

**New Mills Primary School**  
**Newsletter No. 5**  
**Friday 2 February 2024**



Hi everyone

We are delighted to share the school's vision in this newsletter. We worked with a consultancy team to discuss what really matters to us and why New Mills Primary School is so special. These were lengthy discussions – it's hard to describe the feeling you get as you walk through school. All the staff all feel the same way, nobody can explain why they have wanted to spend their entire career here and never leave, or be like me and be determined to return, but the feeling of warmth and caring is tangible. We hope that our vision reflects how special the school is and the direction we would like it to take. This is our vision:

**Our school is a safe, happy home nestled amongst a vibrant community, with rolling hills and rivers that have carved an industrial history.**

**Deep at our heart is a resilience, created by risk-taking and a passionate life-long love of learning. It empowers you and fills you with confidence, it encourages you to embrace the next chapter of your learning journey.**

**Everywhere you turn, you will see celebrations of curiosity and uniqueness, founded on mutual respect and kindness.**

**The strong walls support you, keep you safe and secure. The light streams through the windows and shines upon a bustling family, all brimming with positive energy, and a shared feeling of togetherness.**

**In our happy home you shall thrive.**

On our website, we have shared narratives that matched our strategic priorities and values. We'd love to hear your thoughts on what we have created.

**Carol Taylor – Head teacher**

**Jewellery:**

Please don't allow your child/ren to wear jewellery. It's not part of our policy and children get very upset when it gets lost or broken.

**Parking:**

Parents/carers who park across the bottom of Meadow Street, and especially on the yellow lines, make it dangerous for children to cross the road. It is better to walk a little further to get here (even if that means you are a little late) than to have an incident happen.

**Diary dates:**

**PTA events -**

Pancake tossing competition

Tuesday 13 February KS1

Wednesday 14 February KS2

More details to follow next week.

Monday 25 March Spring bake off (after Feb half term)

Reception/Y1 trip to Peak Wildlife Park

Tuesday 13 February

Y3/Y4 Spring show

Tuesday 26 March 2.00 pm

Wednesday 27 March – 5.30 pm

**FREE Swimming:**

We emailed out the 4 free swims for your child at your local leisure centre flier this week, this expires 31<sup>st</sup> March 24. Just show the flier on your phone. All inflatable sessions need to be booked in advance to guarantee a place (info to book was on the flier). General sessions at all 3 local swimming pools do not need pre-booking.

**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 ☺

**Communication:**

The new Communication Policy between home and school will be on the website later next week. We all enjoy using Class Dojo and find it to be an effective communication tool.

However, it can be overwhelming for staff who get several messages a day. The policy will put procedures in place to support staff well-being and keep open communication. We will share it with all parents by Class Dojo and place it on the website.

**FREE entry to play Buxton:**

February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Octagon Hall in Buxton. Info emailed out this week.

**Art Camps over Half term:**

Rachel Thomas art studios above Photojenix New Mills.

Workshops 10 – 3 pm. Sessions are limited. Monday 19 Feb & Thursday 22 Feb. Info emailed out this week to book on.