

New Mills Primary School
Newsletter No. 2
Friday 30th September 2022



Dear Parents and Carers, We are half-way through the new half term and it's been an incredibly positive start to the year! So much is new across the school, and we're excited about the year ahead. We've changed our curriculum, and everyone is working hard to give the children the best possible experiences. The website is currently under review so curriculum information will be put on as soon as possible, hopefully, by half term. Parents evenings are coming up, I will be available both evenings, so if you have anything you'd like to discuss, please let me know. We'll be doing a governor parent questionnaire in a few weeks, too. Please share your views as they help to shape the school's direction.

Carol Taylor - Head teacher

Home learning

Information about Home Learning was shared last week. Thank you for your patience whilst we adopted a consistent approach across school - we want to make sure that each child has a similar experience. Home Learning starts this week, initial thoughts and feedback will be very welcome.

2 x New Governor roles

We currently have 2 vacancies for 2 parent governors. This is an opportunity for someone who is passionate about New Mills Primary to help shape its direction. This following statement summarises the role:

The purpose of governing bodies is to 'conduct the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement at the school'. Governing bodies should have a strong focus on three core functions: ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school.

Governors support the Headteacher to make the big decisions!
More information will follow next week.

Rock Star Day - Key Stage 2 'Rock Star Day' - Friday

7th October 2022 On Friday 7th October, we will be having a 'Rock Star Day' for KS2 to relaunch Times Tables Rockstars across the key stage. We have introduced the programme in recent years to help support children with learning key maths facts, along with assisting Year 4 with preparation for their multiplication tables check at the end of the year. We will be planning a fun filled day with special times tables based activities and the chance to compete with others across the school. **On the day, children in Key Stage 2 are invited to come to school dressed as a rock star if they wish, with their air guitars at the ready! We cannot wait to see the rock star attitude that the children will bring to the day!** Times Tables are such an important part of developing a secure understanding in Maths and we thank you in advance for supporting your child with this at home.

Rocking Robots Day Key Stage 1 'Rocking Robots Day' - Friday

7th October 2022
On Friday 7th October, we will be having a 'Rocking Robots Day' for KS1 to launch Numbots across the Key Stage. Numbots is linked to Times Tables Rockstars (used in KS2) and helps support the children with learning key number facts. We will be planning a fun filled day with special activities planned - **on this day, the children in Key Stage 1 are invited to come to school dressed as robots if they wish!**

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

The language we have chosen to work on is French. This will be taught in Key Stage 2 and will start in a few weeks. We will let you know when 😊

Opera - Tutankhamuns Shoes

Last year, children (and staff) were amazed the opera singers and the story they told. We've booked them in again on Thursday 3rd November. A letter has been sent home this week. Please send payment of £2.75 via parent pay by Monday 17th October latest.

Jeans for Genes

Your generous donations amounted to £134.80 - thank you for your support.

Uniform

PLEASE can you make sure your child's uniform is labelled!! We want the correct clothes to stay with the correct child.

Also

If anyone has any unwanted uniform, bring it into school and we will recycle it.

Harvest Festival

This was always a big event when I was at school. We've chosen **Thursday October 20th** as our Harvest Festival day. All donations will go to New Mills Food Bank. Please send a donation in, non perishable items. If you can - no pressure! The children will learn more about the role of the Food Bank during the day. **Children are welcome to wear 'Earthy' colours for the festival day.**

Skip - HELP!

The skip will be here on **Thursday 20th October**. A small work party would be fantastic, many items need breaking down before going in the skip. Please let Miss Moody know if you can help.

Y5 Trip to Kingswood Monday 31st October to Wednesday 2nd November

Medical forms for Lea Green have been sent home, please return these by Friday 7th October latest.

Y6 Trip to Lea Green Monday 7th November to Thursday 10th November

Medical forms & kit list have been sent home, please return the forms by Monday 10th October latest.

Mums & Toddler group in the school hall

More info on this soon!

PTA News

Clothing for recycling

The big, green clothing bank is on site, please use it for all your unwanted clothing items (not uniform), shoes, blankets, duvet covers etc. All must be clean! This is emptied on a monthly basis and all proceeds go towards supporting the school with trips.

Christmas cards

Please return all your amazing Christmas card designs by Thursday 20th October with payment either online or cash/cheque.

Autumn disco - Monday 17 October 2022

The DJ we had last time will be with us again - he was, by far, the best DJ we've ever seen in a school!! The time has changed slightly - 3:30 to 4:30 for KS1 children and 4:45 to 5:45 for KS2. The 15 minutes in between is for change over. KS1 children will be collected from the KS1 door, please collect them before dropping off the KS2 children. There were large queues last time as many were paying at the door. We've transferred the payment to ParentPay.

Dates for your Diary September Something to look forward to

Friday 7 th October	KS1 & KS2 Rockstar/Rocking Robots day
Monday 10 th October	School photographer AM individual photos
Monday 10 th October	Parents evening (letter to come home next week)
Wednesday 12 th October	Y3 & Y4 Football boys
Wednesday 12 th October	Parents evening (letter to come home next week)
Thursday 20 th October	Harvest festival day
Friday 21st October	Inset day school is closed
Monday 31 st October - Wednesday 2 nd November	Y5 Kingswood trip
Thursday 3 rd November	English touring opera in school
Monday 7 th November - Thursday 10 th November	Y6 Lea Green trip
Thursday 10 th November	NHS flu immunisations in school (info has been emailed)
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need day

