

New Mills Primary School
Newsletter No. 13
Friday 7 May 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great regret, at the same time as expressing huge thanks, that I am writing to you today to tell you that Mrs Bowen and Mrs Mills will be retiring from their posts at the end of the school term. Please see the letter attached.

Thank you

Teaching arrangements: The information we are hearing from DfE and DCC indicate that it is unlikely that our current Covid restricted teaching arrangements will change before the end of the school year. This means that the children will remain working, playing and eating in their class bubbles. There are also no indications about teaching arrangements for September. I would like to thank you, the children and staff again for your patience and understanding; we know that this is not the way we usually work and function in our school but I also know that everyone is doing their very best to make sure that the children continue to be Happy Healthy and High Achievers during these challenging times....and stay safe.

Parent's eve/calls: Class teachers are in the process of calling you at home for 'parents evening'. Teachers will do their best to talk to you within the time slot you requested. It is important that calls last no longer than 10 minutes so that staff have time to speak to everyone. If you would like another call please ask.

C Whetstone - Head teacher

The next newsletter will be on Friday 14 May 2021....by email!!

**Keeping your child safe on social media
and protecting their well being**

Unfortunately, we are experiencing friendship problems (KS2) in school that may have started at home when the children are on social media platforms or are simply using their mobile phones. I thought that this would be a good opportunity to remind parents of the recommended access ages.

Attached is a list showing the ages that children are allowed to access Twitter, Instagram and much more, KS2 staff are talking to their classes about appropriate use of phones/ipads/social media and doing their best to help resolve friendship issues. Please help us by following the guidelines set. Thankyou

Stars of the Week

A celebration of the child that has shown something extra special this week...one from every class...

Rec Annabella C and Adriana
Y1 Ebony and Poppy
Y2 Kian and Piper
Y3 Harry and Valeria
Y4 Jay and Linclon
Y5 Nathan and Austin
Y6 Elodie and Aliss
Well done everyone!! 😊

**Take One Picture project
starts next week!**

This is a very exciting whole school arts/cross curricular project. Many of the older children have experienced it before and can tell you all about it.

Classes have been discussing their plans this week and will be completing work in school next week. There may be some requests for resources from home too.

Have a look at the painting at home: National Gallery website
'The Finding of Moses' by Orazio Gentileschi

PTA & Community News

Your PTA meet regularly. They talk about how to raise money for school funds and where they can help school more broadly.

It is clearly very difficult at the moment as the normal and much loved money raising events cannot take place.

That doesn't stop us working together to find ways to improve school. There is a plan for more raised bed planters on the grassed area next to the Hall door; planters that the youngest pupils in school could access more easily.

The children raised £82 for the Air Ambulance charity, thank you for your support.

Dates for your Diary 2021 (Easter-Summer) ... Something to look forward to

Monday 10 May (and all week)	Take One Picture week (arts project in all classes)
Friday 28 May	School closes for half term week
Monday 7 June (and for 4 weeks)	Freedom Film PEGS arts project
Monday 21 June	School closed for Inset
Tuesday 20 July	Summer disco KS1 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm & KS2 6.45 pm - 8.00 pm (if restrictions to bubbles mixing is lifted)
Last week of term	Y6 leavers assembly (date of be confirmed if restrictions are lifted)

Future PTA meetings are Wednesday 28th April, 8pm & Wednesday 16th June, 8pm on Zoom all welcome to attend.

Inset days 2.9.20, 3.9.20, 4.9.20, 18.12.20, 21.6.21

Return to school in September 2021...Inset days 2 and 3 September 2021.

First day back Monday 6 September 2021.

