

New Mills Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers

Our whole school China project. ...what a great success. A special mention must be made about our very own terracotta army...photos on twitter. There is a display showing samples and photos of all the work that happened around school. Come and have a look at parents evening. Many thanks to many parents for their contributions and for making visits to china Town. The children loved telling us all about it.

A change to attendance monitoring!

The Governors have decided that the minimum target for attendance for all pupils in our school is 97%. We know that for our children to achieve their full potential they must be in school (and on time) between 100-97% of the school year. I will be monitoring this closely for all pupils. I am, however, fully aware that attendance may fall below this level if your child is ill or if there are important reasons why they are not in school.

To help you as parents ensure that your child keeps to this minimum level of attendance we will give you information about your child's attendance 3 times a year (instead of once). The class teachers will give you this at the parents evening in November and March and in the end of year report in July.

Any attendance below 91% will be classed as persistent absence. If this happens, I will invite parents into school to discuss how this can be improved. Please work with us to help your child make the best progress possible every day. Thank you.

Finally a very special thank you to all our wonderful pupils and staff for all their hard work before and during the Ofsted inspection this week. The lead inspector asked that I thank you for all your welcome and participation in the inspection process. The extreme weather did not affect the running of the school on Wednesday morning even though it did cause problems on Thursday and Friday. The Inspector will now produce her report; you will receive a copy as soon as it has been checked, by Ofsted.

C Whetstone - Head teacher

The next newsletter will be on Friday 13 April 2018; by email

<p>Parent/Pupil Writing homework...Feedback from Teachers</p> <p>Many thanks to so many parents and pupils for taking part in our writing/homework task. It is great to see so many pupils enjoying completing writing tasks at home with you. I will be showing some examples to our school Governors when we next meet.</p>	<p>Easter Egg Colouring Competition</p> <p>There is still time to take part!</p> <p>The school kitchen running an Easter colouring competition. Your child will be bringing home a design tonight. Please return all entries to school by <u>Thursday 15th March</u>. All entries will be on display in the school hall! Prizes for the best entry for KS1 & KS2!!</p>
<p>Reading Month</p> <p>We are in the middle of our annual reading month. Everyone has brought home a reading challenge signup sheet for you to log their reading at home. There will be great prizes for pupils completing the challenge...given out in the last week of term.</p>	<p>Sports Relief at NMPS: 19-23 March 2018</p> <p>Please find information about this (and the sponsor form) in book bags next Friday. A whole week of Sports Relief activities is planned!</p>
<p>World Book Day.....new date.....Thursday 22 March 2018</p> <p>Come in your costumes to see if you can win a prize for best costume or most convincing argument for a favourite character.</p> <p>Mums & Toddler Request - do you have any small musical instruments you would like to donate? Please send them in! Thank you</p>	<p>Parents Evening; the note of your appointment time is in book bags today! Please arrive 5 minutes early for your appointment to check your child contacts and sign the rolling programme (local visits form.) Please also take the parent questionnaire home with you to fill in and return to school by Thursday 22 March 2018.</p>
<p>Important information about Parent Governor elections this week.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation in this election...there were 147 votes cast.</p> <p>The result was that Sarah Heyes and Chris Grove have been elected as Parent Governors and will sit on the Governing Body for the next 3 years. Many thanks to all candidates for standing for this election. It is wonderful to see that so many parents are interested in giving up their time to support our school.</p>	<p>FONMPS (PTA) and the Co-op</p> <p>Did you know that our parents have raised over £600 by signing up to NMPS!! If you haven't.....please do this now https://www.coop.co.uk/membership</p> <p>Take part in the Art adult choir - come along on Tuesday 20 March to see what it's about and if you like the look of it- sign up for the Summer term! ☺ 7.45 to 10 pm at New Mills High School.</p>

The Week Ahead at New Mills Primary School

Monday 12 March	Individual woodwind lessons with Judith - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Y5 Swimming Parents evening (3.30-6.30 pm)	Monday 19 March	Prizes for reading challenge this week. Individual woodwind lessons with Judith - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school LAST Y5 Swimming (Y4 swimming starts after the Easter hols) Y3/4 dress rehearsal (pupils only)
Tuesday 13 March	Dance after school club	Tuesday 20 March	Dance after school club Y3/4 School Performances at 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm
Wednesday 14 March	Take Part in the Art after school club Dodgeball after school club Parents evening (3.30-6.30 pm)	Wednesday 21 March	Take Part in the Art after school club Dodgeball after school club
Thursday 15 March	Y4 Music lesson please ensure your child brings their instrument to school. Individual guitar lessons with Rob - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Little Learners after school club	Thursday 22 March	World book day and House Poetry performance competition. Y4 Music lesson please ensure your child brings their instrument to school. Individual guitar lessons with Rob - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Little Learners after school club Last day of term 4
Friday 16 March	Individual violin lessons with Catherine - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school	Friday 23 March	School closed Inset day

Inset days 2017-18 are 4.09.17, 20.10.17, 2.01.18, 23.03.18 and 29.06.18

Dates for your Diary..... Something to look forward to!

All Wednesdays up to May

Monday 12 March

Wednesday 14 March

Thursday 15 March

Monday 19 March to

Friday 23 March

Thursday 22 March

Tuesday 20 March

Thursday 22 March

Friday 23 March

Monday 16 April

Y6 boosting sessions am

Parents evening 3.30-6.30 pm

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Easter colouring competition return date

Sports Relief sponsor week

World Book day (please bring £1)

Y3/4 performances at 2.00 and 6.00 pm (letters coming home next week)

Last day of Term 4

School closed; staff Arts Inset day

Easter disco (KS1 5.30-6.30 & KS2 6.45-7.45)

Parents & toddlers meet every Friday in the hall 9-11 am after breakfast club at 8.30 am!

Water bottles are still available from the school office for only £1 ☺ - dishwasher & leak proof too!

Recycling in school - please bring your batteries, used stamps & small printer cartridges/mobile phones!

