

# New Mills Primary School

## Newsletter No. 4

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022



### Dear Parents and Carers,

The list of activities that we have done this term, is way too many to mention! The year started with a year 5 residential to Kingswood for 3 days and 2 nights. The children were given loads of opportunities to challenge themselves and their teamwork skills. The activities, staff and food at Kingswood are fabulous and I know the children came back full of stories about what they got up to. The following week, the year 6 children went to Lea Green (near Matlock). They went for 3 nights and 4 days and were immersed in a whole load of physical and mental activities. Lea Green is a stunning place with excellent facilities. Again, I know the children had a really good time and will have etched life-long memories. We are currently discussing plans for next year and will let you know what they are as soon as they're confirmed.

Carol Taylor - Head teacher

There have also been many sports events this term. The children have done some little write ups on them. Please see below:

#### Racket festival -

We arrived at the Leisure Centre and there were lots of schools and then we sat down and talked to the instructor. We then did squash, tennis, table tennis and badminton. We all had a great time and enjoyed playing new sports we had tried before. Written by Finchley & Charlotte Y5

#### Cross country finals -

We got there and were taken on a tour of the track. Once we were all warmed up the races began. Y3 & Y4 girls were first, determination and passion and self belief were amazing. Next was Y3 & Y4 boys and it was muddy and wet but they still did an ace job. Y5 & Y6 boys and girls were last, the boys was one of the best races we have ever seen all day! We all gave our best on the day. Written Olivia & Gregory Y6

#### Healthy champions

We learn nutrition, physical health, pizza making, team building. We will be planning a PE lesson, our assembly and a cooking lesson for our class and the whole school. We loved trying new foods! Written by Emily, Caitlyn, Eva, Evie & Thomas.

#### Household support fund

Information was sent out earlier this month about the Household Support Fund. The link to make a referral is:

[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund)

If you need help to apply for the funding, please get in touch with us and we will put you in touch with the Family Support Team.

#### Parking outside school

On the whole, there have been a lot less cars driving up Meadow Street at drop off and collection times. I have noticed that when the weather is particularly bad, then more cars tend to be present. Please make every effort to keep the road completely free of cars - none of us enjoy getting wet but it's far better than causing an accident. We are following up on the cars over the road that are fenced off, we will let you know how we progress.

#### Smoking outside School

Please refrain from smoking outside school, children should not be exposed to smoke inhalation and that includes e-cigs.

#### Snow days

If we make the decision to close the school for safety reasons, we will let you know on Class Dojo and on the website (even if it hasn't been switched over) and High Peak Radio. Regular updates will be given out too.

#### Website

We are in the process of changing the website, we'll let you know when it is up and running.

#### School policy - Exceptional circumstances applications:

(Amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force. These regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively.

Any requests should be on an official school absence request form and handed into the school office for consideration prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made.

You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996.

#### Class Dojo: IMPORTANT

Since its introduction, Class Dojo has been very successful. **The next step is to move away from the texting service completely and use two communication platform: email and Class Dojo. We are hoping to complete this change in the next couple of months.** Please make sure you are signed up to Class dojo and have notifications allowed so that you receive regular messages. Emails will be sent if documents or other sensitive information needs to be shared. Please get in touch if you have any thoughts or comments about the changes to communication: [ctaylor@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:ctaylor@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk) (or contact me on Dojo)

#### Message from Helping Hands Food Bank

Thanks to our very generous community we have a large and continuous flow of stock, ready to distribute to households who are struggling during these challenging times.

There are three main ways to request funding:

- We can deliver food parcel/s direct to the household at a mutually agreeable time (this will require you getting consent to share the family's contact details with us). Our service is confidential and in line with GDPR laws we do not share data with any other organisation.
- Families can contact us directly by telephone 07425 177999
- Food parcels can be delivered to school for families to collect with no need for them to share any data.

In addition to our regular service, we will be distributing Christmas hampers to give families an extra help at this expensive time of year. If you would like a hamper, please get in touch with school. Katy-Lou Evans - New Mills Helping Hands  
Foodbank phone number: 07425 177999

**Wraparound**, if you need emergency child care, we will try and fit you in but it does depend on staffing for the day. Please ring the school office to find out. As always, we need your booking form and payment by Thursday morning for the week after booking so we can plan staffing 😊

## 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 fair – Ho, Ho, Ho! Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 3.15 on onwards**

If you have any good as new or new items you would like to donate to the school for their raffle at the Christmas fair, all donations would be gratefully received. We have 1 more non-uniform day for bottles next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 😊

### Dates for your Diary November onwards .... Something to look forward to:



Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y6 trip to Liverpool Museums
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	NHS flu immunisations for Y6 (due to residential trip)
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Non uniform day - please bring bottles 😊
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair 3.15 pm Santa will be here!
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas jumper day (£1 donations on parent pay soon for Save the Children)
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3 & Y4 Carol concert at St Georges Church with Thornsett Band (tickets only)
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Xmas play 2pm Y1 & Rec
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Xmas play 2pm Y2 & Rec
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Xmas lunch in school
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Xmas party PM
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol service 9.30 am Mellor Road Church
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Xmas party PM Santa will be here!
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Last day in school for Xmas Santa dash AM

