



Ready for Learning - Ready for Life - Reach for the Stars

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Newton Hill News

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you on behalf of St. Catherine's Church for your generous donations as part of our Harvest celebrations. Here are a few photographs of our Harvest donations and activities from the last two weeks. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back after half term. Our favourite song (and yours too we are sure!) 'Conkers' will hopefully return next Harvest time. Have a lovely half term everyone and once again thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Wheatley



If you have any questions/concerns please do not hesitate to contact school or class teachers via the email system.

Congratulations to Our Stars of the Week

Nursery - Anniyah
Reception A - Anna
Reception B - Aton
Year 1A - Asia-May
Year 1B - Phoebe

Year 2 - Benjamin
Year 3 - Jack
Year 4 - Lucas
Year 5 - Farah
Year 6 - Mason

Headteacher's award - Kevin (Year 2)

Update from Mrs Dundas – Our Learning Mentor

Hello Parents/Carers,

My first 2 weeks have gone really well. I have managed to meet most children within school. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone more once we return after the half term holidays.

Wakefield Early Help have provided a website for activities during the holiday period. It is aimed at all age groups from: 0-5 years, 5-11 years, 11-16 years including 16+

Link: <http://earlyhelp.wakefield.gov.uk/>

Remembrance Day - A challenge!

We would like to encourage ALL our pupils to try and make/model anything waterproof in regards to a poppy. This can be done over the half term. This can then be displayed on the main gates for everyone to see and enjoy. Please make sure you add your child's first name to the project. Good Luck!

For more information you may wish to take a look at <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>

Enjoy the half term. Stay safe.

Mrs B Dundas



Update on Interventions and Focussed Teaching

We have already started to implement targeted interventions and after half term further additional interventions will be in place during the afternoon sessions. Where possible children will remain in their class bubbles/areas however, after half term some children may use shared areas for specialist teaching and additional interventions. In line with government guidelines we will keep these groups separate through seating arrangements minimising contacts between children as this will still offer public health benefits as it reduces the network of possible direct transmission. Adults will also endeavour to remain 2 metres from the children. Most adults leading the interventions are staff that already work with the children in their class bubbles.

Just so that you are aware, in line with guidance, all teachers and other staff can operate across different classes and year groups in order to facilitate the delivery of the school timetable. Supply teachers, peripatetic teachers and other temporary staff can move between schools. When doing this they minimise contact and maintain as much distance as possible from other staff, we have staff bubbles in place. Specialists, therapists, clinicians and other support staff for pupils with additional needs can still provide interventions as usual. It is stated in government guidance that where staff need to move between classes and year groups, they should try and keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can, ideally 2 metres from other adults. Again, we recognise this is not likely to be possible with younger children and teachers in primary schools can still work across groups if that is needed to enable a full educational offer. Our risk assessment is shared with visitors before they work in school.

Government guidelines state that schools should assess their circumstances and if class-sized groups are not compatible with offering a full range of subjects or managing the practical logistics within and around the school, they can look to implement year group sized 'bubbles'. Whatever the size of the group, they should be kept apart from other groups where possible and older children should be encouraged to keep their distance within groups.

For the second half of the Autumn term and in line with guidance, we will implement a year group bubble for **Year 1**. This will enable further targeted interventions for English, maths, reading and phonics, it will also help with logistics at drop off/pick up and lunchtimes. We will keep strict records of groups so that we can identify close contacts should we have a positive case in school. We recognise that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group. Please be assured that everyone's safety is our priority, however we also want to ensure every child reaches their full potential.

Interim Reports

To replace our consultations this term, we will be sending home an interim report in December. Please contact your class teacher via the email system if you have any concerns regarding your child or if you would like to speak to your class teacher.

Coronavirus Update

Please continue to wear a mask or face covering when collecting/dropping off on school premises. This also applies to older children who are collecting. You must still keep a safe distance from other parents/carers and staff (2 metres) when waiting to collect/drop off. Thank you to everyone who is complying with the rules – hands, face and space.

NHCS Remote Learning Plan

If a class bubble needs to close due to positive COVID test result, we would contact you via the parent hub in order for you to collect your child/children. 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 – these have been sent out this week (please keep these activities in a safe place), 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.

School Gates

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>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>School Attendance Matters</u></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;"><u>Keeping Everyone Safe</u></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;"><u>Unplanned School Closures</u></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>www.newtonhill.wakefield.sch.uk</u></p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Our 5 Golden Rules</u></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"> ❖ 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.
<p><u>Dates</u></p> <p>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</p> <p><u>INSET DAYS</u></p> <p>Monday 7th September Monday 4th January Monday 7th June Monday 26th July 2021 will be an INSET day</p> <p>There is one more INSET day to be confirmed – we are awaiting information regarding Polling Day in May.</p>	<p><u>Contact Details</u></p> <p>Please ensure we have your up to date contact details (emergency contact details/updates of addresses).</p> <p>We require at least 2 emergency contacts for your child/children in school.</p> <p>Please contact school either on 01924 303680 or at <u>admin@newton-hill.org.uk</u> if you need to update your details.</p>

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
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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
nursery@newton-hill.org.uk	Mrs Luck and Mrs Greaux
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