

New Mills Primary School  
Newsletter No. 3  
Wednesday 20 October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

This has been my first term and what an incredible time it has been. It's so good to be back at New Mills Primary School; it's such a wonderful place to be. I'm slowly getting to know the children and the parents. I am stood outside most days, usually with Mrs Clarke (the Deputy Head). We generally stand outside the main doors. Please say 'Hi' and introduce yourself as you go past - I won't remember everyone, but I am getting to know more names each day!!

Carol Taylor - Head teacher

#### **Parking**

We still have parents/carers parking on the street. To the best of my knowledge many different strategies have been tried in the past. If parents have any suggestions for how to help this situation, please contact me - [ctaylor@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:ctaylor@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk) or 01663 744453.

#### **Spooky Bake Off**

Huge thank you to everyone involved in the Bake Off. The entries were fantastic! The children chose their favourites and the PTA provided prizes to the winning cakes. Well done to everyone that took part. The PTA organised the event and were on site most of the day organising the whole event. We couldn't have done it without you. The total raised has been text out already 😊

#### **Jewellery**

Please do not allow your child to wear jewellery such as necklaces, bracelets or rings in school. These items are not part of our school uniform and are a safety issue in PE lessons. Can we also remind you that earrings need to be removed for PE lessons. If your child is unable to remove earrings themselves, please ensure that they are not worn on PE days.

#### **Food Bank**

Your kind donations meant that we sent 3 BIG boxes of food to the New Mills Helping Hands Food Bank. I know they will be greatly received and passed on to people who need it most.

#### **Parents Evening**

Parent's Evening 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you for sending your slips back to school. Your class teacher will send you details of your appointment in the first week of term.

We look forward to seeing you or speaking to you about the progress of your child.

**Disco - important**, please see change of times below!!

#### **Safety**

The nights are closing in and Halloween is just around the corner, please keep safe out there!

Be mindful about online safety and limit screen time, as necessary. Take a moment to chat with your children about what games they like to go on and check those sites are appropriate.

#### **Active Uniform**

Children should continue to wear their Active Uniform on PE days. This is dark jogging bottoms (without Logos) or thick leggings and appropriate footwear - dark trainers. Please get in touch with your class teacher if you need to know when PE days are.

#### **Spooky Woods Day**

We all had a wonderful spooky time in the woods last week and the children all looked fantastic in their 'spooky' clothes. Everyone took part in a variety of spooky activities such as making broomsticks and each class designed and carved a pumpkin. Everyone enjoyed sitting around the fire pit and drinking hot chocolate. Thank you to Mrs Fisher for organising such an amazing day.

#### **Football**

Well done to all the Year 6 boys who took part in the football finals at Glossopdale on Tuesday. Our team worked hard and achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Fabulous team work everyone.

#### **Covid**

The advice is still for any pupils with COVID 19 symptoms (see recent letter emailed home with extended symptoms) to stay at home, self-isolate and book a PCR test ASAP and remain at home until the PCR result comes through. Appropriate self-isolation should follow if the result is positive. Any worries or questions, please ring the office.

#### **Uniform Change?**

As an initial enquiry, we have welcomed reading your responses to the possible change in uniform. There is still lots to discuss on this issue, including looking wider at what we want the children to wear to school every day in an active school environment. **Please send your responses to school by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November!!**

## Dates for your Diary 2021 (Autumn Term 2)

### November 2021

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Children return to school.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5 Kingswood trip returning Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	KS1 Activity day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisation date for all years in school <b>(for those who have registered via the online form.)</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Kingswood trip returning Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	What a racket festival
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	School photographer for individual photos
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need, wear something sparkly or spotty for £1
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School disco KS1 3.30 to 4.30 pm and KS2 4.45 to 5.45 pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball competition

### December 2021

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	KS1 Bench ball competition
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Reception class trip to Chatsworth
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	2pm KS1 Nativity for reception parents
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am KS1 Nativity for Y1 parents
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2pm KS1 Nativity for Y2 parents
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Xmas dinner day in school
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Table tennis festival
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Santa Dash all classes
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6 trip to Lowry theatre (late return)

