

New Mills Primary School  
Newsletter No. 17  
Friday 16 July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

This is the last newsletter of the school year and it is time to say goodbye to our wonderful Y6 pupils. Everyone at NMPS sends them their very best wishes as they move onto Secondary school. Even though their final two years have been challenging because of school closures and remote learning this group of young people have continued to impress us with their resilience, their determination to do their best and their enthusiasm for everything. They have shown great kindness to their peers and to the staff here too. We will all miss them and look forward to waves and chats whenever our paths cross.

You will know that this is also, sadly, time to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Bowen and Mrs Mills, two wonderful members of our staff team. I have no doubt that you will be seeing them in and around New Mills and that their contact with school will not end. They have been at the heart of our school for many years and I know that they leave NMPS with many happy memories and even more friends.

You will also know that I am saying goodbye to everyone at the end of term. .... and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at school for their friendship and support over the past 20 years. This school is a very special place and I am honoured to have been part of the team here with all the wonderful children, parents and friends of NMPS. I look forward to hearing all your news from Mrs Taylor and all your teachers and staff.

#### C Whetstone - Head teacher

##### Reading book returns

Please return all reading books or any other school resources you have at home. This is a good time for us to collect up resources and prepare for the new school year.

No reading books coming home from next Monday!

##### Meeting your next teacher

Sadly there will be no visits to new classrooms before the end of term (our bubbles must stay in place until the end of term). Your child's new class teacher will meet the children outside for a chat.

##### Reminder about start and finish times: reminder

You have received an email about the revised school start and finish times; these are back to normal (!) with 8.50 start and 3.10 finish for Rec Y1 and Y2 and 3.15 finish for Y3/4/5/6. Most normal school activities will start again; assemblies, mixed play times and much more too.

##### Local Events

Family Bikeability (free) sessions available (see email sent home for more info):

[Anna.flanagan@buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:Anna.flanagan@buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Wild World Heroes Summer Reading challenge details:

[ask.library@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:ask.library@derbyshire.gov.uk)

The Torrs Youth festival is on Sunday 29.8.21. Leaflet coming home today with more info or their facebook page.

##### Sports day

Thanks to the lovely weather and a lot of hard work from Mrs Fisher all children took part in class bubble sports days this year. Mrs Fisher's clever organisation meant that classes were able to compete against each other while staying in their bubbles. There was a lovely atmosphere and some great encouragement for each other in the races...we think that all of New Mills may have heard them! The children all had a great time.....I think the tug of war was definitely the most popular...watch out for this next year! Lots of pictures on Twitter!

##### Y6 leavers assembly arrangements: Tuesday 20 July 9.30 am outside. Please bring your ticket with you!

Parents and carers are invited to this outdoor event. Each child will **be given two seat reservations**. We ask that all visitors follow these guidelines.... Parents/guests must sit in their allocated spaces. Please wear face masks, stay in your seat and avoid mixing with others.

This will feel very different from our normal leavers assembly because of Covid restrictions; we ask that everyone follows our guidelines for the safety of other guests, children and staff. Sadly at the end, for example, you will not be able to speak to your child directly as this would mean too much movement between guests. We will, of course, do our very best to make this event as positive and normal as possible for everyone as we know this is such a special time for you. All we need is good weather! Thank you for your support. Seat tickets have been sent home and must be brought with you on the day.

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

Tuesday 20 July	Y6 leavers assembly; <b>2 parents only</b> invited to this outdoor assembly 9.30 am. <b>Please bring your ticket!</b>
Wednesday 21 July	Y6 water safety walk through the Torrs with Mrs Fisher (Please bring picnic lunch.) Y6 Swimming (please ensure your child has their swimming costume & towel with them.)
Thursday 22 July	Picnic lunch in school for retirement celebration 😊
Thursday 22 July	<b>Last day of term. Normal end of day times.</b>

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

First day back Monday 6 September 2021.

The PTA would like to thank everyone for their support during the year with fundraising throughout the year, even though we haven't done our usual fairs & discos, together we have raised funds to support the school with various activities during the year.

