

November 2023

Please see some additional dates below and information regarding school closures due to adverse weather.

<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 13 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day – school is closed to all children
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety Awareness Week
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	CH & CO Cooking event with our school council representatives.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Wellbeing Coffee Afternoon Join us at 2pm for an information session about anxiety. Future in Mind (FIM) will be delivering the session. Team Around the School (TAS) professionals will also be attending the meeting to offer any advice and support. We hope you will be able to attend the session, please use the main entrance door.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00-11:00am Year 3 Parent Workshop
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Children can wear a Christmas jumper (non-uniform day) to raise funds for Save the Children.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00-11:00am Year 4 Parent Workshop

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30-10:00 KS1 Christmas Show More information and ticket information will follow. This will be a ticket only event due to our hall capacity.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	9:15-9:45 Year 3 & Year 4 Carol Concert More information and ticket information will follow. This will be a ticket only event due to our hall capacity.  <i>*Year 5 &amp; Year 6 will host an end of year performance in July 2024.</i>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	9:15-9:45am EYFS Christmas Song Medley (Nursery & Reception) More information and ticket information will follow. This will be a ticket only event due to our hall capacity.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School breaks up for Christmas
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	INSET Day - school is closed to all children
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School re-opens Term 2

### **Unplanned School Closures – Snow/Adverse Weather**

It is coming to that time of year when the weather can start to change. Although snow is welcomed by our children it can, as you know, cause issues with schools. We will always aim to notify you of any closures at the earliest opportunity and appreciate that this may be at short notice.

In the unlikely event of a school closure, for reasons out of our control, we will contact you via Parent Hub. We will also display messages/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 via Parent Hub, and information will be displayed on our website. A member of the Leadership Team will always stay on site until all children have been collected.

## **Newts Provision – Adverse Weather**

During adverse weather conditions, various considerations need to be assessed to see if school can open safely – for example the number of members of staff who can get to work safely, site safety and access.

Therefore, if there are any occasions of adverse weather (snow/treacherous conditions), Newts provision will not be open for breakfast club. This is to allow sufficient time for school to assess if school can open safely and if there are enough staff able to travel to school safely.

Messages will be sent to all parents via Parent Hub as reminders should this be the case and we will always give advance notice if weather warnings are issued. We will aim to notify you by 7am should this be the case. We will always try to stay open during adverse weather conditions and school may offer a later opening time rather than a full closure depending on the circumstances.

Thank you for your continued support this half term. 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](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.

## **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.



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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