

Ready for Learning - Ready for Life -

Newton Hill Community School Update

Term 1 2023/2024 25 09 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Further dates for this half term are below:

<u>Dates for your diary</u>	<u>Event</u>
INSET Days 2023/2024 (School is closed on the following days).	Monday 4 th September Monday 20 th November Friday 22 nd December Thursday 2 nd May (Polling Day) Monday 22 nd July
Monday 2 nd October	3:30-4:00pm RSHE Open/Drop-in Session
Tuesday 3 rd -Friday 6 th October	School Book Fair – 3:30 after school each day
Thursday 5 th October	Individual and Siblings (in school) Photographs
Monday 9 th October	3:30pm Y6 Robinwood Residential Meeting (Y6 classroom)
Tuesday 10 th and Wednesday 11 th October	3:30-5:50pm Parent Consultations – Nursery to Year 6 A letter with further information will be sent shortly.
Wednesday 25 th October	Year 1 Parent Workshop 9:00-11:00 – in the hall *Further details will follow from the KS1 team
Thursday 26 th October	Year 2 Parent Workshop – in the hall 9:00-11:00 *Further details will follow from the KS1 team
Break up for Half Term	Friday 27 nd October
Term 1b starts	Monday 6 th November
Wednesday 15 th November	5:00-6:00pm Open evening for prospective parents for September 2024 intake. Please contact the school office to book a place.



Monday 20 th November	INSET Day – school is closed to all children
Thursday 21 st December	School breaks up for Christmas
Friday 22 nd December	INSET Day - school is closed to all children
Monday 8 th January 2024	School re-opens Term 2

Keeping Everyone Safe - Road Safety

In assembly and classes this week we will be talking about keeping everyone safe and discussing road safety, in particular when travelling to school. We have had a number of complaints from local residents, particularly from East Street and Newton Ave, regarding their driveways being blocked and cars turning around causing potentially dangerous situations at drop off and pick up. Residents have also reported hostile behaviour when they have asked people to move their cars. As a school we ask that you always find a safe place to park if you are arriving by car. This may be parking a little further away from school and walking to the school gate. I hope you agree that it is everyone's responsibility to keep everyone safe. Thank you to everyone who already walks to school and parks in an appropriate place.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions or concerns.

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 with you, 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. Following Local Authority guidance, penalty notices may be issued for holidays taken in term time. 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.

Free School Meals

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>. There is no difference for how children order or receive meals if they are eligible for FSM. If your child receives FSM (Reception to Year 6) the school will also receive additional funding to support your child. Children in receipt of FSM also received confidential support with educational visits.

School meals for children in Reception and KS1 are FREE – this is part of the universal free school meal offer.

School Uniform

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 also contact Wakefield Social Care Direct on 0345 8 503 503. There are other numbers you may find useful on our school website under Safeguarding.

Mental Health Team

We have a number of staff members who are mental health first aiders who can offer advice and support for your child and you. Please contact the school if you would like any support.



Class Teacher	Year Group	Class Email – for communication about learning
Mrs Luck (Assistant Headteacher/SENDCO) and Mrs Greaux (job share)	Nursery	nursery2023@newton-hill.org.uk
Mrs Neal	Reception - Lions	receptiona2023@newton-hill.org.uk
Mrs Austin (EYFS Leader)	Reception – Tigers	receptionb2023@newton-hill.org.uk
Mrs Cooke	Year 1	year12023@newton-hill.org.uk
Mrs Darnton (KS1 Leader)	Year 1/2	year1-22023@newton-hill.org.uk
Mrs Buttle	Year 2	year22023@newton-hill.org.uk
Miss Bellas	Year 3	year32023@newton-hill.org.uk
Mr Paine (KS2 Leader)	Year 3/4	year3-42023@newton-hill.org.uk
Mrs Wrench & Miss Mosley (job share)	Year 4	year42023@newton-hill.org.uk
Mrs Whelerton (Deputy Headteacher)	Year 5	year52023@newton-hill.org.uk
Mr Sharp	Year 6	year62023@newton-hill.org.uk

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- = Bank Holidays
- = School Holidays
- = UK Parliamentary, West Yorkshire Combined Authority Mayoral and District Council Elections (schools will need the authorisation of the Returning Officer if they are to be used as a Polling Station and wish to remain open on this day. Otherwise schools used as a polling station should be closed for INSET). Schools not used for election purposes may arrange alternative closures for INSET. Individual schools may decide the dates of the remaining 4 INSET dates.

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