

New Mills Primary School  
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Dear Parents and Carers

The report from our recent Ofsted inspection is now on the Ofsted website (with a link on our school website too.)

The message from the inspection (28.2.18) is that 'the school continues to be good'. The staff and Governors were very pleased that the inspector identified the quality of teaching across the school as a strength and saw the specific impact that this has made on the high quality of writing for all pupils, which they also described as a strength. I am especially pleased to see the report commenting on the positive attitudes to learning in all classes and the pride that pupils take in their work in all areas.

I would like to thank parents for actively engaging in the parent voice questionnaire before the inspection. Your comments were read by the inspector and summarised in the final report. She said that parents were positive and supportive; the report says that 'parents speak highly of the school' and it quotes a parent saying that 'the school has a wonderful, warm and supportive community'. I am delighted that the report notes the impact of whole school topic work and the range of sports available for all pupils too.

There are, of course, areas for further improvement that we are happy to take forward into our School Improvement planning for the next 3 years. It only remains for me to tell you that I am extremely proud of the professionalism and enthusiasm of all the staff and Governors at our school. They are a totally committed and positive group of people who, with your continued support, will continue to ensure everyone in our school achieves their very best....and that is because we are all Happy, Healthy, High Achievers.

**C Whetstone - Head teacher**

**The next newsletter will be on Friday 27 April 2018; by email**

**Volunteers in school.**

In recognition of the support and hard work of our volunteers, we will be hosting a special Volunteers lunch in school on Wednesday 6 June. If you would like to know more about volunteering, or know someone who would, please get in touch.

**Reminder of early school closure:**

We will be closing school at 2.00 on the last day of the school year...Friday 20 July 2018. Early closure is always discussed and agreed by the Full Governing Body.

**Reading Month**

Reading month has finished!! The children who have completed their challenge sheets will receive a certificate and reward in Celebration assembly this week. Well done to everyone and keep up the good habits....reading and enjoying books every night is such a great way to practice all the reading skills you have learnt at school.

**Sports Relief at NMPS: 19-23 March 2018**

Thank you to everyone who supported this event, the total raised is £585.50!! This will be divided between the school fund and the sports relief charity.

**Spring Bake Off....an Annual Favourite!**

The Spring Bake off competition is next Friday (20.4.18). Please bring your entries into school on Friday morning with you £1 entry fee. Children will vote for their favourite cakes and the winners announced in celebration assembly. Everyone entering will receive a free cake (of their choice) in the afternoon and all other cakes will be on sale for 20p each. Look out for a text selling off cakes at the end of the school day if there are any left! Ready, steady, BAKE!!

**Y6 Take Part in the Arts**

Fantastic new sessions at NMS starting Tuesday 10 April and throughout the Summer term for Y6 pupils (Tuesdays 3.45-4.45). a great chance to work with Y6 pupils around New Mills before you start at Secondary School!!

**Attendance & Lateness Reminder**

A reminder that the Governors have agreed to target excellent attendance of all pupils at 97%. We will contact you if we are concerned that your child's attendance is slipping below this level. We do, of course, appreciate that attendance may fall below this levels in the event of illness or in special circumstances. Late arrivals at school are logged and letters sent to parents monthly where there is continued lateness. A prompt start to the school day is essential for all our pupils.

**Holidays in Term Time Reminder**

At NMPS we follow DFE and DCC guidelines closely to ensure that all our pupils are in school during term time. Holiday absence is sanctioned only in exceptional circumstances. Parents taking pupils out of school during term time for holidays may be subject to financial penalties, issued by DCC. In our experience DCC are actively issuing penalties this year.



## The Week Ahead at New Mills Primary School

Monday 16 April March	Individual woodwind lessons with Judith - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school <b>Y4 Swimming starts!!</b> <b>School Disco</b> <b>Boxing after school club</b> <b>KS1 5.30-6.30 KS2 6.45-7.45</b>	Monday 23 April	Individual woodwind lessons with Judith - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Y4 Swimming <b>Boxing after school club</b>
Tuesday 17 April	<b>Y1 trip to Chester Zoo</b>	Tuesday 24 April	
Wednesday 18 April	Take Part in the Art after school club Dodgeball after school club	Wednesday 25 April	Take Part in the Art after school club Dodgeball after school club
Thursday 19 April	<b>Y4 Music lesson please ensure your child brings their instrument to school.</b> Individual guitar lessons with Rob - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Little Learners after school club	Thursday 26 April	<b>Y4 Music lesson please ensure your child brings their instrument to school.</b> Individual guitar lessons with Rob - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Little Learners after school club
Friday 20 April	<b>Breakfast club 8.30</b> Individual violin lessons with Catherine - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school <b>SPRING BAKE off Competition today</b>	Friday 27 April	<b>Breakfast club 8.30</b> Individual violin lessons with Catherine - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school

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	Y6 boosting sessions am
Tuesday 24 April	HPKC meeting in the Town Hall
Monday 30 April	HPKC litter picking week
Monday 7 May	School closed for bank holiday
Monday 14 May	Y6 Sats testing week
Thursday 24 May	Enterprise Fair (run by Y6 and FONMPS)
Half term	
Wednesday 6 June	Volunteers lunch in school (National Volunteers week)
Monday 11 June	PEGS schools musical event
Tuesday 12 June	School Council trip to the Houses of Parliament
Thursday 14 June	Y6 walk up Kinder
Tuesday 19 June	Y4 performing brass at Bridgewater Hall, Manchester
Thursday 21 June	HPKC trip to the Houses of Parliament
Friday 29 June	School closed Inset day
Tuesday 3 July	Y5/6 performances to parents at 2.00 and 6.00
Wednesday 4/5/6 July	New Mills Secondary School induction days for Y6
Monday 9 July	Paris trip begins
Monday 16 July	School disco
Friday 20 July	Y6 leavers assembly with parents and friends
Friday 20 July	Last day of term; school closes at 2.00

First day of the new school year is Wednesday 5 September 2018.

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!