

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



Dear Parents and Carers

This is the last newsletter before Christmas holidays.....so..... I would like to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Thank you so much for your support and kind words/messages during these challenging times.

I hope that the children are enjoying their school Christmas in class bubbles. Staff have worked hard to make sure that we can all celebrate and enjoy Christmas safely together in our bubbles. Please check the diary dates for all Christmas related activities.

I think that it is safe to say that we will be working in these safe bubbles in January.

The first day of the new school term is Monday 4 January 2021. There is no change to the bubble arrangements and school timings.

Before and after school childcare: We will be providing before and after school childcare here from January 2021.

Please register your interest by returning the parent/NMPS contract....we need a signed copy please...you can get these/request them from the school office.

The timings will be from 7.30 in the mornings and up to 6.00 pm after school.

Costings are 7.30-school start £3.50, 8.00-start £3.00, end of day-5.00 pm is £7.00 and end - 6.00pm is £9.00.

The children will be able to join in with be craft activities, games, reading and outdoor play and they will have a small snack.

Please note that Being Outdoors will continue on Mondays. PAS will not be in school because the school hall is needed for the childcare club.

C Whetstone - Head teacher

The next newsletter will be on Friday 4 January 2021...by email!!

Warm clothing in school ...reminder and update

One of the requirements of the Covid Risk assessment is to keep windows and doors open in classrooms and around the school as much as possible. This allows good ventilation for everyone but it also means that the classrooms and workspaces may not feel as warm as usual. As the weather gets colder staff have been asked to close doors if it is too cold to work, to open them for short periods and during break times.

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.

Stars of the week...

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

Rec Iris and Sam Y4 Isabelle and Tilly
 Y1 Ava and Sam Y5 Chloe and Lola
 Y2 Archie and Miss Chappell Y6 Amelie and Mia
 Y3 Martha and Ollie C

Well done everyone 😊

Arrangements for Christmas

Final dates are in diary dates. There is a late addition of a Santa dash on Wednesday 16 December. Please wear a Christmas hat for the run.

Christmas Bake off Competition... Tuesday 15 December (PTA)

Bring in one Christmas cupcake to be judged (on Christmas party day). Winners voted for in each class. £1 entry per child.

Christmas Charity Day.... Friday 11 December....£2.

This is Christmas jumper day (raising money for Save the Children) and film afternoon (raising money to pay for Shukrullah's education in Afghanistan)...drink and snacks will be served.

Something new for Christmas (PTA).....

Elf trail; see your emails for details of this.

Communication with School during the Christmas Holidays

The school office is closed throughout the holiday and teaching staff will not reply to parent emails during this time.

If you have a message about your child returning to school in January please send a text; we will read these after Thursday 31 January 2021. Thank you.

Donation of Resources/Toys/Games...for School...Thankyou

Are you having a clear out before Father Christmas comes? We would be delighted to take some of the following off your hands!

jigsaws	board and card games	Lego
big building blocks	cars and a mat	farm animals
a garage	dolls	trains and track

Thank you

New Lunchtime Arrangements

Reception pupils will be eating lunch in the Hall (with all year groups) in the New Year.

Lunches will continue to be served in class bubbles with staggered lunchtimes service and play. Tables and chairs are sanitised between sittings and the children do not mix with pupils in different bubbles at any time. **Please help school staff by ensuring your child uses a knife and fork.** We can help with 'cutting up' if needed. Thankyou.

Christmas Cards to Friends....

Children can send their friends cards. They will post them in their own class post boxes. Any cards to staff or people outside of their bubbles will be delivered to the recipient a few days later. Please help your child address cards clearly. Thank you

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

Monday 7 December	Y1 Class photo proof return please!
Monday 7 - 9 December	Y6 day trips to Whitehall; postponed
Friday 11 December	Christmas charity day; Christmas jumper day (Save the Children) Film afternoon with drinks and snacks (Shukrullah)
Monday 14 December	NMPS has got talent competition!
Tuesday 15 December	Christmas parties (party clothes)
Tuesday 15 December	Christmas Bake off competition
Wednesday 16 December	Christmas dinner in school today (party hats)
Wednesday 16 December	Santa dash today...top playground...wear a Christmas hat!
Thursday 17 December	Final of NMPS has got talent
Friday 18 December	last day of term
Monday 4 January 2021	Return to school

Don't miss the PTA elf trail starting this weekend...details emailed to you today (4.12.20)
Thankyou PTA!

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**

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

