

New Mills Primary School  
 Newsletter No. 2  
 Friday 28 September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

**Announcing the creation of New Mills Primary School Sculpture Park!**

Next week everyone will be working hard to create amazing sculptures for our very own, and first NMPS Sculpture Park. All junior classes visited the Yorkshire Sculpture Park in July and were so inspired that they decided to create their own artistic installations in our school and show them in a NMPS sculpture park..

The theme that the children are working on is recycling of plastic. The children will learn some skills from Mrs Gell; as a professional artist she will be helping the children develop their artistic and creative skills.

They will be using the plastic bottles brought in from home to create pieces of art. Once completed, these will be installed all around our school grounds. The children will also produce a guide to the Sculpture park that you may like to buy when you visit! You may see some recycling superheroes too!!

Please come along and see all their great work for yourself on Friday 5 October anytime from 2.00-4.00..... you are welcome to come along with family and friends and with your own children after school. Entrance fee of £1 only & guides for 50p only. Children free!

**C Whetstone - Head teacher**

**The next newsletter will be on Friday 12 October ....by email!!**

**DEAR: Drop Everything and Read**

This is a new initiative to encourage everyone in our school to read for pleasure.

The aim is for all pupils to develop a lifelong love of reading.

Children are encouraged to bring your own choice of book/magazine into school to read every Thursday during DEAR time. All staff will be joining the children by reading their choice of book too.

**Attendance Target 97%**

A reminder that the target for your child's attendance is 97%.

We monitor all attendance closely and will contact you directly if attendance is slipping below this target. Please do your very best to ensure that your child is at school every day possible. Thank you.

**School Lego Day:** by popular demand we have booked our annual Christmas Lego day. NMPS School Council are finding ways to raise the funds for this.

**Arts Mark Silver Award:**

You can see from the announcement at the top of the newsletter that our creative arts focus for 2017-2018 continues. As a result of all the hard work last year we are delighted to have been awarded a National Silver Arts Mark. We are going for Gold this year!

**Sports Kit for School**

Please make sure that PE kit is in school every day (for details see the school website). Children are encouraged to leave their kit in school, bringing it home at half term for a wash. **We would like all pupils to wear trainers** for all outdoor PE and Games. These can be bought very reasonably (with Velcro!) at Asda/Tesco for around £8. **Remember to label too!**

**School Data...some great headline news from across the entire school in the end of year data 2017-18.....**

Y6 pupils achievement at expected standard in Sats tests in Reading, Writing and Maths was 74% compared with 61% nationally. In all individual subject areas the Y6 pupils achieved above national average scores too; significantly so in Reading (83% compared with 72% national).

In Y2 Reading, Writing and Maths, in Y1 phonics and in Reception Good Level of Development achievements are also above national average. Great news across the school. You will find the result in more detail on our school website shortly.

**Reception Reading Event ...this week**

We hope that everyone found this information session helpful. If at any time anyone would like to talk to a member of staff about working at home with your child...reading, writing or maths...please get in contact. We are always happy to talk to you; to pass on some tips or ideas or share resources to use at home. Don't forget that every child should read for around 10-15 minute every night...this can be reading together or sharing a favourite book too..

**Jeans for Genes Day**

**Many thanks for your kind donations from the annual jeans day. We raised £ 132.65!!**

**PTA or FONMPS....**

A huge thankyou to FONMPS for arranging the McMillan coffee after school...and thank you for so many parents for your support. There will be a sale of cakes in school. You will have raised over £220 for this great charity.

**Driving and Parking in Meadow Street, PLEASE DON'T PARK!**

We ask all parents, family and friends not to drive into Meadow Street for drop off or collection. ...even if it is raining. There are no enforceable parking restrictions as this is an un-adopted road. Please park on the Adult Ed car park or the Town Hall car park at these times with no charge.

**It is everyone responsibility to keep our pupils safe. Thank you.**

**NM Community Orchard apple day is 30 September 2-4 in High Lea Park. Free entry!**

**Community Events**

**UK Sports Activity camps in school holidays**  
[info@uksportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@uksportscoaching.co.uk)

**Dates for your Diary (September - December).... Something to look forward to**

Monday 1 October	NMPS Sculpture park week
Friday 5 October	Christmas card design return day
Thursday 18 October	Y2 class trip to Jodrell Bank
Monday 22 October -25 October	Y6 residential trip to Lea Green
Tuesday 23 October	Y3 trip to Pooles Cavern
<b>Friday 26 October</b>	<b>School closed for staff Inset day</b>
	<b>Half term</b>
Monday 5 November - 7 November	Y5 residential Kingswood trip
Tuesday 13 November	Parents evening 3.30-6.30 (all classes)
Thursday 15 November	Parents evening 3.30-6.30 (not Y2)
Friday 17 November	Children in Need day
Monday 10 December	KS1 Christmas performance dress rehearsal
Tuesday 11 December	KS1 Christmas performances 2.00 and 6.00
Thursday 13 December	Y3/4 Christmas concert with NM band in Town Hall
Friday 14 December	Christmas jumper day
	Lego day: whole school
Wednesday 19 December	Christmas party KS2
Thursday 20 December	Christmas party KS1
Friday 21 December	Last day of term (normal end of school day)

**Inset days 2018-19 are 3.09.18, 4.09.18, 26.10.18, 24.6.19, 22.7.19**

**Don't forget.....!**

Swimming

- Mondays Y5

After Schools Clubs

- Make it Create it Wednesday 3.15-5.00
- Dodgeball Wednesday 3.15-4.30

Music Lessons in School

- Guitar Thursday
- Cello Thursday
- Brass (Y4 only) Wednesday
- Woodwind Friday
- Viola/violin Friday

Breakfast Club in school term time every Friday 8.30 am in the school hall.

