



Newton Hill Community School



Update: Term 2 2022/2023 w/c 23.1.2023

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

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing with an update on events that are taking place this half term.

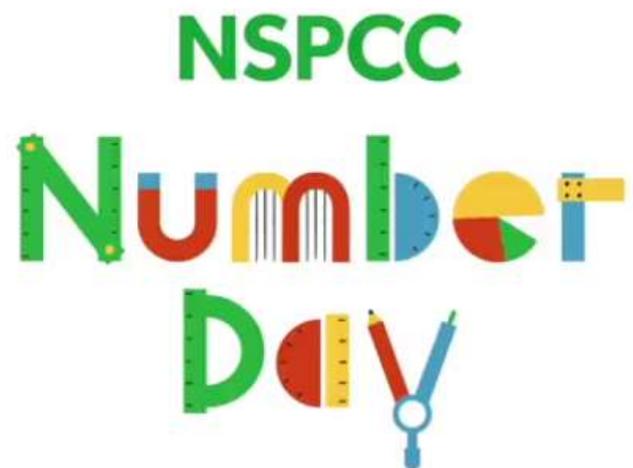
Wellbeing Coffee Morning – Tuesday 31st January

On Tuesday 31st January 9:00-10:00 there will be an open coffee morning in the school hall. There will be some information for you to take away and we will have a visitor from the Early Help Hub who will explain what is available for parents to access in Wakefield. This is an informal session for you to have a coffee and a chat with other people. The hall doors will be open after drop off.



NSPCC Number Day - Friday 3rd February

We will be taking part in Dress up for Digits. The day will be fun-filled with different maths activities and games, while raising awareness for Speak out Stay safe and Childline. Children can come to school dressed as a digit or in something associate with numbers/non-uniform. We are excited to see your creations – there is no need to buy anything, for example why not wear a bright t-shirt with different number badges from birthdays?



Children's Wellbeing Week 6th-10th February

This year's theme for Children's Mental Health Week will encourage children (and adults) to look at how we can make meaningful connections.



Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. **Let's Connect** is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week - and beyond. For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding, and meaningful ways.

Friday 10th February – Dress to Impress Day (Optional non-uniform)



Update/Information from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported. UKHSA advice remains clear that children can continue to attend as normal unless they are unwell and have a high temperature. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved. Please report this absence to school.

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading. We are reiterating these messages at school.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent. Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus.

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>
Whole school celebration – Chinese New Year	w/c 23 rd January
Wellbeing Coffee Morning for parents/carers	Tuesday 31 st January 9:00-10:00 Please use the hall doors after drop off.
NSPCC Number Day	Friday 3 rd February An optional non-uniform day where children can wear something to represent numbers.
Children's Mental Health Week	Monday 6 th -Friday 10 th February Friday 10 th February – we would like to invite all children to dress to impress by wearing something that represents them. This is a non-uniform day and it is optional.
Interim Reports	W/c 6.2.2023 Children in Year 1 to Year 6 will receive an interim report.
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/SENDCO)	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.
