

New Mills Primary School
Newsletter No. 2
Friday 18 October 2024



Hi Everyone 😊

We need class reps for the PTA to join us. A Class rep would be a kind of messenger to gather any ideas, questions or suggestions from the parents in their class and feed them into the PTA. Ideally, they would come to the meetings, but they could also provide updates via the PTA WhatsApp group. Please can your child come and see me if they would like to be a PTA class rep. Thank you.

Carol Taylor – Head teacher

PTA – a brief explanation of the roles -

Chair

What's the main purpose of the role?

To direct the committee's meetings, make sure everyone is involved and their views are heard. The Chair should ensure all committee members are familiar with the constitution and their roles and responsibilities. The PTA Chair also holds the casting vote if the outcome is tied.

Treasurer (vacancy)

What's the main purpose of the role?

To ensure accurate financial records are kept and that best practice procedures are followed when counting money, making payments and banking. The Treasurer should keep your committee updated with regular reports and ensure end-of-year reports are completed for the association's AGM. If your PTA is a registered charity, they will also be required to coordinate the Charity Commission's annual return.

Secretary

What's the main purpose of the role?

Supporting the PTA committee to build effective communication links between the school and the association. They also maintain accurate records.

We have just had our 1st meeting of the year, we would love it if some of our new parents would join us. The meeting lasts about an hour and usually happen each half term – please join us!! Please look out for the PTA posts on class dojo with the date & meeting link. Our next meeting is **Friday 8th November in person at Torr Vale Tap at 7pm.**

We also need lots of helpers at the events we run including i.e. Spooky Bake Off, Christmas Fair etc. Please email the school office if you can help. We can also add you to our what's app group.

The PTA are going to continue to fundraise for a new library in school – our current one needs a complete overhaul. Please look out for more info on this.

Parking:

The PCSOs are monitoring parking with us. They have made ad-hoc visits to school and will continue to do so. Parking inconsiderately puts children at risk. If you need to park on the Meadow Street, get here early!

ASDA – Rewards cash pot for schools

We have signed up for this scheme. If you want to support us, all you have to do is find NMPS and register it as your chosen school and funds are collected in addition to your individual rewards. The scheme is on until the end of November. We can then buy books & other curriculum items. Thank you 😊

Year 4 Trip to Torr Vale Mill - we recently went to Torr Vale Mill and we learnt about weaving and printing. Please see the photos overleaf 😊

Year 4 Viking Day - On Viking Day we did lots of fun activities. Me and Jack did a fire and had some home-made bread. At the end, we did a war – Vikings vs Saxons and the Saxons won.

Written by Sofia

Year 4 Girls' Football - Some of the Year 4 girls went to the girls' football and we scored two goals. We did not make it in the semi-finals but we tried our best and it was very fun.

Written by Alice

We did really well. The players did brilliant, the goalies were amazing and we tried really well and hard!

Written by Iris

Uniform:

We have purposefully made the uniform as simple and straightforward as possible. The lower half is black/dark grey with no logos – trousers, shorts, joggers, leggings, tights, skirts, etc are all good. The very short shorts should not be worn unless they have a skirt over the top. The top half is white polo shirt with a purple sweatshirt or cardigan. We haven't included hoodies. Some children, with extreme sensory issues, are wearing black instead. This has been discussed with parents on a case-by-case basis. Our every-day active uniform is designed to be comfortable and allow children to move freely – please ensure your child is in uniform unless it has been discussed with myself first. Sturdy shoes are strongly encouraged, black trainers can be worn. Jewellery should not be worn, except for a standard watch or small stud earrings (which will be removed before any physical activity sessions). Thank you for supporting us with this.

Thank you to Tesco and Danielle (one of our parents) 😊

We have had a very generous donation of uniform, underwear and cereals. These will go along way to support our child & families in school.

Diary Dates 2024 so far.....

- Monday 21 October - Spooky Bake off (info on dojo)
- Tuesday 22 October - Parents evening
- Wednesday 23 October - Parents evening
- Wednesday 23 October - Cross country competition KS2
- Thursday 24 October - Last day in school before half term break
- Sunday 3 November - Last day to order your photo online (**proof came home today**)
- Monday 4 November - School reopens
- Poppies will be sold in school by Y6 (£1 for bands, loose change for poppies)
- Thursday 7 November - Y4 Trip to Pizza Express
- Friday 8 November - Break the Rules day (**PTA event**)
- Monday 11 November to 14 November - Y6 Lea Green
- Tuesday 12 November - Woodwind lessons start with Jude every Tues
- Wednesday 13 November to 15 November - Y5 Lea Green
- Friday 22 November - INSET day school closed
- Thursday 28 November - Wreath making in school (**PTA event**)
- Friday 6 December - Non uniform day please bring chocolate for the tombola at our Christmas Fair
- PTA AGM 3.15 pm
- Monday 9 December - KS1 dress rehearsal
- Tuesday 10 December - KS1 Xmas show
- Wednesday 11 December - Xmas dinner day
- Friday 13 December - Non uniform day please bring bottles for our Xmas fair
- Friday 13 December - Xmas Fair 3.15 pm to 5 pm

