

**Our values:** This weeks' value has been ***Doing the Right Thing*** and children showing this value are recognised in the assemblies. Next week the focus is on ***Cooperation***. Please support your children at home to develop a real understanding of these values.

**Number Day:** We're taking part in NSPCC Number Day! We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 28th May 2021.

The NSPCC needs our support now more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in **Dress up for Digits**. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support.

**Dietary requirements:** Our kitchen provides a halal meal, a vegetarian meal as well as the standard meal. Recently however, increasingly complex instructions are being sent in based upon a child's likes and dislikes rather than a genuine allergy. We are being told that a child is allergic to eggs, but they are fine to eat cake. Or that they are vegetarian but can eat the fish and chips on a Friday. Keeping on top of the various requests is becoming increasingly difficult and we are concerned that due to the complexity of instructions, real allergies will slip through the net.

Going forward, please do not be offended if we ask for medical evidence of allergies.

**PTA meetings:** PTA meeting Tuesday 15th June at 7pm via Zoom

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 13th July at 9am – more information to follow but we need parents to attend, and to vote for new committee members.

**PTA Lottery:** We are excited to announce the official start of our **PTA School Raffle**. There is a weekly draw with the chance of WINNING REALLY BIG - the jackpot is £25,000. The schools lottery page is now up and running. The link to the schools page is :

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

Registering is really easy; there is a simple direct debit option to allow you to have a weekly ticket. Payment by debit card is also easy too if you want to dip in and out.

If everyone set up a DD for £1:00 per week, the value to the school is huge - so the more tickets we sell each week, the more we receive for our PTA funds. If there are 100 tickets sold each week, the PTA will benefit by over £2000.

Go on - try your luck! This is an excellent way to raise funds for the PTA and is simple for you all to set up.

Click on the link now as the first draw is at the start of June.

**Whit Holiday Sports Camps:** Look out for the information about the holiday camps. Junior Sports Stars will be running their camp from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June through to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Click here to book:

<https://juniorsportstars.co.uk/sports-holiday-camps/>

**Uniform:** Please can all children be in the white polo shirt after the Whit holiday. The online company [www.MyClothing.com](http://www.MyClothing.com) has an easy to use website and delivers quickly. The quality is good and the slightly darker jumpers and cardigans look really smart.

**PE Kits:** Children are expected to wear the school uniform PE kit on their PE days. The school PE kit is a BLACK hoodie and joggers and a WHITE t-shirt.

**Lost property:** It is impossible to return to the correct child any un-named item of clothing. A Sharpie pen is the best as it does not wash out.

#### Days and Dates:

Week beginning	Activity (may be subject to change, and more will be added along the way) <b>New dates highlighted</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday – Number day – please see info above
	Half term – Sports Camps here at school Tuesday - Friday
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Clubs start this week Monday – INSET – no children in school Tuesday / Wednesday – filming for new website- white polo shirts please Friday – class photos – white polo shirts please
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Assessment week across the whole school Monday – photographer in for promotional shoot for our new website – white polo shirts please <b>Tuesday – PTA meeting via Zoom @ 7pm</b> Year 4 times tables checker

	Wednesday – Stepping Stones Meeting for our new starters 6:30pm
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	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 Wednesday – theatre production for Year 5&6: a Box Clever Production. No cost Friday – come to school in home clothes and donate a bottle and some chocolate for the Summer Fair tombola Friday – reports out Friday – EYFS team meet new parents 1:1 Stepping Stones programme
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday / Tuesday / Thursday – Stepping stones session 1 (3 groups of 10) 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 Saturday – Summer Fair – put this date in your diary – 11:30 to 1:30 - we will need volunteers!
12 <sup>th</sup> July	No clubs this week Tuesday – PTA AGM held at school at 9am – more details to follow Monday / Thursday – Stepping Stones session 2 (2 groups of 15) Tuesday and Wednesday – optional parents evening Friday – Year 6 disco
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday – transition morning with new class Tuesday – Leavers assembly for Year 6 parents and KS2 Wednesday – INSET for all – no children in school

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