

New Mills Primary School
Newsletter No. 1
Friday 17th September 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

This is my first newsletter! I have been here for just over two weeks now and have slowly adjusted to being in a different school. The welcome I have received has been fantastic and I already feel at home here. I have been stood outside most days where I've introduced myself to many parents but know there are many more still to meet. It will take me a while to get to know everyone, but I will get there eventually. I've also been popping into classes to see how the children are settling in and I can report that they seem very settled and are already starting to produce some lovely work.

As the year goes on, I'll be seeking the views of parents and children. This will help me make the right decisions for the school.

C Taylor - Headteacher

Reading reminder

Reading to, and reading with, your children is one of the most important ways to support your children's learning. Books contain a vast amount of vocabulary and reading with children is vitally important. Sharing books leads to conversations about the topics and if children have a wealth of knowledge; then everything else falls into place!

Reception starters

The children in Reception have settled wonderfully. The teachers are already incredibly proud of the way the children have come into school independently. I regularly pop into the classroom, and I'm blown away when I see how well they play together.

Start/finish times and collection points

8.50 start and 3.10 finish for Rec Y1 and Y2 and 3.15 finish for Y3/4/5/6. The children are still washing their hands after play and lunch times. These times are no longer staggered so everyone is out together.

Local events in school

Bikeability sessions have been happening for KS2 children this week and they will continue next week. The children are learning how to make sure their bikes are safe to ride and how to ride them on the roads.

Swimming for Y5 starts on Monday 20 September.

Clothes Bank

We have a large green clothes bank near the entrance into the hall. This is for clothes that are to be recycled. All clothes need to be in bags. No ripped items please.

Jeans for Genes day

£127.10 was the total raised today 😊 Thank you for everyone's support.

PE Event - Y6

Whilst competing against other schools in the girls football events, I really enjoyed being on the field and working as a team. Everybody played great and everybody seemed to have lots of fun. I really liked cheering other teams on while I was waiting for my turn to play. I thought that my team and the other schools played very well and were very supportive of each other even if they were from different schools. **Report written by Brooke K Y6.**

Sports events and school visits:

The children have been out and about doing different activities and they've written a few notes to explain where they've been and what it was like.

School bags and uniforms:

Children need to bring as little to school as possible. I've noticed that some children have books bags, some have school rucksacks, and some have very large rucksacks. Storage is always a concern in schools so the less the children bring with them, the better. We do recognise that on PE or Forest School days, the bags will be necessary.

The windows and doors are still being kept open, so it is a good idea for children to have a fleece in school. Red or black ones would be great please.

Class Dojo

More information will be sent out about class Dojo. It is a new communication App that many schools use. It's very user-friendly and will help us all keep in touch. Look out for information coming home about how to download and use the App in the coming weeks.

Parking Outside School

It is essential that nobody parks on Meadow Street between 8:45 to 9:10 and 2:55pm to 3:25pm. Parents and children gather on the road, children run and play on it, we are in a cul-de-sac and it's brilliant to have the space for this to happen. Everyone has the right to experience this space free of cars.

New Mills food bank Helping Hands

As part of our Autumn festival, this year we will be collecting for our local food bank. Please send any tins, packets & boxes to school by Friday 15 October 2021. Thank you.

PE Event - Y6

On the 16th of September Y6 went to the Estate tour. It is a massive shipping container, it's a model village featuring 4 abandoned concrete tower blocks by Jimmy Cauty. When we went inside, there was smoke and helicopter noise it was so cool on the outside there are little peep hole to see inside. We loved it! **Report written by Belle M & Lola B Y6.**

Dates for your Diary 2021 (Autumn Term 1)

September 2021

Monday 20 th	Bikeability Y5
Monday 20 th	Swimming starts Y5
Tuesday 21 st	Bikeability - Y5 am and Y3/4 pm
Wednesday 22 nd	Y5/6 boys football competition
Thursday 23 rd	5:30 to 8pm New Mills School Open Evening
Wednesday 29 th	Y3/4 girls football competition
Wednesday 29 th	6:30pm Full Governing Board Meeting
Thursday 30 th	Rugby Mega Fest

October 2021

Monday 4 th	9-12:30 Y3/4 gym competition
Wednesday 6 th	Y3/4 boys football competition
Thursday 7 th	Australia Menu Day - children get to taste Australian food
Monday 11 th	Y3 visit to Poole's Cavern
Wednesday 13 th	KS1 football festival
Thursday 14 th	Map Quest - Y3/4
Friday 15 th	Autumn festival contributions for Helping Hands Food Bank closing date
Wednesday 20 th	Cross Country KS2
Wednesday 20 th	School closes for half term

November 2021

Monday 1 st	Children return to school
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