



### **Newton Hill News**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say a really big thank you to everyone who has taken the time to say thank you or send kind messages and praise for the staff at Newton Hill – it is so lovely to hear your positive comments and they really do mean the world to us!

The raffle hamper prizes that we have made using your generous donations are AMAZING – thank you! Raffle tickets will be available this week. Thank you to everyone who has supported our fund-raising events by buying our fabulous tea towel and the personalised Christmas cards.

### **Christmas Parties:**

As a school we are going to treat every class to a Christmas party with snacks and treats, so no donations are required. Children will of course be able to wear their own clothes. Further information and dates will follow on Parent Hub via the class pages.

### **Christmas Cards**

Your child/children can bring Christmas cards to school for their bubble. Please make sure all cards are in school by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at the latest - we will keep all cards safe and ensure they are distributed before the end of term.

### **Staffing Updates:**

Mrs Pharo, Mrs Lockwood and Miss McTernan have all joined our midday supervisor team. We have also recruited a new HLTA, Miss Mosely, who will join Newton Hill in January 2021.

### **Dates:**

- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day/Non-uniform (donations welcomed for Save the Children)
- Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December – Interim reports will be sent home.
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – school will be closed as it is an INSET day.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Wheatley



### **Congratulations to Our Stars of the Week**

Nursery – Emily  
Reception A – Sophia  
Reception B - Kristina  
Year 1A – Jack  
Year 1B – Erin

Year 2 – Israa  
Year 3 – Toby  
Year 4 – Emily  
Year 5 – Reilly  
Year 6 – Sohalia  
Headteacher's Award: Year 2 Class

### **Update from Mrs Dundas – Our Learning Mentor**

Hi Parent/Carers,

#### **Wellies and Walking Boots this week!**

Let's take a look at our surroundings in the Wakefield District where your children can enjoy outdoor activities. Parking is currently FREE at Wakefield owned car parks and there is nothing like a brisk walk spending quality time with the family.

#### **Take your children along to any of the following Wakefield Story trails:**

- Winterset Reservoir: Room on the Broom Adventure Trail
- Pontefract Racecourse: Peter's lost Peregrine
- Newmillerdam Country Park: Gnome Roam
- Pugney's Country Park: Blow Away



Kind regards,  
Mrs Dundas, Learning Mentor.

### **Holly-days at home from Wakefield Council**

We want people to have a tree-mendous Christmas, even if that might look a little different this year. That's why Wakefield Council have put together the Holly-days at Home family pack, to help people stay safe and stay jolly this Christmas season. With a cracking party playlist, festive films, candy cane crafts and plenty more inside – it's sure to be lots of festive fun!

You can download the family pack at: <https://bit.ly/HollydaysAtHome>

### **Unplanned School Closures - Snow**

This information is always on the weekly letter, but it is coming to that time of year when the weather can start to change. Although snow is welcomed by our children it can, as you know, cause issues with schools. We will always aim to notify you 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](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 and 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.

### **Free School Meals – Vouchers for the Christmas Period**

The council are working on trying to provide a voucher scheme for FSM for over the Christmas period.

If you are eligible for FSM, please ensure your details held by the council are up to date, including your current and correct address. Please contact the council directly on 0345 850 6506 regarding any changes.

### **New starters – Reception September 2021**

If your child is due to start in September 2021 and you would like a virtual tour/meeting of the school please contact Mrs Judd or Mrs Edgar in the school office on 01924 303680 to join our next meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm.

**To apply for a school place, please visit:**

**<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/schools/admissions/reception>**

**The online system opens for applications on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020.**

If you need any help, please do not hesitate to contact school. Please pass this information on to anyone else you know who requires a school place for September 2021. Thank you.

### **Coronavirus Update**

#### **Wakefield to move into Tier 3 (Very High Alert) from 2nd December**

Tier 3 is the strictest set of restrictions and reflects the high rate of infection in the area.

The Tier 3 restrictions that will apply to Wakefield are slightly different to the ones we communicated last month, prior to the national lockdown.

In Tier 3;

You must not meet socially indoors or in most outdoor places with anybody you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble, this includes in any private garden or at most outdoor venues.

You must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in some other outdoor public spaces, including parks, beaches, countryside accessible to the public, a public garden, grounds of a heritage site or castle, or a sports facility. This is the 'rule of 6'.

It is important to remember that these are unprecedented times. We do our utmost at school to protect everyone in our community and treat everyone with respect. With that in mind, may we remind you to treat everyone with respect in our community outside of school as there have been reports of individuals being unkind to each other and making comments about coronavirus. Comments and accusations will be taken seriously and this would be in breach of our code of conduct for parents/carers. If you have any concerns please report directly to school and we will do our best to help. Thank you.

