



Newton Hill Community School Update: Term 2 2022/2023



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new school term. It was lovely to see everyone back at school on Tuesday. We have had a wonderful first week back with the launch of our 'Art Week'. The children in every class have produced some stunning work based on different artists.

This term we are introducing a new spelling programme for children in Year 2 to Year 6 called Read Write Inc. Please find attached some additional information for you to read about our new programme. Children in EYFS and Year 1 will continue with the Little Wandle Phonics programme.

As it is the start of a new term please find attached our Parent Code of Conduct for your reference. 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.

Please visit the school website for more information and please do follow us on Twitter. Just follow us @Newton_Hill_Sch or visit https://twitter.com/Newton_Hill_Sch

Kind regards,

Mrs Wheatley

Attendance

Please can you let school know if your child is going to be absent from school.

If we do not know the reason why your child is absent we will follow our procedures - this is a telephone call to all contacts and a home visit. If we are unable to make contact we will refer the absence to the local authority. If you know your child is going to be absent please complete an absence request form (available from the school office). Please note holidays in term time are not permitted. If your child is absent from school please let the school office know as soon as possible by leaving a voicemail through the school telephone system or emailing admin@newton-hill.org.uk. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Meals

School meals for children in Reception and KS1 are FREE. If your circumstances have changed you may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) until Year 6. You can now apply on line at: <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/free-school-meals>. If your child receives FSM the school will also receive additional funding to support your child.

School Uniform

We have lots of uniform in our lost property bins - Please can we ask that all uniform/property is clearly labelled!

Thank you to everyone who follows our uniform expectations. The pre-loved uniform is always available – please contact Mrs Dundas for further information or support. We have a range of uniform – all ages. Please make use of the uniform available - all requests will be dealt with confidentially.

Safeguarding

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 Whelerton, 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/>

If you need support or advice you can contact Wakefield Social Care Direct on 0345 8 503 503. There are other numbers you may find useful on our school website under Safeguarding.



<u>Dates for your diary</u>	<u>Event</u>
School breaks up for half term	Friday 10 th February
Term 2b starts	Monday 20 th February 2023
Year 6 Residential Visit	Monday 20 th -Wednesday 22 nd February
Tuesday 21 st March	9:15am EYFS Parent Workshop (further details will follow closer to the time)
INSET DAYS	Friday 31 st March Thursday 4 th May (Polling Day) Thursday 25 th May Friday 26 th May

Class Emails:

Class Teacher	Year Group	Contact Email
Mrs Luck (Assistant Headteacher/SEND CO) and Mrs Greaux	Nursery	nursery2022@newton-hill.org.uk
Mrs Neal Mrs Austin (EYFS Leader)	Reception A Reception B	receptiona2022@newton-hill.org.uk receptionb2022@newton-hill.org.uk
Mrs Cooke	Year 1	year12022@newton-hill.org.uk
Mrs Darnton (KS1 Leader)	Year 1/2	year1-22022@newton-hill.org.uk
Mrs Buttle	Year 2	year22022@newton-hill.org.uk
Mr Paine (KS2 Leader)	Year 3/4 A	year3-4a2022@newton-hill.org.uk
Miss Mosley	Year 3/4 B	year3-4b2022@newton-hill.org.uk
Mrs Whelerton (Deputy Headteacher)	Year 5	year52022@newton-hill.org.uk
Mr Sharp	Year 6	year62022@newton-hill.org.uk

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For your reference:

Unplanned School Closures – Snow/Adverse Weather

It is the 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 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/ice/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. Thank you.
