

**Our values:** This weeks' value has been *Kindness* and children showing this value are recognised in the assemblies.

**Lost Property:** Our mountain of unnamed cardigans and jumpers is totally out of hand. It is impossible for us to return unnamed items of clothing. Please use a-sew in label or a Sharpie pen as these remain visible after washing.

**Bee Kind Competition:** We are running an art competition for any pupil who would like to design a poster for us to display around school, focusing on our value of kindness. We would like it to incorporate the Manchester bee, and use the strap-line Bee Kind. **Closing date is WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE. Please bring in your entry by this date, clearly named.**

We are incredibly honoured that Manchester's very own Mancsy, that talented and elusive artist, will be judging the entries.

**Halle concerts:** Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have the most amazing opportunity to go across the Halle St Peters for a concert. This is on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Providing our pupils with memorable experiences is a key art of education, and this event is sure to be high up on the list! There is a small cost of £3:00 per pupil to cover their costs. Please pay via the School Gateway.

Our Year 2 pupils have an opportunity to listen the Halle orchestra play here at school, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June – another amazing privilege providing a truly memorable experience. Again, we ask for £3:00 per child to cover their costs, payable via the School Gateway.

School cannot afford to subsidise these events.

**PTA Summer Fair:** Sadly, we have had to make the decision to cancel the fair, as Stage Four of the roadmap has been postponed, and therefore we cannot have many families mingling. This is such a shame, as it is a chance to bring the whole school community together. We will however aim to have a Fair at the end of September, to get the new school year off to a positive start.

**PTA Bag-2-School collection:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – please collect all unwanted clothes etc and bring to school in bags. The more they weigh, the more they pay!

**PTA AGM:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at the **new time of 7:00pm** – more information to follow but we really do need parents to attend, and to vote for new committee members. It has been a tough year for the PTA and they have not been able to have the 'presence' and 'visibility' we would have hoped for. However, we can look forward to a positive 2021/22.

**PTA Lottery:** Registering and setting up a recurring Direct debit is so easy - £1:00 per week with recurring numbers means that you are in with a chance. **You've got to be in it to win it!**

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/new-islington-free-school>

**Photographs and Videos:** We now have some amazing photos and videos of the New Islington pupils – many of which I would like to have on our new website and also to print for around school.

**Please email me directly if you do not want any photo or video of your child shared.**

**Days and Dates:**

Week beginning	Activity (may be subject to change, and more will be added along the way)  <b>New dates highlighted</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 1 phonics assessment this week  Thursday – Year 5&6 to the Halle St Peter's (£3:00 cost)  Friday – Halle musicians here to school for a story concert (£3:00)
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Scholastic Book fair: Monday 28th June - Thursday 1st July <b>DUE TO NEWLY RELEASED COVID RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOLS, ORDERING WILL BE VIA AN ONLINE CATALOGUE – MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW</b>  Monday / Tuesday – bring your bags of unwanted clothes to school for collection  Wednesday – football team Trials after school for children in current Year 4 and year 5  <b>Wednesday – closing date for Bee Kind poster competition</b>  Wednesday – theatre production for Year 5&6: a Box Clever Production. No cost  Friday – reports out  Friday – EYFS team meet new parents 1:1 Stepping Stones programme <b>NEW PLAN AS THERE IS NO FACE TO FACE TRANSITION ALLOWED</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday / Tuesday / Thursday – Stepping stones sessions <b>DUE TO NEW COVID RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON SCHOOLS, PREVENTING FACE TO FACE TRANSITION, THERE IS A NEW PLAN WHICH WILL BE SENT OUT</b>  Tuesday – Year 6 show at 9:30am – NEW DATE  Friday – come to school in home clothes and donate a bottle and some chocolate for the Summer Fair tombola

	Friday – Sports Day – more details to follow
12 <sup>th</sup> July	<p>No clubs this week</p> <p>Tuesday – PTA AGM held at school at 7pm – more details to follow</p> <p>Monday / Thursday – Stepping Stones session 2 (2 groups of 15)</p> <p>Tuesday and Wednesday – optional parents evening VIA PHONE</p> <p>Wednesday – Year 6 music workshop with Band on the Wall (no cost)</p> <p>Friday – Year 6 disco</p>
19 <sup>th</sup> July	<p>Monday – transition morning with new class</p> <p>Tuesday – Leavers assembly for Year 6 parents PLEASE SEND IN A PHOTO OF YOUR CHILD AS THEY STARTED SCHOOL (LETTER ALREADY SENT OUT) FOR THIS ASSEMBLY</p> <p>Wednesday – INSET for all – no children in school</p>

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