



## Newton Hill News

### Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Nursery	Evie
Reception	Erin
Year 1	Joseph
Year 2	Hargun
Year 3	Aleena
Year 4	Ellie
Year 5	Leon
Year 6	Kyza
Headteacher's Award	Ava, Joban, Lucy (Y6)

### EYFS

#### Nursery:

This week in Nursery we have started to learn the songs for our Nativity. The children have done a great job at learning the words and actions and we are looking forward to performing them to our friends and family.

#### Reception:

This week we have been thinking about our emotions and writing sentences about how we feel. The children have also been learning about the concept of subtracting in maths!

### Year 1

In Year 1, we have been learning how to mix flour, salt and water together to make salt dough. The children are making some salt dough decorations for the Christmas fair. We are hoping to paint them and decorate them, next week!



### Year 2

This week Year 2 have been learning about the Arctic and Antarctica. We have been learning where different animals live and how the animals have adapted to live in cold conditions. We have also completed our Ndebele art work, using bright, vivid colours to create patterns.



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## Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been combining our Computing and RE lessons to create a poster about how different religions worship God. We have also been learning how to add two 3-digit numbers together using the column method in Maths. We have then applied this skill to solving reasoning problems.

## Year 4

This week Year 4 have been painting winter scenes. First, we used permanent marker to draw bare trees. Next, we used oil pastels to draw a snowy ground. Then, we used watercolours to create the background and watched how this resisted the oil pastels and looked at the reaction it created. We will be making mini versions of our winter scenes to sell as decorations at the Christmas Fair.



## Year 5

Year 5 have been using their problem solving skills to find the perimeter of some particularly tricky compound shapes. They were then challenged to draw their own compound shapes which had to be a certain specific size.

## Year 6

This week Year 6 have been continuing to use their art skills and think about shade and proportion when sketching self-portraits, as well as completing their Mayan Masks.

## Christmas Nativity and Assembly Dates

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Nativity at 9:30-10:15
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December EYFS Nativity at 9:30-10:15
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Carol Concert 9:15-9:45

Doors will open at 9:00am. Please wait at the ramp entrance (Y3/4 Cloakroom door) at the front of school. Refreshments will be on sale from 9:00am. To ensure that we can accommodate everyone in our school comfortably and safely, each child will be allocated two tickets.

## Sports Update

Congratulations to our under 11 rugby team who came 4th out of 9 schools. The team showed fantastic skill, composure and fitness levels.



## 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.

**The school doors open at 8:50am. School gates open at 8:40am.** If you need any support, Miss Hargreaves our learning mentor will be happy to help. Please help us to ensure our attendance is the best it can be. Thank you for your continued support.

Our Whole School Target is 96%	
Whole School 2019/2020	95.75%
Nursery	95.25%
Reception	96.22%
Year 1	95.68%
Year 2	95.41%
Year 3	96.30%
Year 4	94.07%
Year 5	95.97%
Year 6	96.67%

Attendance	Days Missed Over a Year
100%	0
95%	10
90%	20
85%	30
80%	40

**If your attendance is under 95%, you are missing at least two weeks of learning time a year.**

**If your attendance is at 90%, you are missing four weeks of learning time.**



## School Council Message

We are raising money for wet playtime activities. Can you help? We wondered if you have any unwanted board games, Lego or colouring books that you could send to school. Thank you!

E-Safety: Goldilocks - this is a free downloadable book from Vodafone (as well as an activity sheet). It's an amusing take on the Goldilocks story with a twist about responsible sharing. The storyline aimed at very young children and use of social media.

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/goldilocks>

## Dates for your diary 2019/2020

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December FOTS Christmas Fair at 3:30pm
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Nativity at 9:30-10:15
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December EYFS Nativity at 9:30-10:15
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day (donations for Save the Children)
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Carol Concert 9:15-9:45
- **UNAVOIDABLE CLOSURE Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – this will be an unavoidable school closure for the snap general election. Apologies for any inconvenience.**
- INSET DAYS: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May (Polling Day), Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

## POLITE REMINDER:

Please drive slowly and take extra care if you are dropping off/picking up in a vehicle. Also, just a reminder to be considerate to our neighbours when you are dropping off and picking up in a vehicle. Please do not use the garage opposite school. Thank you.

## 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.



## 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](http://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.

## 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, Miss Hargreaves, Mrs Myton and Miss Land.**



## Contact Details

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

Please call in at the school office or contact school either on 01924 303680 or at [admin@newton-hill.org.uk](mailto:admin@newton-hill.org.uk) if you need to update your details.

***If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. You can speak to class teachers at the end of the day or you can make an appointment if you prefer. We are here to help. Thank you for your continued support.***