As a continual reminder, there are a number of parents who work with vulnerable adults and have relatives who are shielding and so to keep everyone as safe as possible may we please remind everyone to wear a face mask/covering when you are dropping your child/children at school and when speaking with staff. As a continual reminder, please be respectful of our neighbours when dropping off and collecting children – please try to keep our neighbours' gates free for access and do not block any driveways. Our local PCSO will continue to be on duty to support.

Thank you to everyone who is complying with the rules – hands, face and space.

#### **Bubble Closures & NHCS Remote Learning Plan**

If a class bubble needs to close due to positive COVID test result, we would contact you via Parent Hub in order for you to collect your child/children or advise you to keep your child at home if we are notified during the evening. If a bubble closed, children would need to remain at home for 14 days. We understand that this will be a difficult time for everyone.

During the closure we will continue to provide remote learning. On the day of closure children can start to use the resource pack which has been sent home, further activities may be posted on Parent Hub. From day 3 of the closure, further remote learning activities will be set. These will be sent out via Parent Hub and also be linked to our school website under the 'Pupil Zone' tab. The website pages will be made available once it has been confirmed that a bubble will need to close. Work will be set daily and it will be an expectation that you return work to school so that it can be marked by class teachers – this can be done via the class email system. Teachers will provide clear explanations for the learning to be completed

at home and links to a variety of resources. We will also be in daily communication via email. We may also contact you by telephone as required.

### **Actions you can take to help**

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.**

Further information regarding COVID-19 can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>School Attendance Matters</u></b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Keeping Everyone Safe</u></b></p> <p>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, Mrs Myton and Miss Land.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Unplanned School Closures</u></b></p> <p>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 and updates on our school website <u><a href="http://www.newtonhill.wakefield.sch.uk">www.newtonhill.wakefield.sch.uk</a></u></p> <p>We will always do our best to stay open, but if for any reason we have to close <b>during the day</b> 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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Our 5 Golden Rules</u></b></p> <p>At Newton Hill Community School, everyone follows our 5 Golden Rules.</p> <p><i>We want everyone to be the best they can be and to 'Reach for the Stars'.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ We will always keep everyone included.</li><li>❖ We will always keep everyone safe.</li><li>❖ We will always keep everyone learning.</li><li>❖ We will always try our best.</li><li>❖ We are always honest.</li></ul>
<p><b><u>Dates for your diary:</u></b></p> <p>The full school calendar for 2020/2021 is included at the end of the newsletter for your information.</p>	<p><b><u>Contact Details</u></b></p> <p>Please ensure we have your up to date contact details (emergency contact details/updates of addresses).</p>

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**INSET DAYS**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July

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







## ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages)

Please see the poster below for ESOL classes – these courses are FREE. Please share this information with anyone who you think would find these useful.

# ESOL For Beginners

<b>Mondays</b> From 28th September	The Ridings 102 Cathedral Walk (near the cinema) 9:30-11:30am	No Class
<b>Tuesdays</b> From 29th September	No class	The Rainbow Café 26 Duke of York Ave Portobello, WF2 7BY 12:30-2:30pm
<b>Wednesdays</b> From 30th September	Ghausia Education Centre, 41a Duke of York St, WF1 3PD 9:45-11:45am <small>* Women only</small>	St Swithuns Community Centre, Arncliffe Rd Eastmoor, WF1 4RR 12:45-2:45pm
<b>Thursdays</b> From 1st October	The Ridings 102 Cathedral Walk (near the cinema) 9:30-11:30am	Balne Lane Community Centre, Balne Lane WF2 ODP 1:00-3:00pm
<b>Fridays</b> From 2nd October	The Ridings 102 Cathedral Walk (near the cinema) 9:30-11:30am	The Ridings 102 Cathedral Walk (near the cinema) 1:00-3:00pm

Classes are open to Wakefield residents aged 19+ who are not in employment\*

For more information contact Karen on 07584 333081, or email [kquigley@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:kquigley@wakefield.gov.uk)

\*Please note Asylum Seekers are not eligible for these classes.

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## Online Safety at Christmas time



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Online safety is an important part of keeping children safe at *Newton Hill Community School*. All pupils are taught about how to stay safe online, but this will only be successful if we work together with parents and carers to help reinforce safe online behaviours at home.

As Christmas draws near, many children may be looking forward to receiving new electronic toys, devices and games, so we'd like to share some simple online safety tips to help parents and carers make safer choices and support their children online over the festive break.

