

Ready for Learning - Ready for Life -

Newton Hill Community School Update - Term 2 2023/2024

June 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Just a reminder of the key dates for Term 3b and an update regarding attendance and penalty notices from Wakefield Council.



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

### Summer Fair

We hope to see you on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at our summer fair which starts at 3:30pm. Your help would be greatly appreciated to set up and to run stalls. Please contact the school office FAO Mrs Neal if you can offer to help.

Thank you.

### Sun Safety

Please ensure you apply sun cream to your child before school. Children can bring a named roll-on sun cream (no aerosols/pumps or sprays) to apply at school. Please remember to send a water bottle every day and a sun hat. We will monitor the weather and if required we will take breaks inside or in the shade.

### Fitness Fortnight & Sports Days

**We ask that for Sports Days children wear their PE uniform kit which is a plain white T shirt and plain blue/black shorts.**

As the children will need their PE kit throughout the Fitness week children may wear other **plain** shorts and T-shirts if needed. Further details will follow from each Key Stage.

Please use the gate on **Fourth Avenue** for entry to school. Please note that no other gates will be open. Please do not use the main entrance or the school car park. The gate will be open after lunchtime ends at 1:10pm. You may wish to bring your own chairs/rugs.

Children will also need a water bottle, a sun hat and sun cream. If it rains, sports days will have to be postponed due to health and safety. We will endeavour to rearrange these dates should this be the case. We have our fingers crossed for lovely weather.

### Entry to School

Unless you have prior permission, please do not use the car park/main entrance for drop offs/pick up due to safeguarding. School doors are open at 8:50 and close at 9:00am. The gates remain open until 9:10am. If you use the main entrance, you will be required to complete a form and arrivals at the main entrance will be monitored. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Forms

There is a new page on the school website under 'Parent Zone' which has useful forms and information.

## **School meals September 2024**

From September, school meal prices will be £2.55. As a school, we will continue to subsidise the meal cost.

## **General Election Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July due to our school being used as a polling station for the general election. Apologies for any inconvenience, this is out of our control.

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Children and Young People

## **PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING!**

With the introduction of the New National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### **PENALTY NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED FOR**

**Term time leave:** Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days  
**10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period:** A Penalty Notice may be considered/issued when a pupil has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week\* period.

\*School Week's

### **PER PARENT/PER CHILD**

Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent per child.

For example: 3 Siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

### **FIRST OFFENCE**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of issue, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days\*\*.

### **SECOND OFFENCE** (within 3 years of the First Offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days (no reduced fee for paying early).

(\*\*Unpaid Penalty Notice's after 28 days may result in a parental prosecution)

### **THIRD OFFENCE** (within 3 years of the First Offence)

On the third time that an offence is committed for either a Term Time Holiday and / or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may proceed straight to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.

<u>Dates for your diary</u>	<u>Event</u>
INSET Days 2023/2024 (School is closed on the following days).	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May (Polling Day) Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Opens for Term 3b
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	NHCS Summer Fair 3:30pm
Week commencing 17 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS & KS1 Fitness Week
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Sports Day 1:15pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	KS1 Sports Day 1:15pm
Week commencing 24 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Fitness Week
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	LKS2 Stone Age Visit (Y3/4, Y4 and Y3)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Sports Day - 9:15am
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day 1:15pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July at 9:30 and a repeat show on Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July at 5pm	Year 6 Performance (Y6 Parents & Carers)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	School closure day – additional Polling Day for the general election
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30 am Year 6 Final Assembly (Y6 Parents & Carers)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School breaks up for summer
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET Day

# Assessment Calendar

Below are the key dates for statutory assessments in school.

Year Group	Dates	Assessment
1	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonic Screening Check
4	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June -Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Multiplication Times table Check6

This is the approved calendar for 24/25.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September will be an INSET day. Four further dates will follow.



## APPROVED SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024/25

August 2024							September 2024 (21 Days)							October 2024 (19 Days)							November 2024 (20 Days)						
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- = Bank Holidays
- = School Holidays
- = There are currently no scheduled elections although schools are asked to consider reserving an INSET day in case of any unscheduled 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

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wheatley

# For your reference:

## 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](mailto: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, please contact school as the application process is changing. 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.

## Our Local Community

Just a polite reminder to park safely and to be respectful to our local residents when picking up and dropping off particularly on Newton Avenue and East Street.

Thank you.



## **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, Miss Land and Mrs Bashforth.

<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.

## **Keeping Safe Online**

You may find the following sites and information useful:

[Keep Children Safe Online: Information, Advice, Support - Internet Matters](#)

[What is the metaverse? - What parents need to know | Internet Matters](#)

[Social Media Checklists | SWGfL](#)

## **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.



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