

New Mills Primary School  
 Newsletter No. 4  
 Friday 6 November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

**Parents eve arrangements:** very different this year...they will be 10 minute phone conversations.

We will send you a date and a selection of time slots starting from 8.40 and running to 6.00.

Teachers will call you on your preferred number in this time slot. Dates for classes:

**Reception Thursday 19 November, Y1 Friday 20 November, Y2 Wednesday 18 November, Y3 Thursday 19 November  
 Y4 Monday 16 November, Y5 Monday 23 November, Y6 Monday 23 November.**

This is the first time we have run parent meetings in this way; please help by ending the call after 10 minutes. Staff are always happy to call you at another time to continue/answer other questions if needed. Please return the slip from the letter home today.

**Feedback from Teams and maths test lesson at home.**

Class teachers sent home sample maths lessons through Microsoft Teams; sadly, this was not a great success and we have registered our concerns with DCC. Through discussions with our IT support team, we are looking into a more direct and simple way for home log in. Thank you to those parents for their perseverance and to school staff for their determination to find ways to make this work outside of school hours.

**C Whetstone - Head teacher**

**The next newsletter will be on Friday 20 November ...by email!!**

**HPKC; the election of our High Peak Kids Council representatives**

The result of the election ...Lucy and Orson (Y6) are elected to represent NMPS on the High Peak Kids Council. Every child cast their votes in this election. 100% turnout!

Their first meeting will be a Zoom meeting next week.

Congratulations Lucy and Orson.

**Extra Maths teaching**

All children will be receiving additional maths teaching to help them catch up on learning missed during school lockdown. This will (mostly) be in the afternoon. Please help with extra maths practice at home whenever you can. Thank you.

**Stars of the week...**

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

**Rec Savana, Gracie and Ella H Y4 Lexie, Hannah and Alfie  
 Y1 Abigail, Finn and Kaiya Y5 Poppy, Max and Ava  
 Y2 Fin H, Maisie and Fin K Y6 Alissa, Jake and Oliver B  
 Y3 Sienna, Arlo and Florence**

**Well done everyone 😊**

**Warm clothing in school ...reminder.**

One of the requirements of the Covid Risk assessment is to keep windows and doors open in classrooms and around the school. This allows good ventilation for everyone but it also means that the classrooms and workspaces may not feel as warm as usual. Please ensure that your child wears a (labelled) school sweatshirt every day. **They can also wear a fleece jacket on top of sweatshirts** in classrooms. They will need a coat for outdoor play and break times. Thank you.

**Public Health reminder:** All parents should do their best to distance from other parents/carers wherever possible. Public Health England have asked that we remind **parents that they should 2m distance at the school gates**. The risk of Covid spread is not great in school, as young children do not spread it massively; the risk outside of school is far greater.

..... and thank you too for not driving into Meadow Street!

**New Lockdown**

There is a letter attached from the Director of Public Health DCC. Please read this with care.

I would like to draw you attention to the paragraph about social distancing at drop off and pick up times.

The message for us all is 'together we can make such a difference.'  
 .Thankyou

**Spooky school day...was Thursday 22 October**

**This raised £244 for PTA funds. There were great costumes and some rather delicious looking scary cakes. Well done to winners of the costume and cake competitions...all chosen through class voting.**

**Picture News for KS2 pupils...the question this week is about helping others...**

**"Do famous people have a responsibility to use their voice to help others?" ...the photo is Marcus Rashford.**

**Y5 Whitehall experiences**

Y5 pupils spent three days and two evenings at Whitehall this week. Look on Twitter and see what amazing experiences that had. These trips could not go ahead without the support of our wonderful staff....thank you to Mrs Arnfield, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Race and the staff from Whitehall too.

**School individual photo arrangements...Tuesday 17 November**

All children will have individual photographs during the school day. If you would like a family group photo please come to the Hall door between 8.00-9.00. **School siblings only please**, as parents are not allowed into the school building.

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

Wednesday 11 November	Flu immunisation day (all classes)
Friday 13 November	Children in Need.....wear spots
Monday 16 November	Class outdoor collage challenge
Tuesday 17 November	School photo day
Monday 30 November	Decorate a class Christmas tree
Monday 7 - 9 December	Y6 day trips to Whitehall
Monday 14 December	NMPS has got talent competition!
Tuesday 15 December	Christmas parties (party clothes)
Wednesday 16 December	Christmas dinner in school today
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 (more info to follow)**
- Tuesday - Netball Y5 - **CANCELLED new lockdown**
- Thursday - PAS Y1, Y3 & Y4 **prebooked only (more info to follow)**



Music Lessons in School

- Guitar .....Friday afternoon
- 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](mailto:info@headmasters-schoolwear.co.uk)

