

July 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

We can hardly believe we are at the end of the academic year. It has been a busy half term and as always, the children have worked extremely hard. We hope you enjoy reading your child's report this week.

We would like to wish our Year 6 children and families all the very best as they start a new chapter in their life. We would also like to say congratulations to Year 6 for their end of year results – as a school we achieved above national data in all areas.

As you know, Ofsted came to visit this week. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your positive comments and messages. We look forward to being able to share the report with you when we receive it in September.

Summer Fair

Thank you for all your support at our summer fair. The FOTS team will share the plans for the funding in the Autumn term.

Entry to School

Please note 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.

Parent Governor Update

Mrs N Glover will continue to be a parent governor. Mr D Ryan will also join as our second parent governor.



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

<u>Dates for your diary</u>	<u>Event</u>
INSET Days 2023/2024 (School is closed on the following days).	Monday 22 nd July
Friday 19 th July	School breaks up for summer
Monday 22 nd July	INSET Day
Monday 2 nd September	INSET Day
Thursday 29 th September	Parent Information Session led by Future in Mind (FIM) with a focus on 'Sleep'. Start: 2:15pm
Friday 25 th October	INSET Day
Friday 20 th December	INSET Day
Thursday 8 th May	INSET Day (Polling Day)

***Please note there is one more INSET day to be set.**

Wishing you a wonderful summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 2nd September. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wheatley

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 19th 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.

August 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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September 2024 (21 Days)						
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October 2024 (19 Days)						
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November 2024 (20 Days)						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

December 2024 (15 Days)						
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30	31					

January 2025 (20 Days)						
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February 2025 (15 Days)						
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24	25	26	27	28		

March 2025 (21 Days)						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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April 2025 (11 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May 2025 (16 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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June 2025 (21 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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July 2025 (16 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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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

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. 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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