

New Mills Primary School  
 Newsletter No. 3  
 Friday 12 October 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

**The first New Mills Primary School Sculpture Park!**

What a great success! I am delighted that so many parents, family members and friends came to visit the Sculpture Park in our school grounds last week.

Children and staff were great artists, turning our used plastic bottles and trays into wonderful pieces of art.

Everyone was inspired by the many messages we have all seen recently about plastic pollutions in the oceans and many of the children's sculptures had sea creatures and watery inspired links. It was clear to us that the children at NMPS all want to make a difference and do their part to recycle and protect their world for us all. Many thanks for your support and enthusiasm from home as always.

**C Whetstone - Head teacher**

**The next newsletter will be after half term ....by email!!**

**DEAR: Drop Everything and Read**

Don't forget to bring in something from home to read on DEAR Thursdays.

If you would like to volunteer a little of your time in school you could listen to children reading to you...always a great pleasure. Please let us know in the office and we can arrange the important Safeguarding checks for volunteers. Thank you.

**Attendance Information:**

We are delighted to announce that school attendance is up!! Please remember that your child only has to miss a couple of days each term to fall below the school target of 97% attendance for every child. (National average attendance is 96%). Of course, if you take your child out of school for a holiday in term time their attendance will be well below school and national expected levels. Remember that holidays in term are not authorised and you may receive a financial penalty from DCC.

**PEGS: Peak Edge Group of Schools**

This is a group of 13 local schools including Nurseries, all Primary schools and New Mills Secondary School. Already this term staff from all our schools have met to discuss how we can continue to improve the teaching and learning of Maths, English, Science, EYFS, SEND pupils. Our TAs and office staff meet to offer support around new challenges as do the Deputy Head and Head teachers. The Y6 pupils have visited the High School for a bonding day and groups of pupils in Y6 are receiving master classes too.

**Sports Kit for School....**reminder that earrings must be removed before all PE/Games sessions in school and staff are not permitted to help with this. Please remove earrings before school on PE days. Thank you

**Sale of old reading books....** There is a large collection of old Junior reading books on sale in Miss Whetstone's office. 5 for 50p. All proceeds for new books!!

**PTA or FONMPS (Friends of New Mills Primary School)**

The AGM for our parent and staff group will be held at **the Masons Arms on Tuesday 6 November at 8.00**. We invite you to come along and meet the new committee, to offer your support whenever you can and to get involved. The FONMPS work hard to raise extra cash to support school trips, music lessons and to purchase resources in school. School budgets are extremely tight. Unfortunately, this has led to significant cuts to some essential purchases. Your help with fund raising will really help all our pupils.  
**Please come along....Tuesday 6 November at 8.00 pm.**

**Harvest Festival Donations - Mon 15 Oct to Fri 19 Oct**

Please make donations of food for the New Mills Helping Hands charity...we are collecting in school next week. The charity would especially like UHT milk, fruit juice, squash, coffee, tinned fruit, tinned meat meals and pasta sauce. Thank you for your support.

**NMPS School Council Elections**

Pupils in Y4/5/6 will be electing their School Council representatives for 2018-19 next week. All pupils in these year groups are invited to consider standing and have brought home a sheet to fill in for the hustings next week. Pupils will listen to their thoughts and ideas and there will be a secret vote for a girl and boy in each class. Papers will be counted and results announced before the half term break. Y3 reps were elected before the summer break. All application forms must be returned to school by **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018**.

**Spooky Bake off...Important Information - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct**

£1 entry for 6 cakes or biscuits.  
 FREE cake for all who enter!  
 Prizes for KS1 & KS2  
 Please bring loose change for cake sale after school!!  
 AND!  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Halloween disco KS1 5.30 - 6.30 & KS2 6.45 - 7.45 pm

**Announcing the dramatic successes of a past pupil...**

Alfie will be on stage playing 'Oliver' a member of the Romiley Operatic Society in March 2019. Tickets on sale now!

**Don't forget to collect your blue Tesco tokens for school at the Whaley Bridge store!!**

**Community Events/Information**

UK Sports Activity camps in school holidays or check their website - [info@uksportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@uksportscoaching.co.uk)

DCC Secondary transfer application deadline is 31 October 2018.

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

Monday 15 - Friday 19 October	Harvest festival - food donations for our local food bank (see flier for more info)
Wednesday 17 October	Halloween bake off plus cake sale
Thursday 18 October	Y2 class trip to Jodrell Bank
Thursday 18 October	Halloween disco KS1 5.30 - 6.30 & KS2 6.45 - 7.45 pm
Monday 22 October -25 October	Y6 residential trip to Lea Green
Tuesday 23 October	Y3 trip to Poole's Cavern
<b>Friday 26 October</b>	<b>School closed for staff Inset day</b>
	<b>Half term</b>
<b>Wednesday 31 October</b>	<b>Closing date for secondary school applications</b>
Monday 5 November - 7 November	Y5 residential Kingswood trip
Tuesday 6 November	PTA AGM 8pm The Masons NM
Friday 9 November	Bikeability level 1 Y3/Y4
Tuesday 13 November	NHS Flu immunisation day
Tuesday 13 November	Parents evening 3.30-6.30 (all classes)
Thursday 15 November	Parents evening 3.30-6.30 (not Y2)
Thursday 15 - Weds 21 November	Book fair in school at 3.15 pm
Friday 16 November	Children in Need day
Tuesday 20 November	Photographer in school - individual photos only
Thursday 22 November	Reception trip to Chatsworth
Friday 23 November	Non uniform day for chocolate tombola
Friday 30 November	Bring a bottle for tombola & board games in the afternoon in school
Thursday 6 December	Xmas fair 5- 7 pm
Monday 10 December	KS1 Christmas performance dress rehearsal
Tuesday 11 December	KS1 Christmas performances 2.00 and 6.00 pm
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 Y3 Tuesday PM AND Guitar Y4-Y6 Thursday AM
- 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.

Parent & toddler group term time every Friday 9-11 am in the school hall - £1.50 including refreshments & activities.

**Recycling in School** - we collect used stamps, batteries & small printer cartridges/old mobile phones. Please bring them to the school office foyer☺