

New Mills Primary School  
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Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus and COVID 19.....the latest information we can give you....

As we are all acutely aware, these are very difficult times for us all.

In the last newsletter, I said that we are following Government guidelines to the letter to make sure that we are protecting everyone in our school community...and this is what we have been doing. We have checked updates daily and can reassure you that we have not received any information in addition to that coming to all of us through the news or social media.

The next steps....

If you are self-isolating at home and your child is not coming to school please let us know immediately. We must record their absence in a different way to normal sickness and you must keep them at home for the full 14 days. Unfortunately, it is not possible for teachers to set work for these pupils as staff are all busy teaching their classes. This would be an unacceptable addition to their workload.

I suggest that parents look at some of the websites that we have suggested in the past and use the activities there....

Twinkl, Teacher's Pet, White Rose Maths, Khan Academy, BBC Bitesize, Times Tables Rock Star, ....some new ones...Scoutbase.org and Woodland Trust....and a new one is Mathletics.

After this and if we must close the school.....

Your class teacher will send you work for your child via your email.

They will send home a week of work and this will be...for Y1-Y5...via links to the relevant websites

- 3 x worksheets for Maths
- 1 x reading comprehension activity
- 1 x Spag (spelling and grammar)
- 1 x Topic activity
- 1 x research activity
- Reading through Twinkl ebooks

Teachers will be setting tasks linked to work that has been started or covered in class (revision type activities), and some research for future science or topic work in school. Y6 will be getting Testbase activities that are closely linked to Y6 Sats work and Reception class will get messages about work related to the key areas of learning in EYFS. Please be aware that teachers will not be able to mark work (for some activities there may be a mark scheme attached). They will be able to answer your questions or queries but I ask that you do not send numerous and long emails. Teachers will set up class group emails and answer any questions there.

We understand that this is going to be a very difficult time; something completely new and hugely challenging for us all.

We strongly suggest that parents do their best to maintain a structure for the day. Complete the work set by teachers in the mornings in a quiet room and use the afternoons for more active learning. Mrs Fisher is putting together a sheet of suggestions of activities to do at home, in the garden or out an about.

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Good luck and best wishes to everyone from everyone at NMPS

**C Whetstone - Head teacher**

**The next newsletter will be on Friday 24 April ....by email & hardcopy!!**

**Sports and Swimming...cancelled**

All interschool sports activities and swimming lessons have been cancelled until further notice.

**Sports Relief** raised £111.22. Thank you to everyone who dressed up and supported this worthy cause.

**PTA**; looking for a secretary. Please contact school if you are interested.

## Dates for your Diary (term 3 and 4) Something to look forward to!

Friday 20 March	Mothers day event - buy a gift for your mum, in the school hall <b>PTA Event</b>
Tuesday 24 March	Author visit to KS2 classes
Friday 27 March	Summer plant order return date <b>PTA Event</b>
Wednesday 1 April	Y3/4 performances 2.00 and 6.00 (family and friends) <b>CANCELLED</b>
Wednesday 1 April	Y1 Trip to Chester Zoo
Thursday 2 April	Easter bake off - <b>PTA Event</b>
Friday 3 April	Last day of term (T4) ; normal closure times.
Monday 20 April	First day of T5
Tuesday 21 April	<b>PTA meeting</b> NEW VENUE, The Shrub Club @ 8pm
Monday 27 April	Spring disco KS1 5.30-6.30 & KS2 6.45-7.45

**Inset days left are 13.3.20, 22.6.20. Inset days for 20-21 are 2.9.20, 23.10.20, 19.3.21, 21.6.21, 22.7.21**

### Don't forget.....!

Swimming          Mondays Y5 - **Cancelled**

### After Schools Clubs

Forest Go Outdoors After School KS1 & KS2 Tuesday 3.15 - 5.00 pm  
Yoga Wednesday 8-9 am KS1 & KS2  
Make it Create it Wednesday KS1 & KS2 3.15 - 5.00 pm  
Multi Sport Skills Club KS1 & KS2 Thursday 3.15 - 5.00 pm

### Music Lessons in School

Guitar Tuesday & Thursday  
Woodwind (Y4 only) Wednesday  
Woodwind Wednesday  
Piano Thursday  
Viola/violin Friday



**We recycle small printer cartridges, used stamps & batteries in school. Please send them in!**

**We also sell water bottles, which are leak proof & dishwasher proof for only £1.50 each; we encourage each child to have their own water bottle in school. Please use school bottles.**

