

Ready for Learning - Ready for Life -

Newton Hill Community School Update

Term 1 2023/2024

Dear Parents & Carers,



Welcome back to a new academic year at Newton Hill and a warm welcome to all our new families who have joined us in Reception and Nursery. School updates will be sent out each half term in addition to on-going messages and reminders through parent hub. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or email admin@newton-hill.org.uk. You can also visit the school website for more information.

Parent & Carer Feedback – Summer Reports 22/23

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned parent/carers feedback forms. We were overwhelmed by your lovely messages and positive comments. We look forward to working in partnership with you again this academic year.

Parent Code of Conduct

As we start a new academic year, I would like to share with you and remind you of our parent code of conduct which is attached for your reference. At Newton Hill Community School, we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly community. Our parents/carers recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents/carers, class teachers and the school community. As a partnership, our parents will understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we continue to welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in the life of our school. The purpose of this

policy is to provide a reminder to all adults (parents, carers and visitors) about the expected conduct. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

Class Email System – Expectations

The class email system is available for parents and carers to communicate with class teachers regarding learning. All emails to class teachers should be of a professional nature regarding learning. Any other communication should be directed to the admin@newton-hill.org.uk which will then be sent to the appropriate member of staff. Please note that as class teachers are teaching you will not receive an immediate response, if required you will be contacted within three days. Due to our commitment to staff having a work-life balance, class emails will not be responded to outside of the school working day. Class emails will not be responded to at weekends or during school holidays. If there are changes to who is collecting your child from school, please notify the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Class Organisation for 2023/2024

Class Teacher	Year Group	Class Email – for communication about learning
Mrs Luck (Assistant Headteacher/SEND CO) 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	year1-22023@newton-hill.org.uk
Mrs Darnton (KS1 Leader)	Year 1/2	year12023@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

RSHE Curriculum Open Session – Year 1 to Year 6

On Monday 2nd October 3:30-4:00pm we will be holding an open/drop-in session for parents and carers to view resources we use in our RSHE Curriculum. You will be able to visit your child's class/classes during this session. RSHE is Relationships, Sex and Health Education. Primary schools are not required to provide sex education but do need to teach the biological elements contained in the statutory science curriculum. However, at NHCS we do offer additional sessions in Year 6 before children transition to secondary school. Parents/carers are informed in advance of these sessions which are delivered in collaboration with professionals from the school nursing team.

RSHE is taught within the Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education curriculum. Biological aspects of RSHE are taught within the Science Curriculum. Relationships education focuses on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships including: families and people who care for me, caring friendships, respectful relationships, online relationships and being safe

For more information about our RSHE curriculum please visit our website where you will find the RSHE policy.

School Meals

Just a reminder that the CH & CO school meal price is now £2.45. As a school we continue to subsidise this cost. Please note your account needs to be in credit in order for your child to order a meal.

<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
Start of Term 1 23/24	Tuesday 5 th September
Tuesday 12 th September	Pre-loved uniform available at 3:00pm in the school hall.
Monday 2 nd October	3:30-4:00pm RSHE Open/Drop-in Session

Thursday 5 th October	Individual and Siblings (in school) Photographs
Break up for Half Term	Friday 27 nd October
Term 1b starts	Monday 6 th November
Monday 20 th November	INSET Day – school is closed to all children
Friday 22 nd December	INSET Day - school is closed to all children
Thursday 21 st December	School breaks up for Christmas
Monday 8 th January 2024	School re-opens Term 2

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.

On Tuesday 12th September our pre-loved uniform will be available in the hall from 3pm, the gates will be open at 2:55pm. There will be an optional donation box and all contributions will go to our school fund.

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.



APPROVED SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023/24

August 2023						
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July 2024						
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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