

New Mills Primary School
 Newsletter No. 6
 Friday 7 December 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

This is the last newsletter of the year...Happy Christmas everyone from everyone at NMPS...have a wonderful family Christmas and New Year. We look forward to hearing all about it in January 2019!

When we return to school, there will be some staffing changes. Miss Haque will teach Y1 while Mrs Adams is on her maternity leave and Miss Done will teach Y2 while Mrs Clarke is busy being the acting Head teacher. I will be working in another DCC school as Head from January to Easter/ 3 days a week. I will see everyone on Mondays and Tuesdays with Mrs Clarke being HT for the remainder of the week. This is an exciting time for everyone; wonderful new staff joining our team and some additional time for the Senior Leadership team to work on School Improvement actions.

Our very best wishes to Mr and Mrs Adams as we all wait to hear some exciting news about their baby and to everyone at this festive time.

C Whetstone - Head teacher

The next newsletter will be Friday 18 January ...by email!!

Telescopes and Star Spotting...Reminder

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.

Christmas Dates!

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

Party Time!

Staff will be in touch by text to ask for donations for the party tea!
 KS1 get a visit from Father Christmas too!
 KS1 Thursday 20 December
 KS2 Wednesday 19 December
 Come to school in party dress - letters will come home soon!

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.
Tickets are now sold out!
Please see the letter that came home for the specific arrangements.

Christmas Fair with FONMPS (Friends of New Mills Primary School).....many thanks to the staff and parents who worked so hard to put on this annual favourite.

Christmas Jumper Day your child can wear their Christmas jumper to school on **Friday 14 December; we are raising money for Save the Children £1 donation.**

Lego Day...Friday 14 December...£3 donation please.

The children will create a wonderful Winter wonderland Christmas village out of Lego. Come along after school to see for yourself!

Carol Service... Tuesday 18 December at Mellor Road Church

The Carol Service will start at around 10.00. (Children will be walking to the church in their classes.) They will sing all their wonderful carols to you, Y6 will tell us the Christmas story and Reception will make up a table showing us the Nativity. We invite family and friends along to join us. The space is very limited in Church although we always find a way to fit everyone in! Many thanks to Alison and everyone at the church for making us so welcome every year.

Trips

Y4 have been especially busy; they have been to see the Archimedes Screw and to Mellor Road Church to find out about Christmas with members of the church.
 Y6 have been to see how our rubbish is recycled at a recycling plant in Mansfield.
 Please keep an eye on the texting service for our reminders!

Christmas Lights Switch on.....

Yet again the celebrity switching on the lights was from NMPS...well done Elsie is Y6 for winning the opportunity to do this through winning the art competition.

Christmas Trees at St Georges.....

Have you been to see our school entry? It was made with a print of everyone's hand and put together by Mrs Williams and Y5.
 Thankyou....the message is....
 "Our tree is made of many hands; all unique
 Our school is made of many people; all unique
 Together we form a masterpiece."

HPKC Film Night £2: KS2 pupils are invited to come along to our Christmas film night on Tuesday 18 December. Drink and popcorn too! The film will start at 3.30...finishing time to be arranged as soon as HPKC have selected the film! Watch this space!!

Community Events/Information

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
Friday 30 November	Reception activity morning - NM Leisure Centre
Monday 3 December	Bring a bottle for tombola & board games in the afternoon in school
Tuesday 4 December	Christmas tree arrives in school ☺
Thursday 6 December	Y6 Trip to Veolia Recycling Plant
Monday 10 December	Christmas fair 5- 7 pm....please come along!
Tuesday 11 December	KS1 Christmas performance dress rehearsal
Thursday 13 December	KS1 Christmas performances 2.00 and 6.00 pm
Friday 14 December	Y3/4 Christmas concert with NM band in Town Hall
	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.

Monday 7 January 2019 **First day of new term.**

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 - **last one is Monday 10 December**

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 - **last one is Friday 14 December.**

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☺

