



Newton Hill News

We have had another lovely week at Newton Hill. We have all enjoyed the weather this week and have finally been able to use our school fields. A big thank you to all the staff for their continued hard work at school. I hope you are all finally getting into some normality with the new school routines, we would like to say thank you to everyone who is following the government guidance and information from school. It is everyone's responsibility to follow the rules from the government and we need to keep reminding each other of what the rules are and why these rules are in place. We must protect everyone in our community as much as possible.



Thank you to everyone for your messages through the class email system. It would be really helpful if you could send an email to your class teacher so that we have your email contact for the future. If you do not have an email address please contact school on 01924 303680. If there are any other messages for staff e.g. someone different is picking up, then please contact the school on admin@newton-hill.org.uk rather than use the class email.

If you have any questions/concerns please do not hesitate to contact school.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Wheatley



Congratulations to Our Stars of the Week

Nursery – Mason & Phoebe
Reception – All of Lion Class
Year 1A - LaitynJohn
Year 1B Gabriela

Year 2 - Emelia
Year 3 - Maddison B
Year 4 - Leo
Year 5 - Tallulah
Year 6 - Mia

School Updates

School Gates

Polite reminder: Please ensure you respect and follow social distancing rules when waiting to drop off and collect your child. We also ask that when speaking to staff at the school gates you respect the 2-metre distance. Staff will wear visors at the school gates. To reduce the number of people we would like to remind you that it is only one parent/carer at drop off and collection. If you are travelling in a car, please take extra care when dropping off and collecting your child/children. We also ask that you respect our neighbours by not blocking driveways.

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>

Homework

You will have received further information from class teachers regarding homework this week.

Each week information regarding spellings will be sent via Parent Hub. Reading books will also be sent home from week 2.

From week 3, children will receive alternate maths and English homework. English and maths homework will be in separate books to allow marking in line with guidance.

Thank you for your support with all aspects of home learning.

Curriculum

This half term we are focusing on a curriculum recovery period in line with guidance. For this half term children will have 1 PE session which will be outside. We are asking for children to come to school in their PE kit (a plain white T shirt, plain blue/black shorts, a plain tracksuit or plain joggers/jumper and trainers) on their allocated day, more information will follow from class teachers. PE will start next week.

Future closures: Class work will be sent via parent hub and communication will be via the hub and the class email system.

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.

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, Mrs Myton and Miss Land.

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.

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.

Dates

The full school calendar for 2020/2021 is included at the end of the newsletter for your information.

October half term Friday 23rd October

Term 1b starts on Monday 2nd November

Monday 26th July 2021 will be an INSET day

There are 3 more INSET days to be confirmed.

Contact Details

Please ensure we have your up to date contact details (emergency contact details/updates of addresses).

Please contact school either on 01924 303680 or at admin@newton-hill.org.uk if you need to update your details.

Become a Parent Governor

We are looking for a parent to join our Governing Body. School governors play a key role in raising school standards and monitoring performance. They hold senior leadership to account and make important decisions covering issues such as policy making, site management, the school's budget and the curriculum. Governors support the school in a variety of ways in addition to attending governing body meetings. It is a very important and worthwhile job! Anyone can become a governor; the only requirement is that you have the enthusiasm and desire to make a difference.

The Governing Body has undertaken a skills audit and has established that it would be desirable for a new governor to possess skills/experience relating to **Human Resources and/or legal experience**. Please be aware however, that it is not essential that you have these skills in order to become a parent governor. Training and support is available for new and existing governors and is free of charge. There would be an expectation for governors to attend training to develop their skills to support the work of the Governing Body.

School Governors serve for a four-year term of office. However, should your circumstances change, as a volunteer, you can resign at any time. The average time commitment is 10-15 hours per term. This includes meetings, background reading and school visits.

Find out more about school governors at www.becomeagovernor.com

All further information is now on the website. Application forms are to be returned to admin@newton-hill.org.uk and the closing date for this round of nominations is Friday 2nd October.

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

| Class Emails | Class Teacher |
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| nursery@newton-hill.org.uk | Mrs Luck and Mrs Greaux |
| receptiona@newton-hill.org.uk | Mrs Neal |
| receptionb@newton-hill.org.uk | Miss Fletcher |
| year1a@newton-hill.org.uk | Miss Cannon |
| year1b@newton-hill.org.uk | Miss Spence |
| year2@newton-hill.org.uk | Miss Brook |
| year3@newton-hill.org.uk | Mr Paine |
| year4@newton-hill.org.uk | Mrs Wrench |
| year5@newton-hill.org.uk | Mr Duce |
| year6@newton-hill.org.uk | Mr Sharp |