

New Mills Primary School  
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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and a very Happy New Year to everyone.

It sounds like everyone had a good holiday and enjoyed their Christmas break.

The children have come back to school in good spirits and have even completed some challenging maths assessments with a smile this week.

This term all classes will be giving reading an extra priority (see school reading month information) and there will be House performance of poetry. The term will end before Easter with the Y3/4 show.

Our school Governors will be producing their annual parent questionnaire where we ask you to tell us what you feel is working well in school and to let us know where and how we can all improve in our bid to ensure every child is a Happy Healthy High Achiever.

**The Meadow Street driving/parking problem.....continues**

At times, last term, there were great improvements with far fewer parents and carers driving into Meadow Street to drop off and collect. Unfortunately this has not continued.

There have even been 3 complaints from parents around aggressive and anti-social driving up and down our un-adopted road. I have written letters and spoken to all parents concerned and will continue to monitor the situation whenever I can. I do believe that we could finally resolve this problem with the support of everyone as it is the responsibility of us all to work together.

1. Do not drive into Meadow Street at drop off and collection times. **Park on Adult Ed or Town Hall car parks.**
2. Do not give permission for a child minder or family friend to do this when collecting your child.
3. Report all antisocial driving to school.
4. Talk to your child about walking on paths at all times and especially when unaccompanied. Thank you.

**C Whetstone - Head teacher**

**The next newsletter will be on Friday 26 January 2018; by email**

**Regular Reading at Home**

In our view, the best way to help your child make great progress in all areas of their learning is to read regularly together at home...and this really means every night!

Think of reading like cleaning your teeth!! It must happen every night!! By establishing a habit of reading every night, you will be helping your child develop their reading skills for life...and you will enjoy it too!

**Whole School Topic: China**

All classes will be taking part in our annual whole school topic again this year. There will be a special Chinese themed lunch, Chinese dancing and lots of Art work going on for this 3 week project. Y5 and Y6 are planning a visit to the Terracotta Warriors in Liverpool. We would like everyone to come to school in Chinese themed dress on Thursday 15 February... a simple costume or wear red. The children will come home with lots of ideas once the topic begins!

**Parent/Pupil Writing Homework Task .....**

This will be coming home during our whole school China project. There will be information/ideas to help you complete the task with your child...we want all our parents to enjoy writing at home just as much as we do in school.

**Safeguarding Reminder for Parents**

A reminder that to access most social media sites your child should be 13. Please check that your child is only accessing sites appropriate to their age and maturity. A site that we are hearing that some pupils go on is 'Musicality'. Our Safeguarding training tells us that this is not suitable for pupils of Primary age.

**Reading Month**

Reading month 2018 will take place from Monday 26 February to Thursday 22 March. There will be reading competitions and reading challenges and, an annual favourite, our House poetry performance competition. This is a great time to volunteer to read with our children in school. (All volunteers need a DBS check that we can arrange through school.)

**Lunchtime Hair Styling Sessions!**

A message from Danni in Y6: in an attempt to raise money for Shukriullah - Tonje, Beth and I will spray and style hair with permission from parents. It only costs 50p! In the Jungle room on Fridays 12.40-1.00. Please send a text to Miss Moody to give your permission for this. Please note that the colour spray washes out.

**Sweets for Birthday Treats**

I would like to hear your views around sending in sweets to give out at the end of the day for birthdays. Do you are/disagree? Send a text to school please.

**Music Lessons..... a Fantastic Opportunity**

Our woodwind teacher has space for more pupils. Judith teaches clarinet, flute and saxophone. She is happy to arrange loan of instruments through DCC and is an excellent teacher. Please call in for more info.

**Community News & Events**

Adventure days at Linnet Clough: 19-23 February. More info and booking on [info@linnetclough.org.uk](mailto:info@linnetclough.org.uk)

**Twitter!**

Are you following our Tweets?  
If not why not?!!  
113 people are following NMPS!!  
Keep up to date with all the exciting things the children are doing on the Parents page of the website.....lots of photos...why not leave a comment too!

Application for Reception places closes on 15.01.2018;  
[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## The Week Ahead at New Mills Primary School

Monday 15 January	Individual woodwind lessons with Judith - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Y5 Swimming	Monday 22 January	Individual woodwind lessons with Judith - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Y5 Swimming
Tuesday 16 January	After school dance club	Tuesday 23 January	Y5 trip to Tesco (farm to fork trail) After school dance club
Wednesday 17 January	Take Part in the Art after school club Dodgeball after school club	Wednesday 24 January	Take Part in the Art after school club Dodgeball after school club
Thursday 18 January	Individual guitar lessons with Rob - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Little Learners after school club	Thursday 25 January	Individual guitar lessons with Rob - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school <b>Y4 brass concert in Hall at 2.45 pm. Parents and friends welcome</b> Little Learners after school club
Friday 19 January	Individual violin lessons with Catherine - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school	Friday 26 January	Individual guitar 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

Monday 29 January

Thursday 25 January

Monday 12 February

Thursday 15 February

Friday 16 February

Monday 26 February

Thursday 1 March

Friday 2 March

Monday 12 March

Wednesday 14 March

Tuesday 20 March

Thursday 22 March

Friday 23 March

Y6 boosting sessions am

Beginning of Whole school China project (3 weeks)

Y4 class brass concert, 2.45. Parents and friends invited.

Valentines disco KS1 5.30-6.30, KS2 6.45-7.45

China day; special lunch, China day (please come dressed following the China theme)

Chinese New Year and last day of Term 3

Half term holiday (week)

First day of school reading month

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Parents evening 3.30-6.30

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Y3/4 performances at 2.00 and 6.00

Last day of Term 4

School closed; staff Arts Inset day

