

New Mills Primary School  
Newsletter No. 8  
Friday 4 February 2022



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have lots of new diary dates so please write them down on your calendar! Thank you to everyone for their support during my first 2 terms in school 😊 I am stood outside school most days at school drop off and pick up. I am trying to get to know as many parents as possible so please come and say hello and I will try to help with any questions you have. Thank you.

Carol Taylor - Head teacher

**Cars and Parking outside school**

The car parked on Meadow Street, that has been heavily vandalised, has been reported to the local council. We are waiting for somebody to visit the site to find out what our next steps are. Hopefully, action will be taken soon.

With regard to cars parking on Meadow Street at drop off and collection times, Derbyshire County Council has been informed of the issue and, the local councillor, Anne Clarke, has offered her support, too. We will keep you informed of any new developments. I am aware of 3 near misses that have happened whilst I have been here and I will continue to look into this dangerous issue until something can be done.

The High Peak Kids Council are also looking into traffic and parking so this must be a concern for other schools in the area as well.

**World Book Day** is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Children can dress up as any of their favourite book characters. The teachers will do activities based on books during the day.

**Dodgeball - Childrens Update**

We really liked the dodgeball as we worked as a team and it was fun. It was great that we won some of our games but we also enjoyed playing against the other schools. Y4 Report.

We were very excited as we set off on Weds 2 Feb to play dodgeball at the Leisure Centre. After being told the rules, we had our first game, we won some of our games and we had a great afternoon but we didn't like the walk back! Y3 Report.

**Covid-19 Update**

Some children have been reinfected with coronavirus. Whilst we're very grateful that the children are mostly experiencing mild symptoms, we are concerned that the virus is highly transmissible. Naturally, staff absence is affected by coronavirus, and we must all continue to follow the current guidance. We really appreciate everyone's support with this.

**Covid-19 Vaccinations - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or Booster**

There will be a mobile vaccination centre at the Octagon Lounge in Buxton on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 10-4 pm. No need to book. No need to be registered with a doctor.

**Recycling in School**

We collect small ink cartridges, batteries, used stamps & clothes. Please have a clear out and prevent them going to landfill!

**Parents Evening - Dates: 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March**

We plan to go ahead with the meetings the same as we did last time. Parents can choose to have a face-to-face meeting, or a phone call and we'll set up the one-way system again. Children's books will be shared, so you can catch up with what they've been learning.

**Warm Clothing in School ...Reminder and Update**

One of the requirements of the Covid Risk assessment is to keep windows and doors open in classrooms and around the school as much as possible. This allows good ventilation for everyone but it also means that the classrooms and workspaces may not feel as warm as usual. As the weather is colder, staff have been asked to close doors if it is too cold to work, to open them for short periods and during break times.

Please ensure that your child wears a (labelled) school sweatshirt every day. **They can also wear a fleece jacket on top of sweatshirts** in classrooms. They will need a coat for outdoor play and break times. Thank you.

**Comic Relief** - Red Nose Day is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. 'Have a Laugh with your Class' is this years' theme. During the day, children will be given the opportunity to share jokes - it would be amazing if they could prepare some at home beforehand (age appropriate, of course!). The children have requested 'Wacky Hair', too - to add to the fun. We will also be selling red noses in school at £1.50 each **first come first served!** We will text you when we start selling them in school.

**Spring Production**

The year 3 and 4 children will soon start preparing for their Easter Show! The plan is to have parents watch the show on two afternoons. There will be two shows: parents of Year 3 children can watch the show on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 1:30 and year 4 parents can see it on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, also at 1:30pm. We will put arrangements in place to consider the safety of everyone attending, based on the coronavirus situation at the time.

**Animal Visit**

The year 4 children will have the pleasure of the Animal Handling Group coming in on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022. We hope that they have an amazing time and that this experience leads to some fabulous work in the classroom. Some of the Year 4 children will report back in the next newsletter! We will put the payments on Parent Pay soon!

**Uniform Update**

The governors and school leaders have been listening and responding to further enquiries about the uniform. What has been agreed, at this stage, is that we will extend the phasing in period from September 2023 to September 2024. Also, there will be more choice with the school bags (for KS2) and acceptable measurements agreed - we'll send this out nearer the time. Further discussions are ongoing regarding the school logo - we will keep you informed.

**Dates for your Diary (January - April) .... Something to look forward to**

Friday 18 February	PTA break the rules day (more info to follow)
Friday 18 February	Last day in school for half term
Monday 28 February	Return to school
	PTA plant sale info out this week!
Thursday 3 March	World Book day
Friday 18 March	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day
Monday 28 March	Y4 Animal handling group visit to school
Tuesday 29 March	Parents evening in school
Thursday 31 March	Parents evening in school
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	Last day in school for Easter holidays
Monday 25 April	Return to school

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

**May Day is Monday 2 May 2022**

