

New Mills Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers

Hello everyone at home and at school.

I'd like to start by saying a **huge thankyou to all parents and carers**. The feedback I am getting from teachers and all staff is that you are all doing a wonderful job supporting your children's learning at home and at school...and sometimes in both places. We know that it must be very hard to find the time and space essential for your child to benefit fully from the remote learning we are setting for home working. Please remember that we understand if not all pieces of work can be completed. Over the past few weeks staff have refined their technical IT support skills; they can advise and help if you are having IT problems at home. I am so pleased that remote learning is going well.

Stars of the week; don't forget to check who is the Star child in your class each week.... special congratulations to those children working from home and being chosen as the Star.

A reminder that parents/carers must **tell us as soon as you hear if a COVID test is positive or negative, we need to see this in writing too.** Parents/carers must not access the school buildings/site at any time.

Before and after school childcare; information.....

The timings are 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 or Miss Moody in the office. The booking forms are sent out on Monday also!

C Whetstone - Head teacher

The next newsletter will be on Friday 5 February 2021....by email!!

**Whole school building challenge
Build the tallest structure you can.....**

A challenge for everyone...in school and at home!

We would like you to build a tall structure, measure it, name it and photograph it. Send your photo and measurement into school via class email or Teams.

Prizes for...the tallest...the most original building materials...the best name...best family entry.

(Before half term please)

Parents. Please make sure that your child is supervised and safe throughout construction. **Closing date is Friday 12 February 2021.**

**Stars of the Week -last 2 weeks
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 Olive and Alice
Y1 Ava and Heidi
Y2 Osian and Jack M
Y3 Ollie F and Evie
Y4 Megan and Leon
Y5 Ben and Jake
Y6 Elodie and Joseph T

Well done everyone!! 😊

Exciting news.....Bridge challenge (see attached info)

We are pleased to launch our new whole school activity challenge for 2021. The challenge is '21 Bridges' and we hope children and parents will take part for fun or as part of a sponsored event. There are 3 elements to the challenge - a bridge treasure hunt, a photo competition and a model making competition. Children can take part in all or just one of the activities - hopefully there is something which appeals to everyone in there. The challenge will run until Easter 2021. We would love to see photos of your adventures. Details on where to send photos are included in the instructions attached to this email. **Closing date is Thursday 1 April 2021.**

Uniform in school during lockdown

Please come to school in school sweat shirt/tops and tracksuit/PE bottoms + trainers. It is important to stay warm but it is also important to keep wearing the school uniform top. Thank you

Community informationhave you heard about the Community Pantry which is inside the indoor market? This is a financial and environmental project open to everyone. For more information and to join www.nmycp.co.uk or message on www.facebook.com/nmycp2020.

Dates for your Diary 2021 (January - Easter) Something to look forward to

Friday 12 February	Building challenge (see above)
Monday 15 February	Half term week (school closed)
Thursday 1 April	Bridges challenge (see above)
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

