

**Value of the week:** This week we have focussed on **Co-operation**. Can you spot and praise your children when demonstrating these values at home?

### Postcards home:

This week, postcards have been awarded to:

Year 6: Sophia with Pride in my Work awards going to Kaniar and Deniz

Year 5: Maria and Ethan with Pride in my Work award going to Liyana

Year 4: Harry and Jasmine, Eric and Bubesh with Pride in my Work award going to Lucas

Year 3: Nico and Amelia, Nirlipta and Kanico

Year 2: Hannah and Ophelia, Archie and Monia

Year 1: Alexey and Federico, Primrose and Andrew

Reception: Srinika and David, Oscar and Farida

Chicken carer award: Jamelia and Ava

**Music of the week:** To coincide with Black History Month, our pupils have listened to the music of Bob Marley who was a Jamaican singer, songwriter, and musician. Marley is considered to be one of the pioneers of reggae, a genre of music now associated with Jamaica.

**Author visits:** Also to coincide with Black History Month, our Year 1&2 and 3&4 pupils enjoyed an engaging and informative Zoom session this week with the author Ifeoma Onyefulu. She talked to the children about how she works and shapes her stories, and how she gathers her inspiration for them. Ifeoma Onyefulu is an award-winning author and photographer of many books including 'Emeka's Gift' and 'A is for Africa' both of which have become hugely popular in schools around the UK. Her highly acclaimed children's books are renowned for their positive images of Africa by celebrating both traditional village life and contemporary urban life.

**Lost property:** We have a large collection of really good quality, branded coats. None have names in them. We have many new jumpers and cardigans, all without a name. These will be outside school on Friday afternoon – if it is not raining. Please collect from the table. Going forward, please use a Sharpie pen to name uniform.

**Workshops:** We plan workshops to provide a 'hook' into a unit of learning. There will always be a cost, although we keep these costs as low as possible - but cannot afford to subsidise these events. Going forward we may have to cancel events if we do not have parental contributions. For those who might be experiencing financial hardship, please come to talk to me in confidence.

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

## Term planner Autumn 1, 2021

1 <sup>st</sup> November	Back to school
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 1 Florence Nightingale Workshops
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 6 Ancient Greek immersion day with Yellow Brick Road Workshop – come dressed up (see letter sent earlier!)
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 2 Fire of London workshops
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 5 Most Able Scientist Workshop at MGS for 4 pupils
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Final date for submitting a piece for the Year 5 writing competition (letter providing details has been sent out)
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Homework grids out
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Sign up for parents evening this week
9 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA meeting via Zoom at 7pm
10 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA cake sale
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need day “together we can change young lives”. Bring £1:00 for this charity and come in your home clothes.
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week – theme “One Kind Word” which fits so nicely with our values. Children welcome to come to school on Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> wearing odd socks!
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5&6 Primary Maths Challenge this week
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Chocolate collection for the Chocolate Tombola at our Christmas Fair (more details to follow)
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and family photos – more details to follow
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening (Miss Morris’s class have their parents evening on 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> )
19 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET staff training day – PUPILS NOT IN SCHOOL
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Living and flourishing in a multicultural family – a free session for all our families. Starting at 9am this will be an informative session with a chance for questions (look out for the flyer coming out after half term)
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 concert at the cathedral – 2:45 start for parents. Letter to follow after half term.
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Bottle collection for the Bottle Tombola at our Christmas Fair (more details to follow)
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert at the Halle St Peters (Year 3&4) at 2:30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS nativity at 9:30 all welcome
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Bag to School collection - please start to save up any unwanted clothing, bedding covers and sheets, towels and blankets. More details to follow.
10 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas fair

14 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage One Carol Concert and Christmas poems
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper and Dinner day
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto x2 performances
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Toy day / parties / finish

5<sup>th</sup> January back to school 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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