

New Mills Primary School
Newsletter No. 5
Friday 14 February 2025



Dear Parents,

This term brought many challenges with it – the main one being the adverse weather conditions. The snow days were complex to navigate but we got through them and your ongoing support was much appreciated. We also had a stormy Friday when forest school needed to be cancelled. Today has brought cold weather and sunshine – a lovely combination! For those of you doing something nice, or going away at half term I hope you have a great time and the weather is kind to you.

Please note, next term, we will be holding parent's evenings, bringing a new spelling system into school and building up to our year 3/4 production. Dates will be shared on this newsletter and on the website. Thank you.

Carol Taylor – Head teacher

Important re Parents Evening

We have emailed out the link for a form to complete for your parents evening selections. We will no longer be sending out letters. Please complete the form online by Sunday 23 February. Thank you :-)

School Library

The school council and PTA have joined forces to completely revamp the library area (in KS2 at the top of the stairs). The school councillors have been busy finding out what their classmates would like to have in this area - the type of furniture, range of books, etc. We are delighted that an anonymous benefactor has donated some money to develop this area. This will make a massive difference and we are incredibly grateful.

Boots Pharmacy Support

The NHS Pharmacy First Service allows you access to advice and treatment for seven common conditions from your community pharmacy without the need to see a GP. The seven most common conditions are sinusitis, sore throat, earache, infected bites & stings, impetigo, shingles and uncomplicated urinary tract infections. Its easy, just walk into a participating Boots pharmacy and ask for help.

World Book Day

We invite your child to dress up as their favourite book character on Thursday 6 March. If they choose not to dress up, they should wear school uniform. We will be organising some reading activities across the school in the afternoon of that day.

Neurodiversity Meeting

On Thursday 6th March, we are hosting our next hub for parents who would like to support around, or develop a deeper understanding of neurodiversity. This is a subject that is discussed regularly in school. Many of our children show traits of neurodiversity and we are making small changes/adaptations to meet everyone's needs. All parents are very welcome, we will have refreshments for you and you can come straight in after dropping the children off and stay for the full hour or as long as it suits you. It will be lovely to see you there.

Recycling

Just a reminder that we recycle batteries, small printer cartridges, use stamps. We also accept clothes & shoes but these must be in bags.

There is new legislation starting 31 March 25 which states all businesses including schools must separate general waste, food waste & recycling. We are putting measures in place for this and will be doing a recycling assembly on Friday 7 March.

We have a dedicated group of children doing litter picking on the school grounds – they are going to come up with a group name. They have done an excellent job and clearly care about our school grounds. Thank you very much.

Family Support Worker

Just a reminder that we have Louise Coker who has taken on this role for us, and a local cluster of schools in January. She has started working closely with our families and building support for them. If you have any issues, please email Mrs Taylor in the first instance.

After School Clubs

On Target in Sport are continuing their football after school club starting in February. Booking information will be emailed home soon.

The Being Outdoors Forest after school club online booking has been sent out via email.

The Drama club will be continuing under the guidance of Libby. Booking information will be emailed out by Libby.

PTA – Spring/Valentines Disco

BIG thank you to the PTA for their support with the disco this Wednesday. The children absolutely loved it and all looked amazing in their party clothes.

Jewellery in School

Please follow the guidelines on wearing jewellery – I still see children wearing necklaces and plastic chokers. Earring should only be studs and watches can be worn but that's it! Thank you.

Diary Dates 2025 so far.....

<i>Monday 24 February</i>	-	<i>School reopens & Y5 Swimming restarts</i>
<i>Tuesday 25 February</i>	-	<i>Y1 visit to Manchester Science Museum</i>
<i>Wednesday 26 February</i>	-	<i>Sportshall Athletics</i>
<i>Monday 3 March</i>	-	<i>Parents evening</i>
<i>Tuesday 4 March</i>	-	<i>PTA event pancake flip (more info to follow)</i>
<i>Wednesday 5 March</i>	-	<i>parents evening</i>
<i>Wednesday 5 March</i>	-	<i>Bee netball</i>
<i>Thursday 6 March</i>	-	<i>Neurodiversity meeting for parents at school</i>
<i>Friday 7 March</i>	-	<i>Recycling assembly in school</i>
<i>Tuesday 11 March</i>	-	<i>Y2 Trip to Chester Zoo (more info to follow)</i>
<i>Wednesday 12 March</i>	-	<i>Clubbercise Y1 & Y2 with the Sports Captains</i>
<i>Wednesday 19 March</i>	-	<i>Cheerleading festival</i>
<i>Wednesday 26 March</i>	-	<i>Boccia competition</i>
<i>Monday 31 March</i>	-	<i>Dress rehearsal in school for Y3 & Y4 show</i>
<i>Tuesday 1 April</i>	-	<i>Y3 & Y4 Show at 2pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 2 April</i>	-	<i>Dance festival</i>
<i>Wednesday 2 April</i>	-	<i>Y3 & Y4 Show at 5.30 pm</i>
<i>Friday 4 April</i>	-	<i>Finish for Easter holidays</i>
<i>Tuesday 22 April</i>	-	<i>Term 5 start date</i>
<i>Wednesday 23 April</i>	-	<i>Cyclocross competition</i>
<i>Wednesday 30 April</i>	-	<i>Tennis competition</i>
<i>Tuesday 6 to 7 May</i>	-	<i>Y4 Whitehall residential trip (more info to follow)</i>
<i>Friday 16 May</i>	-	<i>Y2 Whitehall day trip</i>
<i>Friday 23 May</i>	-	<i>Y3 Whitehall day trip</i>
<i>Friday 13 June</i>	-	<i>Y3 Whitehall day trip</i>
<i>Monday 16 June</i>	-	<i>Y2 Whitehall day trip</i>
<i>Monday 7 July</i>	-	<i>Summer Disco</i>
<i>Summer Fair dates</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Monday 14 July</i>	-	<i>Dress rehearsal in school for Y5 & Y6 show</i>
		<i>Y5 & Y6 show at 2pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 16 July</i>	-	<i>Y5 & Y6 show at 5pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 22 July</i>	-	<i>Leavers assembly 9.15 am</i>

