

New Mills Primary School  
Newsletter No. 11  
Friday 26 March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy half term!

I would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter and hope that we can all enjoy the holiday even though we may not be able to get out and about as much as we normally do. It has been a joy to be back in school with everyone in the right place; I know that the children have worked hard and I have seen how much they love being back with all their friends. It has not been an easy time for them. They are having to relearn some school rules and expectations, they have needed to rebuild friendships at the same time as working hard to catch up on areas of their learning. They are a credit to you; their manners and impeccable and their enthusiasm for being back infectious. We have all had a lovely time together. Thank you.

**Parent Questionnaire feedback:** thank you for your comments and responses. I will study them with care, speak to the Governors and let you know what changes we can make very soon.

**Parents evening phone calls:** teachers will be making phone calls home for parents evening the week beginning 4 May 2021.

**Teaching spelling:** don't forget there are is a new way for you to learn spellings at home (KS2)...it's on Teams.

If you need any help with this please contact your class teacher by email.

**Communication links reminder:** we are delighted that parents are continuing (after school closure) to use Teams.

Teachers are telling me that most parents are accessing this and that Homework and messages home are getting though.

If you are having any technical issues with Teams the teachers will be able to help you. Don't wait for Parents evenings calls....let us know now please!

C Whetstone - Head teacher

The next newsletter will be on Friday 23 April 2021....by email!!

Thursday 1 April

Bake up and dress up day

£1 for dress up by parent pay please

50p (money) to spend at the class cake stall

A change to the arrangements for this. Please **present one small** cake for judging in the Bake off. Your child can then eat that cake! There will be cakes made by the school kitchen for a class cake sale...please bring in 50p as a donation to PTA funds.

After school sports clubs

After school sport clubs must run alongside class bubbles. This means that they will take place where we know there is sufficient demand within those bubbles. We are currently assessing this.

We also plan to bring in outside sport clubs to work with the children in after school club as soon as more mixing is permitted.

Don't forget that you can sign up for our wraparound before & after school care any morning or evening (7.30 start, 6.00 close) You just need to complete an 'agreement form' and book in .....

wraparound@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk or email the school email of [enquiries@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk) for more info.

Stars of the Week -last 2 weeks

working at home and in school

A celebration of the child that has shown something extra special this week...one from every class...  
**this includes the children working at home of course...**

....we will save your certificates!

Rec Rae and Sam

Y1 Stanley and Alexander

Y2 Eliza and Amelie

Y3 Rory and Lily

Y4 Olivia and Bertie

Y5 George and Max

Y6 Sophie and Natty

**Well done everyone!!** 😊

Red Nose day...Friday 19 March.

- Thank you for your support

We raised £169 for dressing up & £120 for the red nose sales!  
Thank you to Miss Moody for organising the red nose sale and for administering the Parent Pay/donations.

**Support your local air ambulance;** Superhero day challenge 28 April 2021 [theairambulance.org.uk/superhero-challenge](http://theairambulance.org.uk/superhero-challenge). We will send home more info about this nearer the time.

Exciting news....Bridges challenge (in the email)

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the families who have embraced our 21 Bridges challenge over the last few months. We have loved seeing all the photos of your adventures and hope you have visited a few places which you otherwise might not have. So far over 80 children have sent us photos of their bridges challenge walks and 17 children have completed all 21 bridges! We have had 12 entries into the bridge modelling competition and over 50 entries into the photo competition - it has been really interesting to see the children's perspectives on the world through these images. You still have until the 29<sup>th</sup> March to complete as many bridges as you can and send your entries in to us.

**All participants will receive a certificate,  
silver medals for more than 10 bridges visited  
and Gold medals for all 21 Bridges visited!**

PTA & Community News

**Plant Sale** letters & forms have been sent home this week. Please return **no later** than Wednesday 31 March as we need to get the order to the supplier! Thank you

**Swimming Coaching** starts at NM Leisure Centre from 17 April on Saturday afternoon; Glossop swimming club £10 month  
[Swimwithus.gasc@gmail.com](mailto:Swimwithus.gasc@gmail.com)

**Citizens Advice**...they are here to help with Lockdown information and advice and support - 0808 278 7954

Dates for your Diary 2021 (January - Easter) ... Something to look forward to

Wednesday 31 March	PTA plant sale form & payment return date
Thursday 1 April	PTA dress up and bake off day (see above)
Thursday 1 April	Bridges challenge (see above)
Thursday 1 April	Last day of term; Easter holidays begin
Thursday 15 July	Summer disco KS1 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm & KS2 6.45 pm - 8.00 pm

*Future PTA meetings are Wednesday 28th April, 8pm & Wednesday 16th June, 8pm on Zoom all welcome to attend.*

**Inset days 2.9.20, 3.9.20, 4.9.20, 18.12.20, 21.6.21**

**Return to school in September 2021...Inset days 2 and 3 September 2021.**

**First day back Monday 6 September 2021.**

