

New Mills Primary School
Newsletter No. 9
Friday 18th February 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,
Businesses on Meadow Street:

Whilst every effort is made by the local businesses not to drive onto the road at the start and end of the school day, this is not always possible. Yesterday evening, the owner of the Music Studio left her business premises to collect her children from school. As she left, it has been reported that she faced abuse from parents outside school. The altercation escalated when her husband arrived. Many parents have been into school concerned about the incident. Both businesses, opposite school, have expressed concerns about children hurting themselves when they are permitted to climb on walls and gates and run into the business yards. Please be mindful that we want to be considerate neighbours.

DCC and the local councillor have been contacted regarding the cars that are vandalised and the parking situation in general. Conversations and meetings are taking place to try to identify workable solutions. The school will also review the start and finish times at the next opportunity, in a bid to shorten the amount of time parents wait outside school. Thankyou.

Carol Taylor - Head teacher

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. Children can dress up as any of their favourite book characters. The teachers will do activities based on books during the day.

Go Blue for Blythe!

We love to support the fantastic work provided by Blythe House Hospice. On Friday 4th of March we are asking the children to come to school dressed in blue and to bring a pound which will be sent to the hospice. Parents may also donate using Parent Pay.

Curriculum Days

We believe that children learn best when they enjoy their lessons. We try to ensure that our topic work is taught in a creative way and that our children are active rather than passive learners. This week the following activities have inspired our children;

Science Day in Year 4 This was an exciting day and enjoyed by everyone. The children actively learned about the human digestive system by creating the intestines using tights and food which created 'poo'. They also drew some very artistic pictures of the digestive system on a T shirt.

French Day in Year 5 The children enjoyed eating some traditional French food including croissants and pain du chocolat. They also came to school wearing the colours of the French flag. Thank you to Mrs Kelly for teaching us to speak in French!

Dance Festival

Groups of Key Stage 2 children took part in a virtual dance festival. They have worked really hard practising their routines and they have enjoyed having the final dances filmed. The children are going to watch the videos of all the dances including those from children in other schools this week. Well done to everyone who took part.

Recycling in School

Reminder - we recycle batteries, small inkjets, used stamps & clothes/shoes.

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day is Friday 18th 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.

Quiz Night - PTA Event

This event was held last night at the Masons Arms in New Mills. It was a great opportunity to join the PTA team and to meet the team. Thank you to everyone who attended. Joining the PTA is a fabulous way for you to support our children by raising money for trips and to buy much needed resources. The total raised is £148.05!!

Break the Rules Day - PTA Event

We have all had a great day breaking the rules! The children loved getting extra playtime, eating biscuits and coming to school dressed in pjamas. This event has raised £461.24 which will go towards trips etc. Thank for supporting this event.

Class Dojo

The feedback about Class Dojo has been very positive. Staff are enjoying letting you know what's going on in school and it's a great two-way communication system. There are still a handful of parents who haven't connected. From Friday 4th March, Dojo will be our main method of communication with teachers and myself. During the first week back, if you need any support getting joined up, please contact Mrs Broadley via the school.

To report an absence on Class Dojo, send it directly to Miss Moody or you can continue to use the texting service as you normally would or please ring the absence line.

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

Monday 28 February	Return to school
	PTA plant sale info out this week!
Thursday 3 March	World Book day, children in their favourite book character
Friday 4 March	Blythe Hospice wear blue day £1
Thursday 17 March	National Opera visiting for KS2 (more info to follow)
Friday 18 March	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day £1
	Y6 will be selling red noses for £1.50 before this event
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

