

New Mills Primary School
Newsletter No. 5
Friday 20 November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

Parents eve arrangements: very different this year... 10 minute phone conversations.....update

I hope that parents have found these helpful...just Y5 to come and Y6 in January. A reminder that if you have any questions, at any time in the school year, you can email your class teachers. Staff will generally reply by email although, if needed and helpful, they will telephone you during their lunch break or after school. Maintaining good communication links between home and school is clearly a challenge for everyone at the moment but we know that this is vital. Staff have received many kind messages of support and appreciation from parents and carers.....many thanks..... this means a great deal to us.

Before and after school childcare: We will be providing before and after school childcare here from January.

We have had a good response from parents so far; if you have not registered an interest in using this service please let us know. All the details around booking/ how to pay will be with you very soon. **The timings will be 7.30-9.00 in the mornings and 3.00-6.00 evenings.** The children will be dropped off and collected from the school Hall (through the Hall door) and will be cared for in class bubbles until Covid restrictions are lifted. Costings with you very soon!

C Whetstone - Head teacher

The next newsletter will be on Friday 4 Decemberby email!!

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: Thank you parents, friends and carers for responding so promptly to the request to wear face coverings at collection and pick up.

Stars of the week...

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

Rec Annabella and Jackson Y4 Ollie and Lincoln
Y1 Heidi and Seren Y5 Annabelle and Guinevere
Y2 Tilly and Emily Y6 Freya and Sophie
Y3 Elsie and Charlotte R

Well done everyone 😊

School book Fair.....

Many thanks for your support of the Book Fair. Your purchases allowed the school to select £363 of free books for class libraries. A special thanks to Miss Moody and Mrs Hopwood for organising this virtually.

Community messages...

New Mills Food Bank; New Mills Helping Hands....would like you to know that 'we are here to help'. Please contact on helpinghandsnewmills@gmail.com or call 07425 177999. You can find them on facebook and twitter@NewMillsFBank

New Mills Youth and Community clothes banks....offering a clothes bank and support for local residents. www.nmycp.co.uk

Christmas arrangements!

Staff really want to make sure that the festive period is celebrated in school; it's a special time for so many of us. Reception class are even planning a Nativity and classes will be making virtual visits to other classes to send their best wishes. Please see the dates for parties and singing competitions in diary dates.

School individual photo....

Proof photos are in book bags/home yesterday. Please return by Friday 27 November (not Y1!)

Y1 flu jabs...will be Wednesday 25 November as you missed yours. Y1 Photos will be Friday 27 November (please bring school siblings to the hall door for 8.55 am)



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

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
Wednesday 25 November	Y1 Flu jabs
Friday 27 November	School photo proof return day
Monday 30 November	Decorate a class Christmas tree
Monday 7 - 9 December	Y6 day trips to Whitehall
Friday 11 December	Christmas jumper day £1 for Save the Children
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**
- Thursday - PAS Y1, Y3 & Y4 **prebooked only (more info to follow)**

Music Lessons in School

- GuitarFriday 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

