

New Mills Primary School
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Friday 16 June 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to invite you to our **very first Parents Forum on Wednesday 28 June from 7.00-8.00 pm** in the school Hall. At the Forum, we will be discussing Homework, school trips and school/home communication issues. These are all topics that were highlighted in the latest parent questionnaire. We do not want to make any changes to our policies and procedures in these areas without hearing your views first-hand. The evening will be a great chance for you to talk to other parents and Governors and to record your views. The success of this meeting relies on you as parents coming along to have your say.

C Whetstone - Head teacher

The next newsletter will be on Friday 30 June ...by email!!

**Head teacher and Deputy Head teacher for the day (9.6.17)
...our school General election on 8.6.2017**

I am Erin Murray and I was elected to be head teacher for the day. It was an amazing experience and I really enjoyed it. It was an amazing day and not just for me but for everyone. I had 2 Deputy heads, George in Y1 for the morning and Sharnna in Y6 for the afternoon. They were both a big help and I could not have done it without them! Here are a few words from Sharnna, It was a great experience I really enjoyed doing it with Erin and George did as well. **Report by Ern and Sharnna**

Class Stars

Reception - Megan and Briony

Year 1 - Logan and George

Year 2 - Charlie and Joseph OM

Year 3 - Adam and Liam

Year 4 - Isabel

Year 5 - Isabel

Year 6 - Iwan and Danielle

The class awards in KS1 went to Y2 and Reception

The class award in KS2 were given to Y5 and Y4



Parent Training Question.....all about Safeguarding....

Would you like to know more about how to protect your child on the Internet? Are you concerned that our young people maybe exposed to areas of the internet that are inappropriate? We would like to arrange a training/information session for parents and carers about this in school.

Let us know by **text** if you would be interested. Please indicate the time of day that is best for you.

India Day...Dance and Special Lunch

The school Hall was decorated and turned into an Indian restaurant for the day and our school catering prepared a delicious Indian meal for us. Everyone really enjoys our special theme days; and this was no exception. Some great Bollywood dancing for everyone made this a day to remember....look out for photos on the school website soon.

Y4 Trip to the Bridgewater Hall to play with the Halle

Our wonderful Y4 strings players performed with the famous Halle orchestra at the Bridgewater Hall this week. The hall was filled with young musicians from Derbyshire and Cheshire. It was a truly wonderful occasion with the children making music with the professionals. Many pupils in Y4 have been inspired and are planning to continue learning their instrument next year. (Note;;; the Y4 music tuition is partly funded by your generous contributions to the PTA.)

HPKC Trip to London to Visit the Houses of Parliament

Three of our Y6 pupils joined the group of HPKC representative on our visit to the Houses of Parliament this week. We arrived just as the MPs were being sworn in for their term of office!!! We saw Theresa May, Jeremy Corbyn and many more politicians. It was a truly amazing day. Please take time to look at photos and thoughts from the day on our school website. Many thanks to Mrs Williams for the booking and organisation of this great trip.

Y4 Musical Performance and Strings Concert.... (ends at 4.00)

Y4 and the school strings group are performing at the first PEGS musical performance on Monday. This is a performance for pupils only as all the seats are filled by the pupils from our PEGS schools. **Please do not collect your child by car at the Arts Theatre.** Collection details were on the letter and let us know if you have any problems with the end of day arrangements.

Social Media Sites - an Important Message for us all

We would like to remind parents that the use of Social Media sites is not an appropriate way to raise concerns; problems cannot be investigated and dealt with fairly and effectively if school does not know about them. We would respectfully remind you that a statement about an individual that is untrue is libellous, especially if it undermines the reputation of an individual. If such comments are made about any staff member, this will be followed up by the Derbyshire Legal Services and staff union representatives to seek independent legal advice about pursuing a claim. May we also remind you that all schools are educating children about "cyber bullying", and how to protect pupils from becoming victims of such bullying. Posting negative or offensive comments on social networking sites sets a very poor example, and could lead children to believe that "cyber bullying" is in some way acceptable. If children have access to negative comments about our school and our staff, it could reduce their confidence in the school, and this could be damaging to their education. Thank you once again to the many of you who support us, work with us and use the appropriate channels to communicate with us. (This message has been given to parents in all High Peak Schools)

Community Events

Farmers Market at Hague Bar ...this is on Friday 23 June 2:30 - 4pm. Stalls: pies, jams, cakes, dog biscuits, plants, 3 craft stalls, bouncy castle, candy floss and refreshments. This is a community project. Everyone welcome.

Clothes Recycling at NMPS on Monday 3 July...raising funds for school and the Starlight charity for terminally ill children 8.45 - 9.15 am drop off in the car park please.

The Week Ahead at New Mills Primary School

Monday 19 June	Y4 Swimming Y4/Strings concert at the Arts Theatre. Come and meet Mrs McGloin from New Mills Secondary school 6.00-7.00 here at NMPS. Swimming trials at NMLC	Monday 26 June	School closed Inset day
Tuesday 20 June	Map Quest	Tuesday 27 June	Travelling Science show in school
Wednesday 21 June	New reception pupils visiting school 9.00-11.45 am Individual woodwind lessons with Judith - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Mini Olympics after school club 3.15 - 4.30 pm Take part in the Art after school club starts 3.15 - 4.15 pm	Wednesday 28 June	New reception pupils visiting school 9.00-11.45 am Individual woodwind lessons with Judith - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Mini Olympics after school club 3.15 - 4.30 pm Take part in the Art after school club starts 3.15 - 4.15 pm Parent Forum 7-8 pm NMPS school hall
Thursday 22 June	Individual guitar lessons with Rob - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Little Learners (KS1) after school club starts 3.10 - 4.15 pm	Thursday 29 June	Y3 class assembly at 9.15 am Individual guitar lessons with Rob - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school Little Learners (KS1) after school club starts 3.10 - 4.15 pm
Friday 23 June	Breakfast club for all from 8.30 am Individual violin lessons with Catherine - please ensure your child brings their instrument to school	Friday 30 June	Breakfast club for all from 8.30 am 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 (this one is a change) and 29.06.18

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

Monday 19 June	Come and meet Mrs McGloin the HT @ NMHS (6.00 pm at NMPS)
Monday 19 June	PEGS musical event (Y4 and all strings players pm)
Sunday 25 June	PTA duck race @ The Torrs 12-4 pm
Monday 26 June	School closed for Inset day
Tuesday 27 June	Travelling Science in school
Wednesday 28 June	First Parent Forum session (7.00-8.00)
Monday 3 July	Recycling clothes at NMPS for Starlight charity & school funds 8.45 am to 9.15 am school car park drop off Great Science Share event and Y3 trip to Derby Open Centre
Wednesday 5 July	Y6 Transition days to NMHS
Tues 4 July, Weds 5 July & Thurs 6 July	School Sports day KS2 am and KS1 pm
Tuesday 11 July	Y5 to NMS all day
Wednesday 12 July	Summer Fair 3.15 pm
Thursday 13 July	End of year reports home today
Monday 17 July	School disco and Y5/6 dress rehearsal
Tuesday 18 July	Y5/6 performances at 2.00 and 6.00 pm
Wednesday 19 July	Swimming gala
Friday 21 July	Y6 leavers assembly Last day of the school year; early closure 2.00

Class Assembly Dates

Rec	15.6.17	Year 1	22.6.17
Year 2	8.6.17	Year 3	29.6.17
Year 4	6.7.17	Year 5	13.7.17