

New Mills Primary School  
 Newsletter No. 8  
 Friday 1 February 2019



Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have had very snowy and icy conditions. We always do our best to keep our playgrounds safe and accessible to the children, as they love to play outside in the snow. Please help us by ensuring that your child has appropriate warm clothing i.e. coat and gloves etc and that they have suitable footwear for going out in the snow. Please make sure that all boots/wellies are named and that your child also has their normal school shoes to wear inside school.

We are all looking forward to Reading Month, which starts on Monday 4th February. Please look in your child's book bag for more details and don't forget to send in those photos of your child or you and your child reading in an unusual place. Happy reading everyone!

**C Whetstone and S Clarke - Head teachers**

**The next newsletter will be Friday 15 February ....by email!!**

**Parking & Driving to School**

Our neighbours in Godward Road are concerned that some of our parents are parking and leaving engines running at drop off and collection times. There is a lot of evidence around diesel pollution and its harm to young children with studies finding very high levels of pollution around schools. Could you walk to school? Can you make sure that your cars are not affecting the pollution levels around our school?

**Snowy Conditions Reminder....**

We will always do our best to stay open in snowy weather....we only close if there are not enough staff or if it is not safe for pupils to be in school. Please look out for text messages if snow is forecast during the day. High Peak Radio will announce school closures in the morning. Thank you for your support.

**Reading Month & New Reading Books**

Reading Month will begin on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February. The children will be set a challenge to read their school-reading book with an adult at home every day for a month. We hope that this will encourage you to read with your child most nights.

**Please remember to send in a photo of either your child or you and your child reading in an unusual place. We hope to make a fabulous display of all your pictures.**

**Recent Trips/Visits**

**Outdoor Activity Afternoon**

Three children from Year2 took part in an outdoor activity afternoon at Newtown Primary school last week. The children had to work as a team with children from other PEGs schools to build a space station using bricks and other materials.

**Year 5 visit to The Velodrome in Manchester**

All the children enjoyed this experience .Maisie wrote..."The talented cyclists zoomed past at the speed of light as the colossal crowd went wild. World records were broken, people fell off their seats with excitement, suspense spilling out of them."

**HPKC Film Night...Tuesday 12 February**

Our HPKC reps will be running another film night. They will be showing Paddington 2....this is a PG certificate (mild threat) so please check that your child is allowed to watch this. The film will end at 5.10. Please collect children from Y3 door. Only £1 with drink and popcorn.

**World Book Day**

World Book Day is on March 7<sup>th</sup>. It would be great if your child came to school dressed as a character from a book. There will be prizes for the most creative costumes. The children will take part in various class based reading activities, which we hope will make this a fun day for everyone!

**Red Nose Day**

We will be selling red noses for £1.25 from Monday 11 March. No change can be given in the office - sorry! We will let you know what the red nose day event will be in the next newsletter ☺

**Scooter Sponsored Duathlon**

This will be on Friday 1 March raising money for books for school, more info will follow in the next newsletter. Please look out for sponsor forms in book bags too!

**Class Newsletters**

Look out for class newsletters sent by email. If you have a question or concern about your child please talk to your child's teacher.

**Easter Colouring Competition**

The school kitchen are running their annual colouring competition & entry forms will be coming home with your child. All entries decorate the kitchen entrance. Prizes to be won for KS1 & KS2 & will be given out in assembly on Friday 5 April. **All entries to be in school by Tuesday 2 April 2019.** Happy colouring!! ☺

**Community Events/Information**

Disley Library Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 4-5pm are holding a Harry Potter Book Night. Ring the Library for more details and to book a place. 01625 374717

Dates for your Diary (January -Easter).... Something to look forward to!

Monday 7 January	First day of Term 3
Tuesday 15 January	HPKC meeting
Wednesday 6 February	Year 4 Brass concert 1.30.pm
Tuesday 12 February	HPKC Film night 3.15
Friday 15 February	NO parents & toddlers this week
Monday 18 February	Half term holiday week
Thursday 28 February	Y5/7 transfer day (Y5s to NMS) new date
Thursday 28 February	High Peak sports Awards evening
Tuesday 5 March	HPKC meeting
Thursday 7 March	World Book day
Friday 15 March	Red Nose Day ☺
Tuesday 19 March	Parents evening 3.30-6.30
Thursday 21 March	Parents evening 3.30-6.30
Thursday 21 March	World Poetry Day
Wednesday 10 March	Y3/4 Arts afternoon with PEGS schools
Friday 12 April	Last day of Term 4
Monday 29 April	First day of Term 5



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

**Inset days 2019-20 are 03.09.19, 04.09.19, 25.10.19, 13.03.20, 22.06.20**

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

Swimming

- Mondays Y5 - last one is Monday 11 February

After Schools Clubs

- Make it Create it Wednesday 3.15-5.00
- Dodgeball Wednesday 3.15-4.30
- Ninja (KS1 only) 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☺