### **Make informed choices:**

It is vital that parents and carers fully understand the capabilities of the technology within their homes. It's important to make informed decisions about new games, smart toys and devices, before giving them to children as a gift.

- Do your research; ask the shop about pre-installed apps or tools, and check whether the device or game has an online component which allows them to connect with others online.
- Always check the PEGI age rating and descriptors on games before buying them for your child and carefully consider whether the content is appropriate for them. CEOP has some helpful advice about making decisions regarding what is 'appropriate' for your child:  
[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child/)
- Familiarise yourself with the privacy, safety and security tools on new devices; ensure you can teach your child how to make their accounts private and how to block and report other people online.

Use the parent guides and shopper's checklists from UK Safer Internet Centre and Internet Matters to help you ask the right questions and make informed choices when buying new technology this Christmas:

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology)  
[www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/guide-to-tech-buying-a-smart-toy-tips-for-parents/](http://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/guide-to-tech-buying-a-smart-toy-tips-for-parents/)  
[www.swgfl.org.uk/magazine/holidays-toys-tech/](http://www.swgfl.org.uk/magazine/holidays-toys-tech/)

### **Talk to your children:**

Take an active interest in your child's online life and engage in the digital world with them.

- Let your children teach you about their online world and how they use technology; playing new games and exploring websites together can often open opportunities to discuss safe behaviour and can also be lots of fun!
- Make sure your children know that you are safe and approachable; remind them that they can tell you if something happens online that makes them feel scared, worried or uncomfortable, without being told off or punished.

You can find more advice about talking to you child about online safety from CEOP:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/having-a-conversation-with-your-child/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/having-a-conversation-with-your-child/)

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## Filters and Parental Controls:

Children can accidentally or deliberately be exposed to unwanted or unpleasant content online, but there are some simple things you can do at home to help minimise this risk.

- Make sure you install anti-virus software, filters and parental controls on your child's device before giving it to them.
- Ensure that you are role-modelling good behaviour by using strong passwords yourself; make them difficult to guess and don't share them with your children.
- Remember that blocks and filters are not 100% effective and you can't rely on them alone to protect your children, so remind them to tell you if they see something upsetting online.

The interactive guide to parental controls available from Internet Matters will have helpful information to help you set up devices:

[www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/](http://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/)

## Setting boundaries:

Much like the 'real world', parents should set boundaries for children online; this provides them with a clear understanding of the limits, expectations and consequences of their behaviour.

- Agree as a family, how the internet and technology will be used in your home; encourage children to use the online safety messages they learn in school and adapt these into your own family rules.
- Discuss online boundaries; for example, if your child loves to chat or share content on the internet, talk to them about what is and isn't appropriate to share online.
- Remember to role-model positive behaviour online; consider asking your child's permission before posting photos of them on social media this Christmas and empower them to have control over their 'digital reputation'. Also, why not make sure you spend time together as a family and set aside some tech-free time over the Christmas break.

Take a look at the family agreement template available from Childnet International for some ideas:

[www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation](http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation)

## Other useful websites:

- [www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety) NSPCC advice and helpline for parents
- [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) - CEOP's advice for parents
- [www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers](http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers) Resources and 'hot topics' for parents from Childnet
- [www.getsafeonline.org/connectedchristmas](http://www.getsafeonline.org/connectedchristmas) Security and technical advice at Christmas from Get Safe Online

We'd like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas, both on and offline.

Thank you.

Mr Paine.



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 = Bank Holidays  
 = School Holidays

Number of pupil days:	195
Less INSET days to be fixed:	5
Total number of pupil days:	190

Class Emails	Class Teacher
<a href="mailto:nursery@newton-hill.org.uk">nursery@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mrs Luck and Mrs Greaux
<a href="mailto:receptiona@newton-hill.org.uk">receptiona@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mrs Neal
<a href="mailto:receptionb@newton-hill.org.uk">receptionb@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Miss Fletcher
<a href="mailto:year1a@newton-hill.org.uk">year1a@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Miss Cannon
<a href="mailto:year1b@newton-hill.org.uk">year1b@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Miss Spence
<a href="mailto:year2@newton-hill.org.uk">year2@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Miss Brook
<a href="mailto:year3@newton-hill.org.uk">year3@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mr Paine
<a href="mailto:year4@newton-hill.org.uk">year4@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mrs Wrench
<a href="mailto:year5@newton-hill.org.uk">year5@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mr Duce
<a href="mailto:year6@newton-hill.org.uk">year6@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mr Sharp