

**Value of the week:** This week we have focussed on *Kindness*, this coincides with the focus on 'One Kind Word' for anti-bullying week. Can you spot and praise your children when demonstrating any of our values at home?

**Postcards home:**

This week, postcards have been awarded to:

Year 6: Grace & Gabriel

Year 5: Jayden & Anusha

Year 4: Tayah, Gurleen and Ava A for a Pride in my Work Award, and Eleana & Tara

Year 3: Jon & Edie for Pride in my Work Award, and Haya and Lucy for a Pride in my Work Award

Year 2: Rosie & Camilla, Noah and James with a Pride in my Work Award going to Nicholas

Year 1: Maryam & Christine, Levi & Morgan

Reception: Mia & Leon, Linnie-Camille & Lucas

**Music of the week:** Taylor Swift has been chosen as the focus for this week, to coincide with Anti-bullying week. She was bullied by a group of popular girls at school after they decided she wasn't cool enough to hang around with anymore because she liked country music. But the experience ended up being a positive one for her, as it gave her motivation to write songs.

She recounts that the same girls later went to watch her live in concert: "They showed up, wearing my T-shirts and asking me to sign their CDs. It was bittersweet, because it made me realise that they didn't remember being mean to me and that I needed to forget about it, too."

**Chicken carers:** Anya, Monia, Marie-Sophie, Beth, Ava, Naio, Rosie, Victoria, Abdwaris, Jamelia & Eloise

**Raising a Happy Multicultural Family:** Come along on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to join a free, fun and informative workshop run by one of our parents. You are sure to pick up hints and tips! See you all at 9am after dropping off your children.

**Football news:** Our girls' team played in a tournament on Wednesday evening and they won – in style! They played against four different schools and won three of the matches. There were many awesome goals with Sarah being named team player. Well done everyone – and thanks to Mrs Reveley and Mrs Rowe for taking them.

**PTA News:**

**Raffle Prizes:** If there are any parents willing and able to offer raffle prizes for our Christmas Fair, please can these be delivered to the school by December 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest. All donations very welcome!

**Elfridges:** This gives your child the chance to choose and wrap a present for you, a present that will be a total surprise! Go onto the School Gateway and pay £5:00. This buys your child a 'ticket' that they

exchange for a present of their choice for any family member. They will have help choosing the gift and then they will wrap it up. Many thanks to Zoe Mills for this event! All monies raised will go to the PTA.  
**Elf Run:** This event will start on December 1<sup>st</sup> when all our pupils will collectively clock up enough miles to reach the North Pole. Please sponsor your child generously via the School Gateway. All monies raised will go to the PTA.

**Christmas Fair:** Come along with your collection of 50ps from 6pm to 7:15 and enjoy a wide range of fun activities. More details to follow.

**Music in the community:** There are now seven music centres across the city of Manchester, offering FREE music workshops covering a wide range of music styles including rock, pop, urban, vocal bands & orchestra for all levels! Click on this link to learn more: <https://sway.office.com/nDox8DyX9Y44BBuB?ref=email>

**Term dates:** The following list gives an outline of the term's events. They are not set in stone! Greater details will be given as appropriate nearer the time.

### **Term planner Autumn 2, 2021**

22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Stone Age Workshop for Year 3 – letter has gone out requesting payment
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parent Workshop – raising a happy multicultural family. This is a free session starting at 9am. Please check the letter that has already been sent out for more details.
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 concert at the cathedral. The concert for parents starts at 3pm (parents arrive at 2:45). Please return the permission slip as soon as possible, and book your free tickets online.
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Boys football match at home (earlier start of 3pm) More details to follow.
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Chocolate collection for the Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fair.
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Ms Peeks returns from maternity leave to job-share with Ms Bowers in Year 5
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Final date of raffle prize donations for our Fair
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Letter to go home for children who usually have a packed lunch, inviting them to have the Christmas Dinner on 15 <sup>th</sup> December (£2:50)
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Sponsored Elf Run to the North Pole to raise funds for our PTA. The children will take part in this event every day, collecting enough miles to reach the North Pole in time for Christmas! More details to follow about how you can sponsor your child and raise money for our PTA in the process.
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Final chance to buy your ticket for 'Elfridges' – see information above and also the letter that was sent home separately
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Bottle collection for the Bottle Tombola at the Christmas Fair (more details to follow)
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PC Maxine Norton to lead sessions for Year 5&6 on cyber-safety, keeping safe online, appropriate and safe use of social media, digital footprints etc
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert at the Halle (Year 3&4) at 2:30pm – more details to follow but parents very welcome to this free concert in a beautiful venue.

8 <sup>th</sup> December	Final payment date of £2:50 for the Christmas Dinner on 15 <sup>th</sup> December
9 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS nativity at 9:30 – parents welcome
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Bag to School collection – please start saving unwanted/old clothing, shoes, bedding sheets and covers, towels, blankets.
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Cake donation for the Fair – please bring to the school Reception in the morning
10 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas fair – 6:00 to 7:15
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2) Carol Concert and Poems at 9:15. Parents welcome!
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper and Dinner day. The Christmas Dinner will be offered to all pupils who normally have a packed lunch at the cost of £2:50. A letter will go out at the start of December with more details.
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto x2 performances (am/pm)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Toy day / parties / finish
4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day (Teacher training) NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Term starts for all pupils

**INSET Days:** Teachers have training days (INSET days). There are no children in school on these days. The next ones are:

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – *please note – this is a re-arranged date, moved from April. Term will therefore start for children on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.*
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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