

New Mills Primary School
Newsletter No. 7
Friday 8 January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Hello everyone and a very happy new year.

Well what a strange start to the year. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding following the announcement of school closure on Monday evening and thank you to staff here for working so hard to allow school to open for critical worker groups/remote learning the following day. In one day arrangements were in place. There will, I'm sure, be changes and improvements happening over the next few weeks. We will keep everyone informed through school texts and emails.

It is sad that some children must work from home until half term. We appreciate that this may pose problems and we will really miss seeing the children in school. Staff have been preparing for this and we hope that the remote learning arrangements work well for you. Children working at home should be accessing remote learning uploaded daily by your class teacher. There will be literacy and number work, science and topic work and challenges to keep them entertained. The Teams system allows and encourages parents to post responses and samples of work your child has done at home...y6 have already tweeted samples of work done at home. Class teachers will respond to the work and give feedback and suggestions. They will answer your questions/concerns here too. Children working in school will complete the same work to ensure progression in their learning. Very soon there will be a whole school challenge for all pupils; we did these in the last lock down and found that this was a great way of helping children at home feel part of school life.

Don't forget that you can post questions/queries to your class teachers directly using Teams or emails; staff will get back to you as soon as possible. Please be aware that this may not happen immediately.

Introducing Mr McCance...he is our new Y4 teacher. I'm sure you will want to join us in welcoming him to NMPS. Sadly, he only spent one day with his class! He tells me that he has received many messages from parents in Y4 already. He will be working with Y4 until the end of the school year. We are sure that he will be a great asset to the staff team...welcome Mr McCance!

Before and after school childcare: Again a very strange start to our new wrap around childcare club! This remains open for those pupils working in school.

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.

Please ensure you have paid through Parent Pay for the week ahead so we can sort out staffing!

If you need a booking form, please email wraparound@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk

C Whetstone - Head teacher

The next newsletter will be on Friday 22 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 -
working at home and in school**

A celebration of the child that has shown something extra special this week...one from every class...
this includes the children working at home of course...
...we will save your certificates!

Rec Pavak Y4 Cole
Y1 James Y5 Betty
Y2 Albert Y6 Poppy
Y3 Charlotte T

Well done everyone 😊

Dates for your Diary (January - Easter) ... Something to look forward to

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| Monday 4 January | Return to school |
| Wednesday 13 January | PTA Zoom meeting 8pm |
| Monday 15 February | Half term week |
| Thursday 1 April | Last day of term; Easter holidays begin |

Inset days 2.9.20, 3.9.20, 4.9.20, 18.12.20, 21.6.21

