ordered a meal.

Please note that class emails will not be monitored during half term. Over half term, please contact admin@newton-hill.org.uk if your child tests positive within 2 days of being at school. Please use 'Positive Covid Case' in the subject line.

Wishing you a safe and happy half term. **Monday 7th June is an INSET day** and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 9th June.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wheatley

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 be honest.
- ❖ We will always keep everyone's property safe

Learning Mentor Update

Dear Parents/Carers

I have been looking at the weather forecast for next week and the weather is looking promising. The NHS has lots of advice on sunscreen protection and sun safety.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

Pre-loved Uniform - Can you help?

It is coming to the end of the year and if you have uniform that no longer fits we are asking for donations to school – shorts, trousers, jumpers, cardigans, dresses etc. All clothing will be washed and we will then hold pre-loved uniform sales and offer the uniform back to our families for a small donation. All monies received will go back into school funds.

A bin or crate will be placed at each entrance for your donations. All donations will be gratefully accepted. Thank you.

Have a wonderful break and if you require any advice please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Dundas - Learning Mentor

Covid-19: Actions you can take to help

Please 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.

Half Term:

Where children test positive for COVID-19 during half-term, having developed symptoms more than 2 days since being in school, no action is needed. Staff, young people, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, where pupils or staff test positive having developed symptoms **within 2 days** of being in school you may be identified as a close contact and be advised to self-isolate.

Please contact admin@newton-hill.org.uk if your child tests positive within 2 days of being at school. Please use 'Positive Covid Case' in the subject line. Only Covid related emails will be responded to.

Keeping Everyone Safe

If you have any safeguarding concerns or need any support or advice please do not hesitate to contact the school - our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are: Mrs Wheatley, Mr Duce, Mrs Luck, Mr Paine, Mrs Dundas, Mrs Myton and Miss Land.

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. You can help by making sure your child is at school on time every day.

Dates for your diary:

The full school calendar for 2020/2021 is included at the end of the newsletter for your information.

Dates

INSET DAYS

Monday 7th June

Monday 26th July

Contact Details

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

We require at least 2 emergency contacts for your child/children in school.

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

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

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Less INSET days to be fixed:	5
Total number of pupil days:	190

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■ = District/Police & Crime Commissioner Election Day (schools will need the authorisation of the Returning Officer if they are to be used as a Polling Station and wish to remain open on this day. Otherwise schools used as a polling station should be closed for INSET). Schools not used for election purposes may arrange alternative closures for INSET. Individual schools may decide the dates of the remaining 4 INSET days.

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