



### Newton Hill News

#### Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Nursery	Jesse
Reception	Annie
Year 1	Zain
Year 2	Evie B
Year 3	Faye
Year 4	Tallulah
Year 5	Mia
Year 6	Charlie

#### Year 1

In Year 1 the children have been learning about days of the week and when to use capital letters. They have also solved problems in math this week.

#### Year 2

In Year 2 we have been writing character descriptions about different characters in books. We have also continued to learn about the differences between plants and trees and went out in the wildlife garden with magnifying glasses to get a closer look! We have also begun learning our 'space dance' in PE.

#### EYFS

##### Nursery:

This week in Nursery we have welcomed some more new starters into class and have helped them to settle in, which they have done brilliantly! As part of our topic we have been practising writing our names and sharing photographs of our families

##### Reception:

This week we have begun our learning about our new topic: All About Me. We have been using our home corner to role play different family scenarios. We have also been reading the book "You Choose" and expressing our thoughts and opinions.



**On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September we will celebrate  
Jeans for Genes Day organised by the School  
Council. All donations greatly appreciated.**

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## Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been learning how to use speech marks when writing a dialogue. We have all tried really hard with learning this new skill. We have also been learning how to partition three digit numbers in maths.



## Year 4

This week Year 4 have been using fronted adverbials to write setting descriptions. We have also been learning to play the glockenspiels to accompany our focus song of this term; Mamma Mia by ABBA. This week Year 4 have been practising their sketching techniques in Art. We went outdoors to compare and draw the old and new parts of the school and discuss how architecture has changed over the years. In maths we are estimating and measuring the perimeter of rectangles.



## Year 5

Year 5 have been using their skills of rounding to solve a variety of different problems. In science, we have looked at the effect that different forces have on objects.

## Year 6

This week Year 6 have been learning about classifying animals and using their knowledge to help open a zoo. They have also been researching Brazil (and favelas) to help understand the context of our class book 'Trash.'

## 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. 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.

Our Whole School Target is 96%	
Whole School 2019/2020	<b>96.27%</b>
Whole School 2018/2019 (Previous School Year)	<b>95.34%</b>
Nursery	<b>98.38%</b>
Reception	<b>99.54%</b>
Year 1	<b>98.08%</b>
Year 2	<b>96.46%</b>
Year 3	<b>98.65%</b>
Year 4	<b>93.33%</b>
Year 5	<b>93.75%</b>
Year 6	<b>98.88%</b>

Attendance	Days Missed Over a Year
100%	0
95%	10
90%	20
85%	30
80%	40

**If your attendance is under 95%, you are missing at least two weeks of learning time a year.**

**If your attendance is at 90%, you are missing four weeks of learning time.**



### Dates for your diary

#### 2019/2020

- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September Jeans for Genes day. Wear your jeans/non-uniform. All donations greatly appreciated.**
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 9:00-10:00 Year 5 Parent Workshop** (more details to follow)
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 9:00-10:00 Reception Parent Workshop** (more details to follow)
- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October Halloween Disco** (more details to follow)
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9:00-10:00 Year 1 Parent Workshop** (more details to follow)
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May INSET day (Polling Day)**
- **(Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May is May Bank Holiday)**
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July will be an INSET day. In July 2020, the last day of term will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. The final two INSET dates will follow.**

## E-safety: News Instagram and Bullying

Instagram have made a couple of significant updates to the app, specifically to prevent bullying. As with all social media, artificial intelligence is used to detect certain content, particularly harmful content. A new feature has been rolled out which gives anybody posting such content a moment to reflect, for example if somebody posts "that photo makes you look so ugly" they will get a warning, 'Are you sure you want to post this?'

This is a positive move forward, after all how many times do we repeat the message, 'think before you post'? You can read more here:

<https://instagram-press.com/blog/2019/07/08/our-commitment-to-lead-the-fight-against-online-bullying/>

## BBC1's hit show 'Eat Well For Less?' is BACK and looking for households to take part!

Eat Well For Less? is on the hunt for families / households looking to save money on their food shop!

Is the cost of your weekly food shop **spiralling out of control**?

Perhaps you're **desperate to save** but under pressure to keep providing the household favourites?

Or do your **health requirements** affect your diet? Are you in need of some **new inspiration**?

Maybe you need help adjusting to a new **financial situation**?

Or are you just **bored of buying and cooking the same foods** every week?

... Masterchef's **Gregg Wallace** & award winning grocer **Chris Bavin** are on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to save money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.

We're currently on the hunt for families / households to take part in our new series – so get in touch with the team TODAY!

Email: [eatwell@rdftelevision.com](mailto:eatwell@rdftelevision.com) or Call: 0117 970 7682

\*Any information which you give us will be processed in accordance with our Privacy Notice, a copy of which is available on request\*

### 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.



### 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](http://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.

### 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.

*Visit NSPCC for your guide to social networks, apps and games.*



### 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](mailto:admin@newton-hill.org.uk) if you need to update your details.

*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.*