



Year Two Newsletter

Mrs. Adams

Autumn Term Two; 2025-2026



Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to the busiest and most exciting term of the year! I hope everyone has had a lovely week off and is refreshed and ready for the countdown to Christmas. We will be carrying on with our 'Movers and shakers' topic this half term. In history we will be looking at 2 famous explorers and comparing their experiences and in science we will be looking at animal habitats. Our topic for DT is 'remarkable recipes.' We will also be learning how to sew using simple stitching to create a 'Christmas tree worthy' decoration. Thrown in amongst all of this, we will be starting preparations and rehearsals for the Christmas Play.

Diary dates.

Friday 14th November- Children in Need (wear something spotty)
Book fair in the school hall (3.15pm)

Monday 24th November-Flu Vaccinations in school

Friday 28th November- Non uniform Day (Chocolate donations)

Tuesday 2nd December- The Elves and the Shoemaker
Performance in school for Y2,3,4.

Friday 5th December- Non uniform day (Bottle donations)
Christmas Fair (3.15- 5pm)

Tuesday 9th December- EYFS/ KS1 Christmas Play 2pm

Wednesday 10th December-EYFS/ KS1 Christmas Play 3.45pm

Thursday 11th December-Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 16th December- EYFS/ KS1 Cosy book day

Wednesday 17th December- KS1 Christmas party Day

Friday 19th December- Carol Service (Mellor Road Church 9.30am)
Break up for Christmas (3.15pm)

I will send a Dojo out with information about any additional events which are added to the calendar in the run up to Christmas.

Reading

Please continue to support your child with their reading by listening to them read. I understand how busy evenings can be, but listening to your child read just a few pages of their books every night is so beneficial to the progress they make. Please sign the reading record when you have heard your child read. Please return reading folders every Thursday so books can be changed.

Spelling

The children will have a spelling test in school each fortnight consisting of 10 spellings they have been learning in their Ready Steady Spell sessions. The spelling list displays the strategies the children have been taught to learn how to spell these words. Spelling will be sent out with the homework every other week to practise.

Homework

Please make sure homework books are returned to school each Thursday for marking.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has their own, named water bottle in school every day so they have always have access to a drink.

Snacks

Y2 get a free piece of fruit each day. If you want to provide your child with a break time snack, please ensure it is healthy. Any products containing chocolate are not permitted.

Outdoor Learning

Our outdoor learning sessions are on Monday morning. Children are welcome to come dressed in their outdoor learning clothes but please can they wear their school shoes and have their wellies in a bag. We are trying hard to keep mud out of school so we will be changing footwear in the Polytunnel.

Cosy Book Day

Children can come to school in their Pyjamas for the Cosy Book Day on Tuesday 16th December.

Christmas Play

This year our play is called 'Lights, Camel, Action 2, The Sequin!' As we are now Y2, we will have the main speaking roles in the play. Please make sure scripts are in book bags every day as we will be starting rehearsals next week. Please find time to help your child learn their lines as some roles this year have huge speaking parts. As we take the lead roles, we also get first pick of the costumes available in school. Hopefully most of the children will be able to use the costumes we already have! If we don't have a costume available, I will let you know what your child needs to wear. Miss Moody will send out information about tickets for the performance nearer the time.

Clothing

Please can you make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. (Also check and re-write over names if they have faded.) We have an ever-growing pile of jumpers and cardigans with no name on in KS1. It is difficult to return missing jumpers to children when they have no name on.

Class Dojo

Just a little reminder that any absences/ information about appointments etc should go directly to the school office, not to me through Class Dojo. I only check class Dojo outside of teaching times so any urgent messages should always go through the school office as I may not see them until the end of the day once children have gone home. I will send out replies to any messages through class Dojo (outside of teaching times) between the hours of 8.00am and 5pm.

Contact Information

If you have any concerns or questions, you can email me at cadams@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk or send a message on class Dojo. You can also wait to see me after school once the children have been dismissed. Thank you.

