

New Mills Primary School
 Newsletter No. 5
 Friday 23 November 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

Telescopes and Star Spotting!

I am delighted to announce that NMPS now has 4 new large star spotting telescopes. They were donated by a local charity to help us encourage our young people to get interested in astronomy. They are available for you to take home (and do your star spotting at night!). Why not take one home to see what you can find out about the planets and stars above New Mills!
 You can have them at home for 2 or 3 weeks...see what you can spot and tweet your observations through the school Twitter account. I would ask that a parent come to collect the telescope; they are not heavy but in large boxes. Miss Moody will sign them out for you.

C Whetstone - Head teacher

The next newsletter will be Friday 7 December....by email!!

PEGS: Peak Edge Group of Schools; Pupils Award

The children all learnt this week about the new PEGS Childrens Award! This is a new initiative in PEGS schools. Children will be given a set of challenges to complete each year...these are physical, creative, community, leadership and environmental challenges.there are similarities with the Duke of Edinburgh award. More details about this in the New Year.

Christmas Dates!

Please take a good look at the diary dates. All Christmas events and activities listed there!

Thank you to everyone who donated chocolate for the tombola at the Christmas Fair today. Next Friday 30 November is **not non-uniform** day but instead we are having a 'bring a bottle to School' day and all children will be playing board games in the afternoon.

Y3/4 Christmas performance with NM Band.....reminder!

At NM Town Hall on Thursday 13 December 6.00-8.00 pm. The children will be singing and performing with the Band too! Tickets are just £5 and include a drink and mince pie. Please collect your tickets from the school office week beginning 26th November...100 available!
 (More information about specific arrangements to follow.)

Children in Need - Friday 16th November

Many thanks for your kind contributions for this...we raised £276.79 and had a lot of fun too!

PTA or FONMPS (Friends of New Mills Primary School)...an important message from the team!

More helpers are desperately needed to help run this great event. We need helpers to set up, helping on stalls and cleaning up at the end of the evening.

Please get in touch through the school office to volunteer an hour during the evening. Thank you.

New Reading Books in KS2 and around school!

We are delighted to announce that there will be a whole set of new reading fiction for pupils (mostly in KS2) on shelves from January. The new books are arriving and will be put into colour bands...the new banding system allows the children and their teachers a wider choice of reading books at specific learning stages...more books and more choice means more enjoyment of reading!

Many thanks for your support of the School Book Fair this week. We were able to pick 50 free books for school from the book fair people. Thank you and enjoy your books.

Dinner Money for this Term.....

Lunch is £2.10 a day. Cost for the whole term is £73.50. Please pay through Parent Pay where possible.

Breakfast club on Fridays from 8.30...50p for toast and a drink.

Thank you to everyone who came to the book fair - the total sold in books is £642.00, which raised £321.00 in books for school!!

School Trips....it has been a busy week for pupils and staff on school trips this week.

Reception class went to Chatsworth park to experience a nativity with real animals in a chilly stable. At the same time Y5 were in Manchester art Gallery building a model of the Parthenon and discovering much more about Greek Gods through art.

The best way to find out what the children are busy doing is to follow the school on Twitter!

Community Events/Information

NM Christmas lights switch on...Friday 30 November at the Town Hall. Free and all welcome
 Mums & Toddlers Christmas party...Friday 21 December from 9.15 am in the school hall.

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

Wednesday 28 November	Photograph proof return date Reception activity morning - NM Leisure Centre
Friday 30 November	Bring a bottle for tombola & board games in the afternoon in school
Monday 3 December	Christmas tree arrives in school ☺
Tuesday 4 December	Y6 Trip to Veolia Recycling Plant
Thursday 6 December	Christmas fair 5- 7 pm....please come along!
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 - £1 donation please Lego day: whole school
Monday 17 December	Y4 Trip to Manchester Science Museum
Tuesday 18 December	School carol service 10.00; all welcome at Mellor Road Church
Wednesday 19 December	Christmas party KS2
Thursday 20 December	Christmas party KS1
Friday 21 December	Last day of term (normal end of school day) and toddlers Christmas party.

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 (**on Tuesday 27 Nov for 1 week only**)



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☺

