

New Mills Primary School
Newsletter No. 11
Friday 25th March 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully, the weather is getting better now as we move towards Easter. The children have all been out playing together today and it was a mass of blue and yellow - it looked amazing. Over the last few weeks, there have been a lot of fundraising taking place for different organisations. Whilst we thank you wholeheartedly for your support, please don't ever feel under pressure to make contributions. Taking part in planned activities, as a community, is what is most important.

We have lots of Easter activities planned - there is a whole school Easter Egg Hunt, a superhero day in year 2, the year 3 and 4 production is coming up and animal handling in year 4. We also have Parent's Evenings next week.

It's Mother's Day on Sunday and I know the children have been secretly making nice things!! I'd like to take this opportunity to say that I hope all the mums get spoilt on Sunday and have a lovely day!

Carol Taylor - Head teacher

Change to the finishing time

The end of day will change to 3:15 for all children after Easter.

This has been done to stop families having to wait outside for 5 minutes to collect their children. Most families wait on the road and this has brought its own set of problems - children running and playing on the property of local businesses, playing tig and falling over.

Governors have stood outside at the end of the day to see what can be done and they agree it would be a small change that could make a big difference.

Year 3 will start to come out of the main entrance (near where the school office is) instead from the hall entrance.

The morning routine is working well so no changes need to be made.

Reminder about Dogs

Please **do not** bring your dog onto any part of the school premises at any time. We have had complaints from some parents stating that dogs have been in the area where Year 2 and Year 3 children are collected.

National Touring Opera

On 17th March the Touring Opera performed the opera "Paper and Tin" to children in Key Stage 2. The children and the staff who saw it absolutely loved it and thought it was amazing. Comments from the children included, "It was brilliant!" "I want to be able to sing like that!" and "When are they coming again?" We won't have to wait too long everyone because we've rebooked them for the autumn term! We are also planning to book an opera for Key Stage 1 as soon as one is available.

Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation. We raised £211. There were lots of wacky hair designs and the children enjoyed the Red Nose Day activities in their classes.

Raising Money to Support the Ukrainian People - THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who came to school today wearing blue and yellow. We are going to send all your donations to the DEC. The government will double your donations.

Well done to Harry Fairhurst in Year 4 who made fabulous blue and yellow badges to sell. Harry raised £104.15 in total 😊

Total raised today is £322.05!!

Macbeth production by Year 6

Last week the Year 6 children performed their production of Macbeth to the rest of Key Stage 2. The Year 6's have been studying Macbeth during their literacy lessons and their work culminated in the children performing the play themselves. The acting, music and props were fantastic. Well done, Year 6!

Year 3 Trip to DEWA Centre in Chester.

Year 3 had a fabulous Roman Experience day in Chester this week. The children enjoyed marching and chanting with the Roman Centurion through the streets of Chester Lucas, in Year 3 said, "It was great, a Roman soldier called Gius showed us some bones!" The children also visited the amphitheatre.

Summer Plant Sale

If you would like to order any plants, please return the order form sent out with the full cash payment no later than Monday 4th April.

Tennis Club

There is a new after school tennis club for children in Year 2,3,4,5 and 6. These lessons will take place after Easter on Wednesdays 3.15 till 4.15 cost £5 per session.

Dates for your Diary (March - April) Something to look forward to

Weekly - Wednesday Y6 Boosting group 3.15 to 4.30 pm

Monday 28 March	Y4 Animal handling group visit to school (using PTA funds)
Tuesday 29 March	Parents evening in school
Thursday 31 March	Parents evening in school
Monday 4 April	PTA Plant form & payment return date
Monday 4 April	Y1 & Y2 Chester zoo payment due date
Monday 4 April	Y4 Whitehall trip 1st payment due date
Monday 4 April	Y4 Swimming consent form return date
Tuesday 5 April	Y3 & Y4 Spring production Y3 parents to watch
Wednesday 6 April	Y3 & Y4 Spring production Y4 parents to watch
Friday 8 April	Y4 Whitehall consent form return date
Friday 8 April	Last day in school for Easter holidays
Monday 25 April	Return to school
Tuesday 3 & 4 May	Y4 Whitehall residential 1 night
Tuesday 10 May	Y3 Whitehall day visit
Thursday 9 June	Class photos by new school photographer

Inset days: 02.09.21, 03.09.21, 21.10.21, 22.10.21, 23.12.21, 27.6.22

May Day bank holiday is Monday 2 May 2022

