

New Mills Primary School
Newsletter No. 1
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Dear Parents and Carers,
WELCOME BACK!

I hope everyone has had a lovely summer break! The children are back in school and seem to be very settled & happy. The new Reception children have all had a great start to the year. They are already paired with a year 6 buddy who is there to look out for them. They have already been to the church together and I see them having little chats and conversation outside.

I mentioned before summer that we had a more specialist additional needs team in school. They have been having regular meetings to prioritise the actions they need to take – it is all very positive.

Carol Taylor – Head teacher

The Every Day Active Uniform is:

Dark purple sweatshirt or cardigan

White polo shirt

Purple check dresses

Black jogging bottoms, leggings, or shorts (tailored or cycling – not sports/football shorts).

All bottoms must be plain black with no markings or logos.

Footwear should be plain black with no markings or logos and must be sturdy enough for being active outdoors – no boots. They should be suitable for high impact PE activities, playtimes and being outside in all weathers – black, closed foot, cushioned shoes or trainers with a grip are recommended and in KS1 all footwear should be Velcro fastened.

Wellingtons and waterproofs for outdoor activities.

New Staff:

We have 3 new lunchtime organisers – Mrs Gabbitas, Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Barber. They are building really good relationships with the children at lunchtimes.

We also have Mrs Tomlin (Pastoral Lead), Mrs Carberry (SEND support teacher), Mrs Lyne (TA) & Mrs Blackmore (TA). Mrs Hartley (Speech and Language Therapist) and Mrs Fletcher (SEND Support Teacher) will continue to work closely with the children throughout next year.

PTA Meeting:

The first meeting of the year is being arranged as we speak. We have spoken at length, about not having too many fund-raising events and we aim to share all of them with you so that you can decide which ones you would like to contribute to.

Jewellery:

Since the return in September, more jewellery has been noticeable. Children are allowed to wear stud earrings. Everything else should be kept at home. This includes the plastic jewellery such – chokers, bracelets, etc. Please remove anything before coming into school. Thank you.

Torr Vale Mill:

Year 4 children visited Tor Vale Mill this week. They practiced weaving and learnt some of the history of the mill too. It's the first time Mrs Williams has weaved with straw so it just goes to show that we really do learn something new every day!

"on Wednesday 13th of September, me and my class went to Torr Vale Mill. We saw a big, working loom and made a class tea towel. We also made weaved bracelets. We drew a mill worker each and had lots of other activities to do. We all really enjoyed it. This weekend, the mill is open, you could go along and enjoy it like we did!" Abigail (Y4)

Wraparound Booking System:

The new system is now up and running. If you have any emergencies, please ring or email the school office. Please do NOT just send your child to the club.

Parking:

So far this year, I haven't noticed cars driving up and down Meadow Street, which is great. However, the inconsiderate parking on the corners of Meadow Street is dangerous and could potentially lead to an accident. The PCSOs have been contacted and we have requested their support with this matter.

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 😊

Medicines in School:

If your child needs medicine in school, please come to the office to sign a form or in an emergency, we can accept an email. In emergency cases only, we can provide calpol & antihistamines but please send your own medicines for longer than 1 administer.

Signage:

Traffic calming signage is being installed on Spring Bank. This should help to slow the traffic down. This is great news.

Contacting the Headteacher:

I don't always receive notifications on Class Dojo. If you send me a message on there and I haven't responded, please send an email to ctaylor@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk. Please add your child's name (or part of it) to the subject line to make it easier for me to find. I do try to check Class Dojo daily, so I should see your messages.

Y5 & Y6 Football report

The football event was an ace experience for the girls. We had lots of fun and learned a lot through the event. The Y5's did well since it was their first one. Y6 have been a couple of times but this year was the most competitive. Written by Emily Y6

Diary Dates:

These will follow on the next newsletter 😊