

New Mills Primary School
 Newsletter No. 2
 Friday 25 September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

How you can help at home!

In our last newsletter I reported how pleased we are that all classes have returned in such a positive and enthusiastic way...that the children were all delighted to be back at school with their friends and that all pupils are clearly enjoying their learning.

As parents and carers I also know that you will want to know how you can help your child at home; to help them make the best all round progress possible.

Reading at home.....please listen to/check that your child **reads at home every day**. We know that our pupils love reading and listening to stories at school. Spending 5 minutes reading at home every night guarantees that they will become readers for life and make the best possible progress. Reading every night is as important as cleaning your teeth!

Maths at home.....there are lot of ways to help improve number skills at home.

Y1 and Y2 have Numbox, Y2-Y6 have Times tables Rock Stars to practise multiplication tables. Y1-Y6 now have *Mathletics*; new this year. All of these online resources provide useful fun maths practice at home. Don't forget that Nursery rhymes and songs are the best way to help Reception pupils learn their numbers.

Class teachers set homework where they know the extra work at home with support learning. This may be more about the topic the children are working on in school or an investigation activity.

Don't forget that we are always happy to give you advice about how to help your child at home.

C Whetstone - Head teacher

The next newsletter will be on Friday 9 October ...by email!!

Daily Mile..... Reminder.

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 footwear.

Jeans for Genes...

This collected £137 for the great charity.

Thank you for your support.

Music Lessons in School....contact the school office if you are interested in taking peripatetic lessons in school...see details on the back of the newsletter.

Stars of the week...

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

Rec Marcus and Teddy	Y4 Lincoln and Gregory
Y1 Milo and Jessica	Y5 Millie and Zach
Y2 Lucas and Liliana	Y6 Freddie and Ellie
Y3 Eva and Thomas	

Well done everyone 😊

Trig Point Challenge...raised an amazing £2274.70.

A huge thankyou to all the parents, grandparents, family members and friends for their generous donations and support of our intrepid pupils. There have been many individual and family achievements over the summer period and some great photos...all shared on Twitter.

A special thankyou to Mrs Fisher for having a great idea and providing us all with the information needed to get out and about in the hills around New Mills. You won't be surprised to hear that she is already planning the next one!!

The money raised will pay for new playground equipment for KS1 pupils. Watch out for a celebration opening event!

A new project for KS2 play spaces is being planned and there will be some money left for this too.

Safeguarding

Tik Tok warning; DCC has informed us that there have been Safeguarding breeches for some young people using Tik Tok.

Information for School Starters...Reception Starters 2021

Unfortunately we cannot invite parents into school at the moment. We know that it is vital for parents to see inside before they select the right school for their child we will put together a virtual tour of the classrooms for new parents to see what a 'normal' NMPS school day looks like. We will also offer tours of the school grounds at the end of the school day.

More information about this soon!

Sparky has Returned! Sparky is our school tortoise. It is Y4's job to look after him. See how much he has grown on Twitter.

Thankyou to Mrs Race for giving him a great summer holiday.

Drop Off and Collection

Thankyou...this continues to be working well.

Please can all Y6 and Y5 pupils move onto the car park space when they arrive. This will free up more space for parents of younger pupils. A member of school staff will be around to supervise.

A reminder that all parents should do their best to distance from other parents/carers wherever possible.

Thank you too for not driving into Meadow Street.

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 the Local Authority is informed and DCC may issue a financial penalty.

Your child's full attendance at school is vital.

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

Wednesday 21 October
Monday 26 October

School RE day
Half term week



Half term

Tuesday 3-Thursday 5
November

Y5 day trips to Whitehall

Wednesday 11 November

Flu immunisation day (all classes)

Monday 7 - 9 December

Y6 day trips to Whitehall

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**

Tuesday - Netball Y5 **prebooked only**

Thursday - PAS Y1, Y3 & Y4 **prebooked only**

Music Lessons in School

- Guitarvery soon!
- Woodwind (Y4 only) Wednesday
- Woodwind Wednesday
- Piano Friday afternoons
- Viola/violin Friday mornings on line



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