



## Newton Hill News

<u>Congratulation to our Stars of the Week</u>	
Nursery	Eden
Reception	Ena
Year 1	Maddison B
Year 2	Bradley
Year 3	Jake
Year 4	Prisha
Year 5	Joban
Year 6	Aaliyah
Headteacher's Award	Macurley (Y2) Jasmine (Y4)

### EYFS

#### Nursery:

In Nursery we have been exploring our new home corner and the resources within it. We enjoyed talking to our visitor Miss Bugg about what she does around school and in our classrooms to keep us safe and clean.

#### Reception:

This week we have been learning about pirate riddles and creating our very own. We ended our topic with a fabulous pirate party where we played pin the patch on the pirate, shark attack and went on our very own treasure hunt!

### Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been learning about length and height during maths lessons. The children have been using non-standard units (e.g. cubes and hand spans) to measure objects. The children have also started to learn how to use a ruler when measuring in centimetres.

### Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been learning about recounts. We have been thinking about who, what, where, why and how questions. We also enjoyed visiting Wakefield Cathedral this week as part of our RE topic.



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## Year 3

We won!! Well done to Year 3 on their fantastic efforts at their benchball tournament against St John's. The children showed great skill on the pitch and great sportsmanship after the game. I am a very proud teacher!

## Year 4

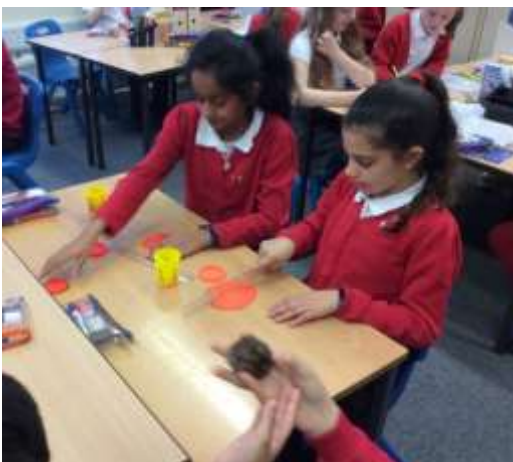
This week we were visited by Samaritans. We discussed lots of different friendship scenarios. They offered advice, spoke about questioning and what we can ask people if they are feeling upset. We produced a picture about who we can talk to if we are feeling upset and activities we do that make us happy.

## Year 5

Year 5 have been learning how to add and subtract decimals which have different amounts of decimal places. We have used our place value knowledge to help us solve different reasoning and problem solving questions.

## Year 6

This week year 6 have been learning relaxation techniques to help us look after our mental well-being. We used a number of physical resources to help us relax and discussed how they can help us both at school and at home.



Thank you to everyone who made a donation for comic relief.

We raised £133.00!

# Our Year 3 and 4 Parent Workshop



## Nursery Provision:

I am delighted to tell you that our Nursery classroom is being refurbished. It is anticipated that our nursery children will be able to return to the main school shortly after the Easter holidays. Thank you for your patience.



**Thank you to  
everyone who came  
to the school disco.  
We have raised  
£180.00 for school.**

## Friends of the School News (FOTS)

FOTS is a group of people (staff and parents/carers) who work together to organise events to raise additional vital funds for school such as the Summer Fayre, Christmas Fayre, non-uniform days etc. Mr Paine is the staff representative who meets with FOTS each month.

FOTS meet on the 1st Monday of every month at 3:30pm at school. We are holding an Easter egg decorating competition, which all children are welcome to enter. A letter with more information will follow.

The next meeting will be on Monday 1st April. We are always looking for new representatives to join FOTS. If you can help in any way we would love to hear from you. Come along for a coffee and see what we do!

## 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 are currently meeting our school's target of 96% and we need your help to improve our attendance figure. You can help by making sure your child is at school on time every day.

**The school doors open at 8:50am. School gates open at 8:40am.**

If you need any support, Miss Hargreaves our learning mentor will be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Our Whole School Target is 96%	
Whole School 2017/2018	95.53%
Whole School 2018/2019	96.00%
Nursery	94.01%
Reception	94.75%
Year 1	96.14%
Year 2	95.35%
Year 3	95.53%
Year 4	96.68%
Year 5	97.44%
Year 6	95.97%

### Dates for your diary

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Year 3 & 4 Spring Performance. There will be two showings: 9:15am and 2:15pm (more information will follow).
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – FOTS meeting at 3:30pm
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May will be our final two **INSET days** (on 3<sup>rd</sup> May our school will be used as a polling station). Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May is Bank Holiday.

**Parent Workshops:** Further dates will follow for parent workshops.

### **Parent/Carer Feedback:**

We would like to encourage you to visit [parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) to complete our parent/carers survey online. You will need to register online to access the survey. Instructions are provided on the website. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Twitter:**

We are very excited to have launched our Twitter page!

Please follow us @Newton\_Hill\_Sch

You do not need a twitter account to follow us, simply visit the school website to see the tweets!





### School Uniform and PE Kits

Just a polite reminder that our school uniform is black trousers/skirt, white polo shirt, red jumper/cardigan and black shoes. Hair accessories must be red, black or white. Earrings must be plain studs that can be removed for PE. Please remove nail varnish for school.

PE Kits needs to be in school every day – children will need black/navy shorts and a plain white T-shirt. Y1 to Y6 children will also need black/dark blue tracksuit (long joggers and jacket/jumper) for outside and outside trainers. PE sessions are taught inside and outside. Thank you.

### 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.



### 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.

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

***Visit NSPCC for your guide to social networks, apps and games.***

### Contact Details

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

Please call in at the school office or 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.

***If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. You can speak to class teachers at the end of the day or you can make an appointment if you prefer. We are here to help. Thank you for your continued support.***