



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

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### Newton Hill News

Thank you for all the feedback you are providing, we really do appreciate hearing all the positives too. You will be aware that I sent out our Parent Code of Conduct earlier this week, I think it is really important that we work together, especially in these difficult times. The staff are working incredibly hard and as a school we are doing our utmost to provide services/provision in addition to adhering to government guidelines. We are always willing to help and to have professional conversations with you. As the rules and restrictions remain in place from the government, we are still in difficult times. We must keep reminding each other of what the rules are and why these rules are in place. We must protect everyone in our community as much as possible. Please help by maintaining and encouraging a 2-metre distance between other parents and carers.



If you haven't done so already please could send an email to your class teacher so that we have your email contact for the future. If you do not have an email address please contact school on 01924 303680. If there are any other messages for staff e.g. someone different is picking up, then please contact the school on [admin@newton-hill.org.uk](mailto:admin@newton-hill.org.uk) rather than use the class email.

If you have any questions/concerns please do not hesitate to contact school on 01924 303680 or [admin@newton-hill.org.uk](mailto:admin@newton-hill.org.uk)

Have a lovely weekend everyone.  
Mrs Wheatley

### Congratulations to Our Stars of the Week

Nursery – Jasper  
Reception – Bella & Joshua  
Year 1A – Emily  
Year 1B – Tahlia

Year 2 - Joseph  
Year 3 - Amelia  
Year 4 - Jamie  
Year 5 - Jason  
Year 6 - Freya

### Individual School Photographs Purple Cow Photography

Individual photos will take place on **Thursday 8th October.**

Unfortunately, there will be no photographs taken with siblings at this time, however the company will be offering a discount on ordering for families. Photographs this year will be carried out in a safe way with social distancing measures in place. All proofs will be sent out after being kept sealed for at least 72 hours. All orders will be made online directly with the photographer to avoid cash being handled in school. Any orders after the deadline will incur a £5 postage fee as the photographer can only carry out one visit to school to drop off photographs. All photographs again will be kept sealed for a minimum of 72 hours before being handed out to parents/carers.

### School Census Day Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October

The funding school receives is partly based on the number of school meals we have on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October.** We would therefore like to invite everyone to have a school meal next Thursday.



If your child is in EYFS or KS1 this is a free meal, so why not take a day off making a packed lunch? For KS2 children there would be a cost to your meal but every meal ordered will help the school receive more funding.  
Thank you in advance for supporting school.

## **School Updates**

### **Could you be eligible for Free School Meals?**

Attached to the newsletter is the application form regarding Free School Meals. If you are eligible please complete the form. Once completed please hand this form into school or send to: Wakefield Council, Children and Young People, Free School Meals, Room 42, County Hall, Wakefield WF1 2QL or alternatively e-mail to [hst@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:hst@wakefield.gov.uk). If you have any queries please phone Wakefield Council on 01924 305061 or contact the school.

#### **Did you know?**

- *Children entitled to Free School Meals received £15 each week during school closures.*
- *Children received £105 over the summer holidays as part of the COVID Summer Food Fund*
- *If you are entitled to FSM and you have to isolate – our school meals provider (ISS) will provide food hampers*
- *School also receives valuable additional funding which we can use to support your child.*

### **School Gates**

Thank you for your cooperation with the new system for collecting KS2 children. We hope that this has alleviated some congestion on Fourth Avenue. 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>

### **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.

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

### 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.

### 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.

### Dates

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

October half term Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Census Day Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Individual Photographs Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Term 1b starts on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 will be an INSET day  
There are 3 more INSET days to be confirmed.

### Contact Details

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

Please 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.

### Become a Parent Governor

We are looking for a parent to join our Governing Body. School governors play a key role in raising school standards and monitoring performance. They hold senior leadership to account and make important decisions covering issues such as policy making, site management, the school's budget and the curriculum. Governors support the school in a variety of ways in addition to attending governing body meetings. It is a very important and worthwhile job! Anyone can become a governor; the only requirement is that you have the enthusiasm and desire to make a difference.

The Governing Body has undertaken a skills audit and has established that it would be desirable for a new governor to possess skills/experience relating to **Human Resources and/or legal experience**. Please be aware however, that it is not essential that you have these skills in order to become a parent governor. Training and support is available for new and existing governors and is free of charge. There would be an expectation for governors to attend training to develop their skills to support the work of the Governing Body.

School Governors serve for a four-year term of office. However, should your circumstances change, as a volunteer, you can resign at any time. The average time commitment is 10-15 hours per term. This includes meetings, background reading and school visits.

Find out more about school governors at [www.becomeagovernor.com](http://www.becomeagovernor.com)

All further information is now on the website. Application forms are to be returned to [admin@newton-hill.org.uk](mailto:admin@newton-hill.org.uk) and the closing date for this round of nominations is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

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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
<a href="mailto:nursery@newton-hill.org.uk">nursery@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mrs Luck and Mrs Greaux
<a href="mailto:receptiona@newton-hill.org.uk">receptiona@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mrs Neal
<a href="mailto:receptionb@newton-hill.org.uk">receptionb@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Miss Fletcher
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