



We would like to wish all our families a very Happy New Year!

Interim Reports December 2018:

Following your feedback last year, Year 1-Year 6 received an interim progress report the week beginning 17th December, which we hoped you found informative. Please could you return any comment slips and surveys to school by Friday 18th January. Your feedback is important to us and we will endeavour to take your comments and suggestions on board. If you would like to discuss your child's report, please contact school to make an appointment.

Parents of children in EYFS (Reception/Nursery) did not receive interim reports at this time as open mornings have been arranged for you to visit school to discuss your child's progress and also look at your child's learning journals. As advertised before Christmas, Reception's open morning is on Wednesday 16th January 9:00am-10:00am. If you are unable to attend and you would like to discuss your child's progress, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. All children will receive a detailed report at the end of the year. Thank you for your continued support.

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 are currently meeting our school's target of 96% and 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.

Our Whole School Target is 96%	
Whole School 2017/2018	95.56%
Whole School 2018/2019	96.30%
Nursery	94.83%
Reception	95.23%
Year 1	96.10%
Year 2	95.83%
Year 3	95.75%
Year 4	97.04%
Year 5	97.78%
Year 6	96.27%

If you need any support, Miss Hargreaves our learning mentor will be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Newton Hill News

Roll of Honour Awards (Term 1b)

Nursery	Annie
Reception	Amy
Year 1	Ava
Year 2	Adam
Year 3	Lily
Year 4	Amelia
Year 5	Cooper
Year 6	Aaliyah

Stars of the Week

Nursery	Jacob
Reception	Lola-Mae
Year 1	Joel
Year 2	Connor
Year 3	Alfie
Year 4	Evie
Year 5	Isobel
Year 6	Jack
Headteacher's Award	Amirah Cooper Nathan

Our new topics this term are...

- Nursery - People who help us
- Reception - Pirates
- Year 1 and Year 2 - The Great Fire of London
- Year 3 and Year 4 - Tomb Raiders
- Year 5 and Year 6 - Does money make the world go round?

EYFS New Starters and 30 Hours Provision

Welcome to all our new children in nursery who have all settled very well this week.

We have also started to offer 30 hours provision which means our nursery is open all day. If you are interested in 30 hours provision or additional sessions please contact the school office.

Year 5 Bikeability

Well done to all our Year 5 pupils who took part in Bikeability this week. The children have been learning how to ride their bikes safely in our community. The children have been a credit to our school; the staff who led the sessions have commented on how sensible and polite the children have been.

Newton Hill Bake Off (December 2018)

Congratulations to all our winners!

Congratulations to Adam who was awarded 'Star Baker'. Hope won the cake section, Lilliana-May won the biscuit section and Maddison won the bun section.

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 16th January - Reception open morning for parents at 9:00-10:00am
- Friday 18th January - Please return parent surveys and report feedback slips by this date
- Starting on Tuesday 22nd January there will be a Parent/Family workshop hosted by Wakefield Council running for 3 weeks on Tuesdays. Please contact Miss Hargreaves if you would like to book a place or for more information.
- Wednesday 30th January 9:00am – Year 1 parents are invited to a class workshop (see below)
- Week beginning 4th February - Whole school 'Well-Being Week'
- Week beginning 11th February - Whole school celebration for Chinese New Year
- Friday 15th February school closes for half term. School reopens on Monday 25th February.

Parent Workshops

Over the next 2 terms, we will be inviting parents and carers of all year groups to class workshops where you can work with your child/children in school. Workshops will replace class assemblies.

We would like to invite Year 1 parents to our first workshop on **Wednesday 30th January**. We would love you to join your children in Year 1 to bake bread as part of their topic 'The Great Fire of London'. Mr Paine will send out invitations nearer the time. We hope that you will be able to join us - no prior bread making experience is required!

Our Behaviour and Consequence Systems:

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

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.

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.