

New Mills Primary School
 Newsletter No. 1
 Friday 11 September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm and big welcome to all our new pupils, parents and friends! Welcome back to everyone!

Everyone has made a great start. Children have had no problems managing the new ways of working in class bubbles. Children are following instructions to ensure that everyone is safe and, most importantly, they are loving seeing all their friends again.... it is wonderful having them all back where they belong. A special NMPS welcome to Miss Chappell too, our new teacher in Y2.

Over the past few weeks, you have received so many instructions/requests around new school arrangements. Thank you for your patience and support. I can confirm that all aspect of the Covid risk assessment are in place. Many thanks for your support with this.

Our aim is to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for every child in school. There will be some restrictions that will determine how we do this....there will be fewer school trips, no school assemblies, no visits to other class rooms. The teachers will be explaining how they will do their best to provide their usual high quality and exciting curriculum in class newsletters. With your support we know that we can do this.

C Whetstone - Head teacher

The next newsletter will be on Friday 25 September ...by email!!

Daily Mile..... starting next week.

KS2 will be running for the first 5 minutes after drop off a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Y1 and Y2 after drop off on Tuesday and Thursday.

The children will not need to change foot wear.

PE/Games/Outdoor Education

All classes have now agreed their PE and scooting days. Please come to school in the correct kit so that everyone can take part in these sessions. We have emailed this home. We have a new programme for Outdoor Education for all year groups...prepare for muddy shoes!
 A reminder that earrings must be removed or covered before all PE sessions. We do not want anyone missing their PE sessions.

Stars of the week...

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

Rec Bella C **Y4 Aleyah**
Y1 Dylan **Y5 George**
Y2 Twyla **Y6 Jaye**
Y3 Joel

Well done everyone 🎉

Holiday in Term Time

At NMPS we follow DFE and DCC guidelines and do not authorise holidays during term time unless there are specific and exceptional circumstances. There is more information about this on our school website. Please call if you need any further information.

If children do not attend school during term time DCC may issue a financial penalty.

No big bags in school please; we ask that pupils do not bring large backpacks into school. There is simply no space to accommodate them in classroom whilst maintaining the distancing required.
 Thankyou

Drop Off and Collection

Thank you to all parents and carers for helping the staggered start and finish times work so well. We are seeing that the space for KS2 parents to wait (outside the car park) is very full. To help keep distancing and to allow staff to be able to spot parents please make sure that you are not in this space earlier than your allotted time. Timing is key to this working well.

A reminder that if pupils are late arriving they cannot come into school through the office. Staff will need to come out of class to collect your child and they are not always available to do this.

Lunchtimes...Some KS1 pupils are struggling to cut up their food. Under normal circumstances staff are happy to help pupils with this tricky skill. To help staff keep distanced please work on independent eating at home. Thank you

Class Newsletters

All class newsletters will be emailed home very shortly. They are packed with information specific to your child's class. You will find details about topics/PE days/homework and much more. Please look out for Talking Homework tasks!

Don't forget that you can email your class teachers with any questions or suggestions. Please be patient, as your class teacher may not reply to your message until the next working day. Parents' evenings will be by phone.

Jeans for Genes Day

You are invited to wear your jeans to school Friday 18 September. Please pay £1 on Parent Pay or send £1 into school in an envelope. Please wear your school top.
 Thank you



L L L ...Listen Love Laugh!

We are an Attachment Aware school. We know that the period of school closure/lockdown has been very difficult for us all.

As a staff we are committed to the 3 Ls!

We will do our very best to Listen Love and Laugh with your children every day.

Harvest at NMPS

Our fruit trees have produced a bumper crop this year.

Everyone will be bringing home an apple (and possibly a plum) from our school orchard. Shortly everyone will be planting wheat inspired by **New Mills Festival Home Farm event**. I wonder what our home-grown flour will make.

Dates for your Diary (September - December).... Something to look forward to

Friday 18 September Jeans 4 Genes day
Wednesday 23 September Y4 Whitehall trip (letters & medical forms sent home)
Wednesday 21 October School RE day
Monday 26 October Half term week

Half term

Tuesday 3-Thursday 5
November Y5 day trips to Whitehall
Wednesday 11 November Flu immunisation day (all classes)
Friday 18 December last day of term
Sadly...none of the usual school Christmas events are planned.
Planning for virtual celebrations and communications are ongoing...watch this space!
There will be class celebrations and parties during the last week of the school term.

Inset days 2.9.20, 3.9.20, 4.9.20, 21.6.21, 22.7.21

Don't forget.....!

After Schools Clubs

Monday - Being Outdoors Y2 & Y3 **prebooked only**
Thursday - PAS Y1, Y3 & Y4 **prebooked only**

Music Lessons in School

- Guitaron hold
- Woodwind (Y4 only) Wednesday
- Woodwind Wednesday
- Piano Friday afternoons
- Viola/violin Friday mornings



Special Events.....

the PTA are looking to plan special events that will work within our new restricted school opening arrangements. They are looking to recruit new members and welcome your suggestions. Get in touch through school or look out for their Facebook page.

A message from Headmasters (school uniform supplier)...

They are in new premises; 11 Union Road, New Mills, SK22 3EL. They are happy to take calls or contact them by email 01663 744254 info@headmasters-schoolwear.co.uk

New Mills Festival....

Look out for the events this month.

Light Up New Mills...light up your homes, shops, gardens, 25-27 September

Camera Obscura...kit available from Village Saver

Cardboard New Mills.... Recycle cardboard activity

Home Farm.... Growing our own food

Miss Ellen Flavwit's Trail of Mystery.... A mystery trail around town.

There is so much to get involved with.

Get more details on www.newmillsfestival.com