



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another lovely week at Newton Hill. The children have enjoyed Forest School sessions outside despite the weather turning chilly this week and Year 6 have made some stunning Egyptian Masks. Mrs Qureshi has joined our admin team as Mrs Bashforth is now on maternity leave and this week we have welcomed back Mr Smith who will once again be leading maths interventions with children in KS2. Next week, please remember it is Bank Holiday Monday on 3rd May followed by an INSET day on Thursday 6th May as our school is used as a polling station. We appreciate it is not ideal to have an INSET day in the middle of a week, but this is out of our control.

Unless you have prior authorisation please do not use the school car park e.g. late dropping off at school. If you use Newts you may use the car park between the allocated times and use the visitor spaces. Please do not use the disabled bay unless you have a blue badge or block the entrance where other vehicles entering the site. From next week, if you are late arriving to school and need to use the front entrance you will need to complete a late form. Just a continued polite reminder to be respectful of our local residents when dropping off and picking up, especially if you are using a vehicle.

It is vitally important that you do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell. If you are unsure, please contact school for advice before sending your child to school. You must not send your child to school if they are showing any signs of the following symptoms: a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

Please continue to follow social distancing rules at pick up/drop off and always wear a face covering.

Dates

School will be closed on Monday 3rd May for Bank Holiday and Monday Thursday 6th May for an INSET day.

Future INSET DAYS: Monday 7th June, Monday 26th July (school is closed to all children on these days)

Thank you for your continued support. Kind regards,
Mrs Wheatley

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Nursery – Anniyah
Reception A – Isabella
Reception B – Grace
Year 1A – Seth
Year 1B – Freya

Year 2 – Lola-Mae
Year 3 – Evie
Year 4 – Ellis
Year 5 – Aminah
Year 6 – Jack

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 are always honest.
- ❖ We will always keep everyone's property safe

Learning Mentor Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further support or advice.

Mrs Dundas - Learning Mentor

Packed Lunch Boxes

Just a reminder that only cold food and drinks can be brought to school in packed lunch boxes. We are also unable to heat any food from packed lunch boxes at school. If you would like to try hot school meals, please contact the school office.

Hot School Meals

If your child has a hot meal at school, we will be encouraging all children to choose at least one vegetable option with their meal. The salad bar and fresh homemade bread is available every day.

Bubble Closures & NHCS Remote Learning Plan

If a class bubble needs to close due to positive COVID test result, we will 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 10 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 activities will be posted on Parent Hub and these will also be sent by the class email system. Activities will also be linked to our school website under the 'Pupil Zone' tab, this 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. There will be links to pre-recorded videos however there will not be any scheduled live learning sessions. We will keep you updated through parent hub and may also contact you by telephone as required.

Covid-19: Actions you can take to help

Please 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.

Keeping Everyone Safe

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, Mr Duce, Mrs Luck, Mr Paine, Mrs Dundas, Mrs Myton and Miss Land.

Operation Encompass

We are an Operation Encompass school. Operation Encompass is a partnership between police and schools. One of the principles of Operation Encompass is that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified.



It's a very uncertain time for many of us, but particularly for those with an abusive partner. This is why domestic abuse remains a priority during the Coronavirus outbreak.

If you're in immediate danger call 999, or call 101 if you'd like to make a report. For advice, help and support WDDAS are here to help. Please call **0800 915 1561**. Please note this line is open **8:30am – 5pm Monday – Thursday and 8:30am - 4:30pm Friday**.

#SilentSolution

If you're in immediate danger and need to call the police but feel as though it's not safe for you to speak, you can use the **#SilentSolution**.

Call **999** as usual and after you've heard the automated message which starts with 'you are through to the police' press **55**.

The police will then know it is not safe for you to speak, and will ask you questions which you can answer through your key pad.

West Yorkshire Police have also created a simple online form to allow you to report domestic abuse, as an alternative to speaking on the phone. The information you provide will be dealt with in the same way as any other report of domestic abuse. [You can find the form here.](#)

You may find this website useful:

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/adults-and-older-people-services/domestic-abuse>

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. You can help by making sure your child is at school on time every day.

Unplanned School Closures

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 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/Senior Teacher will always stay on site until all children have been collected.

Newts Information/Update

During adverse weather conditions, various considerations need to be assessed to see if school can open safely – for example the number of staff members who can get to work safely, site safety and access. If there are any occasions of adverse weather (snow) conditions in the future, 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 members of staff able to travel to school safely. Messages will be sent to all parents as reminders should this be the case and we will always give advance notice if weather warnings are issued. 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.



Dates for your diary:

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

Dates

INSET DAYS

Monday 7th September

Monday 4th January

Thursday 6th May

Monday 7th June

Monday 26th July

Contact Details

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

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 if you need to update your details.

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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
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