



Newton Hill Community School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

A SPECIAL
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for your generosity for our recent fund-raising events. I do appreciate that times are difficult for everyone at the moment so it is really heart warming to see that we can all still do something to help others in need. With your help we raised:

£640 to help families from Ukraine. This money has been sent to the Emergency Disasters Committee.

£378 for Red Nose Day

£163 during our Mental Health Week – Dress to Impress. Your donations will go to Place2Be.

Thank you for making a difference.

Wakefield Happy Healthy Holidays

Please visit the link below for information about clubs/activities that available in the Wakefield district through the Easter holidays.

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/happy-healthy-holidays>



Children who are eligible for Free School Meals can attend for FREE. If you need any help booking an activity, please contact the school office.

World Book Day

We had a wonderful World Book Day in March – thank you to everyone who came dressed as their favourite book character. It was lovely to see lots of people supporting our Scholastic Book Fair. We will be using the money raised to buy more books for our classrooms and our school library.



Tiny Forest

The whole school had a great day planting our 'Tiny Forest' in the corner of our school field. Even though it was a rainy day the children and staff carried on to plant 600 tiny trees in our efforts to help climate change. We will also be planting trees to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations. If you have any small trees that you can donate - we would love to hear from you!



School Assessments

Next term, all schools will be completing national tests (SATS). Please ensure your child is at school for the following test periods.

KS2 Tests (Year 6)

The KS2 (year 6) test period is Monday 9th May until Friday 13th May.

KS1 Tests (Year 2)

These will take place during May. Further information will be sent from the KS1 team.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

This will take place during the week commencing 6th June. More information will follow from the KS1 team.

Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check (MTC)

This will take place in June. The MTC is an on-screen assessment designed to determine whether pupils are able to fluently recall their multiplication tables up to 12, through a set of timed questions.

Parent/Carer Consultations – CH & CO and Pre-Loved Uniform

Parent/Carer consultations are next week on Monday 4th April and Wednesday 6th April. CH & CO our school meal provider will be on site offering you samples of food from our kitchen.

There will also be all our pre-loved uniform available for you to view in the corridor on Monday and Wednesday. There will be an honesty box for all donations. Mrs Dundas will also be outside on Tuesday and Thursday next week. Thank you.

Staffing Update

It is with great sadness that Mrs Jean Armitage will be leaving Newton Hill next Friday. Mrs Armitage has been a member of staff at Newton Hill for over 20 years and she will be missed by everyone. I am sure you will join all the staff in wishing her our very best wishes with her (early) retirement.

Additional Closure Day

We have recently been notified by Wakefield Council that schools can take an additional closure day to cover the Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee which is during the Spring Bank Holiday (3rd June). We will take the additional closure day on **Monday 6th June** following the Bank Holiday on Friday.

School Attendance & Safeguarding

It is vital that your child attends every day at school if they are fit and well. If your child is not well enough to attend school please ensure you contact school before school starts to leave a message regarding the absence. The advice for any child suffering Covid symptoms or for children who are unwell and have a high temperature is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. We will keep you updated as guidance changes. Please bear in mind we have vulnerable children and adults at school. As a school we must ensure that every child is accounted for. School staff work extremely hard to contact parents regarding all absences and sometimes are required to make home visits. If we are unable to contact you we are advised to contact the police who will conduct a welfare check. I hope you can appreciate that this can take a great deal of time so please remember to report all absences. If you are going on holiday please let us know. Please remember to update the office if there is any change to your contact details.

May I also remind you that if you are intending to take your child out of school for a holiday in term time an absence form needs to be completed prior to your holiday – this ensures that we know where your child is. Term time holidays are not permitted and all our information regarding holidays taken in term time must to be reported to the Local Authority who are responsible for issuing penalty notices. School does not receive any additional money from any fixed penalties issued. Children who have a number of absences or long periods of absences are also discussed with the Education Welfare Service and we will also send you a letter outlining our concerns. Government guidelines state attendance should be at least 96%.

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, Mrs Luck, Mr Paine, Mrs Dundas, Mrs Myton and Miss Land.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> This website offers advice and guides for parents which you may find useful.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Dates:

- Friday 8th April - Break up for Easter
- Monday 25th April – Start of Term 3a
- Thursday 5th May – INSET Day
- Thursday 26th May – INSET Day
- Friday 27th May – INSET Day
- **Additional Closure Day Monday 6th June**

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact school on 01924 303680 or send an email to admin@newton-hill.org.uk.

We break up next Friday (8th April) and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a lovely Easter break.

Mrs Wheatley & all the Staff at Newton Hill



The information below has been on previous newsletters/updates

Just a reminder about procedures for school closures:

Unplanned School Closures

We will always aim to notify you of any closures at the earliest opportunity and appreciate that this may be at short notice.

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/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 via 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.

Newts Provision – Adverse Weather

During adverse weather conditions, various considerations need to be assessed to see if school can open safely – for example the number of members of staff who can get to work safely, site safety and access.

Therefore, if there are any occasions of adverse weather (snow/treacherous conditions), Newts provision will not be open for breakfast club. This is to allow sufficient time for school to assess if school can open safely and if there are enough staff able to travel to school safely.

Messages will be sent to all parents via Parent Hub as reminders should this be the case and we will always give advance notice if weather warnings are issued. We will aim to notify you by 7am should this be the case. We will always try to stay open during adverse weather conditions and school may offer a later opening time rather than a full closure depending on the circumstances.
