

New Mills Primary School  
Newsletter No. 15  
Friday 18 June 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Next year (September 2021), Covid restrictions and bubbles: Schools have not had any indication that Covid working restrictions will be lifted for the September start. I feel that the best way to proceed is to assume, sadly, that working in bubbles will continue, staggered start and finish times will be in place and parents and volunteers will continue to not be allowed into school. With this in mind I will be writing to you all to explain how this affects your child as they move up to the next year group. I will do my very best to make minimal changes for you and the children. This also means that we cannot arrange 'move up days' where children would spend time in their new classrooms with their new teacher. What will happen is that staff will distantly visit their new classes to answer any questions the children may have.

Reports home: teachers are busy writing their end of year reports. They will be in your child's bag/book bag on Thursday 15 July. They will be in a sealed envelope and pupils will be reminded that they report must be opened by parents. I hope that you find the information in the reports helpful; there is a summary of your child's progress in all key areas of learning and an indication of their achievement compared with national DfE expectations. Our aim is to communicate a flavour of your child's enthusiasm and engagement in all aspects of school life. This has, of course, been difficult to achieve this year as we all work in class bubbles that restricts many of our normal and favourite whole school events. Children and staff at NMPS have, as ever, managed these difficult times with ease.

Reading book amnesty; If you find reading books at home from long ago (!) we are happy to have them back no questions asked! Some colour banded book shelves are looking at little empty. Please have a look and see if you have any hiding at home. Thank you.

**C Whetstone - Head teacher**

**The next newsletter will be on Friday 2 July 2021....by email!!**

**Sports day; dates are in the diary dates**

Mrs Fisher has planned a special Sports day for the children; this will be very different to past events to ensure that we are following distancing guidelines.

Sports days will be run in two year group events with all the correct distancing between the two bubbles. There will be competitive track and field events and some silliness too!

We are asking children to dress up in the colours of the class country. The children have chosen the country for their class. Face paints and silly wigs are all allowed but please make sure that children wear trainers.

Year 1 Brazil

Year 2 - South Africa

Year 3 - Egypt

Year 4 - Belgium

Year 5 - USA

Year 6 - Australia

**Sadly, due to the current restrictions we are unable to invite parents to watch sports days this year. We cannot safely accommodate multiple groups of parents (30 in groups) in the space we will be holding the events. We will film as much as possible and put these on Twitter.**

**Stars of the Week**

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

Rec Martha

Y1 Hannah

Y2 Linden

Y3 Maya

Y4 Saiorse

Y5 Maxi

Y6 Esme

Well done everyone!! 😊

**A special mention for Y3**

It was their turn for the Whitehall adventure day last week.

The staff at the Centre were very complementary about their behaviour and attitude. They said, for example, that they had never seen a group of children so young move canoes without the aid or guidance of adults.

Thanks as always to Mrs Fisher for organising these trips and to staff for joining in so enthusiastically.

**New Mills Craft Market** is on Saturday 10 July 10.00 to 4.00 in St George's Parish Hall. Free entry.

**Y6 leaver's assembly...see diary dates.  
More info to follow**

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

<b>Monday 21 June</b>	<b>School closed for Inset</b>
Friday 2 July	Performance and pizza day
Tuesday 13 July	Sports day Y3 and Y4...no parents and friends please to Sports days
Wednesday 14 July	Sports day Y1 and Y2
Thursday 15 July	Sports day Y5 and Y6 (am) Sports day Reception (pm)
Tuesday 20 July	Summer disco KS1 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm & KS2 6.45 pm - 8.00 pm <b>Cancelled I'm afraid.</b>
Tuesday 20 July	Y6 leavers assembly; 2 parents only invited to this outdoor assembly 9.30 am
Thursday 22 July	<b>Last day of term</b>

**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.**

