



Hague Bar Primary Newsletter



25th September 2020

Light Up New Mills

The school gates will be open from 7.45pm until 9.00pm tonight only, for viewing the classroom window displays from the outside. Please keep your child/children with you and maintain social distancing at all times. There will be hot chocolate and sweets to buy (with real money) however this will be on a donation basis so that we do not handle money. You may also take this opportunity to view (not play on due to it being dark) the new playground trim trail. Please enter through the double gates and exit through the pedestrian gate.

More Playground Additions

We have now taken delivery of a story chair and play-on car for the front garden. Mr Arnfield and I managed to lift the chair into its intended position, however we could do with some muscular volunteers (!) to help with moving the car. If you feel able and willing to volunteer with this (we need 3 people with Mr Arnfield) I would be very grateful. Timing for this would ideally be on Monday 28th September at around 8am, but that can be altered. My thanks in anticipation.

Forest School

Being Outdoors have had a fabulous first three weeks helped very much by the dry and sunny weather, whilst delivering Thursday afternoon sessions of Forest School. This provision is being paid for by the school budget. We value developing the 'whole child' including cultivating mental well-being and social-skills which will go towards building a healthy self. This is of-course important for every child and it is my aim for all children this year to be included in a 3 week program of Forest School. Soon the Forest School will be venturing off-site to enable more adventures. Parental permission will be sought prior.



UKSports

Friday Afternoons 3.15pm to 4.15pm £3. There are currently spaces in the Friday afternoon sports club delivered by Jon. You can book/pay on ParentPay.

Y6 Parents

New Mills School apologise for a date error given for their open days. These are now from Monday 5th October – Thursday 22nd October. Poynton High School are conducting a virtual open day on October 1st. Please visit <https://www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk> for further information.

Pupil Premium

Some children qualify for enhanced funding. This directly increases, not only the school budget, but the child's school experience. We use this funding to ensure Teaching Assistants work with certain children, specialist sport/drama/art activities are given, breakfast club is free and school trips are discounted. It would be really helpful if you could check if your child qualifies for this status (which would be confidential). To do this please send an email to checking@derbyshire.gov.uk with your National Insurance Number, Surname and Date of Birth of yourself. Derbyshire will be able to ensure school gain £1,300 apx extra per eligible pupil per year. Registration is valid throughout the entire school life of your child. If you need to talk to someone about applying, here are the contact numbers: 01629 535743 or 01629 536400.

Walking Bus Revival

The Walking Bus is hoping to restart in October. BUT we need to have a few more adult volunteers to do this. If you think you can offer a journey, please contact Becky Day bexeday@gmail.com. The hope is that any parent whose child uses the Walking Bus also offers sometime to escort the children weekly. Further details about booking, hi-vis vests, collect/drop points and timings will be issued in a dedicated letter once we have enough volunteers. My thanks to those who have volunteered this year and for previous volunteering.

Nurture

Sadly, Mrs Railton has been injured and broken part of her foot so is unable to come to school currently. Mrs Railton has lots of roles within school and is very much missed however, I have secured replacements and I give my thanks to Mrs McLean and Mrs Prophet for their help with this. One of the roles Mrs Railton has within school is Lead Nurture Practitioner and I will be training another staff member to deliver this. It will mean though a short pause of Nurture sessions whilst this is transitioning. Please accept my apologies and this will be back on the time-table as soon as possible.

Academy Conversion

Governors and myself are continuing to work on our academisation. This is expected to happen on November 1st 2020. There is a lot of background work going on in the office to ensure the process runs smoothly. The team at The True Learning Partnership are very helpful and professional and we will be benefiting from their close-by expertise.

I'm certainly feeling an autumnal chill today. Please make sure children are wrapped up for the cold weather. Perhaps I will see some of you tonight from 7.45pm.

Mrs Rachel Parry
Headteacher