

New Mills Primary School
Newsletter No. 9
Friday 31st March 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Easter Everyone! I hope you all have a lovely break. I know many of you are going away, so I hope the weather starts to warm up and the rain stays at bay! See you after the Easter break.

Carol Taylor – Head teacher

Wraparound Change:

The governors have approved a third Pay Point for Wraparound after school club. This will start after Easter. This should help our families who don't need the service until 5pm (which was originally the first Pay Point). Now, the first Pay Point will be at 4:15 pm and will cost £3.50. The other two Pay Points are the same as before (from 3:15 to 5pm is £7 and from 3:15 to 6pm is £9) and there is no change to wraparound breakfast club costs.

Parking:

Parking and driving up Meadow Street. Please do not park on the yellow lines at the bottom of the road. They are there to keep pedestrians and motorists safe. The PCSO's will be visiting school when they can to check that New Mills is a safe place to be.

Our neighbours, on Meadow Street, are entitled to drive up and down the road at any time. They are businesses, they own half of road, and they are entitled to full access to their property, as are their clients. It has been brought to my attention that they have been challenged, and, in one instance, sworn at, as they are going about their daily business. Children shouldn't be climbing on the gates or walls of the properties. We share the road, if all the parents had to wait on the pavement, it would be utter chaos. Please show consideration and support us as we all work together for the benefit of the children.

Y3 & Y4 Spring Show:

Another very busy few weeks since the last newsletter. The highlight being the Year 3/4 production of 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies'. The singing, dancing and acting was very entertaining, and the children worked exceptionally hard to learn all of it. A huge thank you to all the staff involved, brilliant teamwork and determination made the play as brilliant as it was. Children who can usually be quiet can have the chance to shine and it was a pleasure to see different talents on display.

Community Governors Needed:

Community Governor – we have appointed 3 governors recently and they are all settling in very well. We need to appoint a couple of community governors. A community governor isn't connected directly to the school. They may have specialist skills, which will be great, but the most important thing is that they want to support the school with the big decisions that need to be made. If you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact me.

PTA Help!

The PTA work behind the scenes to meet, plan and organise fund raising events. A small, dedicated team attend all meetings and make good contributions to the school. We are very mindful of the financial pressures that families are facing so we are trying to give as much notice as possible. However, we do rely on your support and all the children benefit from funds raised. It would be excellent if we could have a Class Representative attending the meetings. They could bring ideas from other parents and, hopefully, there will be a team of parents from across the school sharing their views and ideas

Family Support Worker:

The family support team that has been working with us, for over three years, will be changing after Easter. We will be employing a family support manager to work with a cluster of 11 primary and nursery schools after Easter. We will keep you informed about who we employ and when they will start. We will continue to work with the current family support team during the transition phase, however, we will not have the same level of support and waiting times for assistance will be longer.

Healthy Snacks at Play Time:

We have noticed that over time, more and more unhealthy snacks are entering school. Added to this is the litter that is left behind each day. For many years, only fruit or vegetables were allowed. **From Monday 27th March, we are going to go back to just fruit and vegetables.** Please support us with this as we strive to be a healthy school.

Year 5 Walk:

Year 5 went for a good old walk up to Big Stone yesterday. In all that rain!! Many parents joined them, and it was very successful. On return, the children were rather tired and muddy – all signs of a good day out! Next term, year 6 will be walking up Kinder Scout. Parents will be invited on this walk, too. More details to follow nearer the time.

Blue for Blythe House:

Blythe House is proud of the efforts our year 4 children made when they took on Go Blue for Blythe. They worked together to discuss ideas and prepare posters and make the event a big success. They raised £153.63! Ver well done, girls.

Thank you to everyone who supported the wearing of blue in school. We also raised £118.00 for Blythe House 😊

Easter Egg Hunt:

This morning's Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. The children scoured the grounds looking for eggs, ducks and bunnies (not real!) before retreating to the classroom for a small treat. What a great last day that everyone enjoyed 😊

Cyclocross:

Tuesday 28th March 2023. We arrived at cyclocross we got split up into 3 teams of 6. We had a red, yellow & black team. We then had 5 races split into boys and girls and one mixed race. It was a really good afternoon and we all enjoyed it. Written by pupil in Y6.

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. We also recycle batteries and small printer cartridges in school & used stamps 😊

Dates for your Diary January 2023 onwards Something to look forward to:

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| Monday 17 April | - | Duck race design return date |
| Thursday 20 April | - | Spring bake off |
| Friday 21 April | - | Plant sale return date (PTA event) |
| Monday 1 May | - | Bank holiday school is closed |
| Tuesday 2 May | | |
| & Wednesday 3 May | - | Y3 Whitehall residential overnight |
| Monday 8 May | - | Bank holiday school is closed |
| Tuesday 9 – Fri 12 May | - | SATS weeks |
| Tuesday 9 May | | |
| & Wednesday 10 May | - | Y4 Whitehall residential overnight |
| Sunday 21 May | - | Duck race (tickets will be on sale soon) |
| Friday 26 May | - | School finishes for half term |
| Tuesday 6 June | - | School photographer group photos |
| Friday 9 June | - | Y2 Whitehall day visit 1 |
| Saturday 10 June | - | Carnival |
| Wednesday 28 June | - | Y4 Clarinet concert |
| Friday 30 June | - | Y2 Whitehall day visit 2 |
| Tuesday 4 July | - | Y4 visit to Bridgewater Hall |
| Friday 7 July | - | Summer fair |
| Tuesday 11 July | - | School disco |
| Tuesday 18 July | - | KS2 sports day |
| Friday 21 July | - | Inset day school is closed for the Summer hol |