

New Mills Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers

Our whole school China project.

I am delighted to report that the China topic is going really well. So far, we have had pupils from Reception class showing the whole school what they have brought from home in assemblies, there has been Chinese dancing with Jose and everyone is busy making a warrior to make our very own terracotta warriors. Don't forget to get your Chinese outfit ready for next week for our special school China day on Thursday....just like a day in the life of a Chinese child.

An important message about reading at home:

I would like to remind all parents that your child must read every night if they are to make the best progress possible in reading and writing. Some of the older and more accomplished readers may not need to read to you although we do ask that you sign their reading record books to say that you know that they have read. We ask all other parents to listen to your child read their reading book every night. The children read at school every day in English and all other lessons too and this is where we teach the skills they need to help them progress. Your support at home ensures that all these skills are practised and that good habits and a love of books stay with them for a lifetime. Thankyou

C Whetstone - Head teacher

The next newsletter will be on Friday 9 March 2018; by email

Parent/Pupil Writing homework...

This will be in book bags to be completed over the half term holiday....there will be a China theme.....check your book bags please!

Access to Teachers (reminder following Parent Questionnaire

2016-17). All staff at NMPS do their very best to be as accessible as possible to parents. If you would like to speak to us please send a text or call. A good time to catch us is before school (from 8.30) or after (3.15).

The total for dinner money this term is £38.00, please make cheques payable to DCC or you can pay through Parent Pay (preferred payment.) Thank you.

The school kitchen running an Easter colouring competition. Your child will be bringing home a design tonight. Please return all entries to school by Thursday 15th March. All entries will be on display in the school hall! Prizes for the best entry for KS1 & KS2!!

Lock Down Procedures.....new requirements by DCC/DfE

We have a new set of procedures in school called 'lock down'. These procedures would only be in the highly unlikely event of an intruder or incident that could prove a threat to the safety of the pupils and staff in school. We have practised these to ensure all staff are aware of their roles. We talked to the pupils (in age appropriate ways) around the reasons for this. The most important message is to stay calm and listen to staff. If your child is upset or concerned, please let us know.

Safeguarding Message

The BBC have new information on their website around guidance for children and parents (children 9-13). It is called 'Ownit'. Why not have a look!

Sports Relief at NMPS: 19-23 March

Please find information about this (and the sponsor form) in book bags next Friday. A whole week of Sports Relief activities is planned!

World Book Day.....1 March 2018

This year we would like you to come dressed as your favourite fictional character. Please bring the book along with you too!! There will be prizes for the best dressed and for the most convincing explanation of why this is your favourite!

We would like to buy some new books for our fiction libraries in school. Can you please donate £1 for this on World Book Day
Thank you

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.

NMPS Newspaper... New Mills News Feed

Hot off the press! You can buy a copy of the newspaper from Y6 for just 50p. There are news items, quizzes and colouring sheets.

Community News & Events

NM Leisure Centre are holding a wide range of half term activities. All the information you need on their website.

Dark Peak Music group are holding a 'Strictly baroque' evening at All Saints Church in Old Glossop; 24.2.18

www.ticketsource.co.uk/darkpeakmusicfoundation

More Space News!!!

MOSI has the space capsule that Tim Peakes lived in for March....a great family visit! Thanks you Mrs Kelly for this!

Can you recommend any exciting family visits?
Let us now and we will put them on the newsletters

The Week Ahead at New Mills Primary School

Monday 12 February	Valentines discos: KS1 5.30-6.30 and KS2 6.45-7.45 pm Individual woodwind lessons with Judith - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Y5 Swimming	Monday 26 February	School reading month begins (4 weeks) Individual woodwind lessons with Judith - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Y5 Swimming
Tuesday 13 February	Dance after school club	Tuesday 27 February	Dance after school club
Wednesday 14 February	Take Part in the Art after school club Dodgeball after school club	Wednesday 28 February	Take Part in the Art after school club Dodgeball after school club
Thursday 15 February	Whole school China day; dress up in Chinese dress please. Individual guitar lessons with Rob - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school No Y4 Brass Lesson Little Learners after school club	Thursday 1 March	World Book Day. Come dressed as your favourite fictional character and tell us why ...win a prize! Please bring £1 for new books for school. Y2 Scootability Individual guitar lessons with Rob - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Little Learners after school club
Friday 16 February	Individual violin lessons with Catherine - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Half term holiday begins	Friday 2 March	Y2 Scootability 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

Monday 12 February

Thursday 15 February

Friday 16 February

Y6 boosting sessions am

Beginning of Whole school China project (3 weeks)

Valentine's 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)

Monday 26 February

Thursday 1 March

First day of school reading month

Y2 Scootability

World Book day (please bring £1)

Y2 Scootability

Animal Magic visiting Y4 & Reception Class

Y3 trip to Manchester Museum

Parents evening 3.30-6.30 pm

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Easter colouring competition return date

Thursday 15 March

Monday 19 March to

Friday 23 March

Tuesday 20 March

Thursday 22 March

Friday 23 March

Sports Relief sponsor week

Y3/4 performances at 2.00 and 6.00 pm

Last day of Term 4

School closed; staff Arts Inset day



Parents & toddlers meet every Friday in the hall 9-11 am.