

**Parent Forum Meetings:** As well as informal chances to chat to me, I offer an official opportunity to come along and ask questions, raise concerns (as well as tell me what's going well!) once a term. I offer our new parents their own Forum opportunity as, being new to the school you may have a different set of questions. The EYFS/Reception Parent Forum is at 9:00 on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Do come along after drop off.

**Music with the Royal Northern College of Music:** There has been a positive uptake to this RNCM initiative. You will be communicating directly with Kevin Saw. Your children have started their lessons next week – please check your emails so you and your child know when to expect their lesson. **Kevin and his teachers will be giving a concert to all KS2 and any parents who wish to come along on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2:45pm.** If any children are interested to learn an instrument please email Kevin Saw direct on: [kevin.saw@student.rncm.ac.uk](mailto:kevin.saw@student.rncm.ac.uk)

**Choir:** A choir for all Key Stage 2 children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) starts on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. It starts at 8am prompt. There is no need to sign up – just come along. But please commit to it, rather than dipping in and out.

**Secondary School Choices:** Please come along to the Roadshow on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Ten schools – both independent and maintained, will be represented and I will be available to answer questions. This is open to all KS2 parents, but I would urge Year 5&6 parents in particular to attend.

**Primary School Places:** Now is the time for parents to start thinking about their little ones starting school in the Reception classes September 2019. I will be giving individual tours – please spread the word about how amazing our school is!

**Snacks:** Please can I remind families that only Key Stage 2 children (Years 3,4,5 and 6) need bring a snack if they want to – we provide a snack for our younger children. We only allow healthy snacks at break-time – no crisps, sweets or chocolate. Thank you for supporting us on this.

**Lateness:** In last week's newsletter I explained how 'every minute counts' in the school day. We want and need your children in school on time. Please can you support us on this by allowing enough time to get to school for 8:50 when the doors open.

Miss D Kenny is our Attendance Officer. We meet on a weekly basis to check our registers, focusing on lateness and reasons for absences. We want and need your children in school on time, every day!

**Additional learning experiences:** It is important to provide a wide range of memorable experiences for our children – music, drama, live poetry, workshops. Many events are free, but some do carry a cost. Please support us as much as you can with any requests for payments. Many thanks.

**Website:** Our new website is very close to launch. We will let you know as soon as it goes live. It looks beautiful! There are many amazing photos; we will check our records for permission, but do let us know if you do not want your child's picture on our website.

## Days and Dates:

New events will be indicated in **bold and underlined**.

Week beginning	Event
24 <sup>th</sup> September	<p>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 Residential</p> <p>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>: Music concert performed by the RNCM teachers. Open to any parent. 2:45pm start.</p> <p>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>: Weekly KS2 Choir starts @ 8:00</p> <p>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>: Collaboration with MGS art department begins – a weekly session with boys and staff working alongside our pupils to create a 50m long mural on the Upper Key Stage Two corridor, reflecting the local heritage.</p> <p>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>: Secondary School Road Show 6:00 to 7:30 – for parents of children in Years 4,5&amp;6 to get a flavour of your Secondary School options. (A letter was sent out in July about this event)</p> <p>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>: Ballot papers for Parent Governor role sent out</p> <p>Friday 28<sup>th</sup>: EYFS parent Forum @9:00 – a Q&amp;A opportunity for our new parents who have children in our Reception classes</p>
1 <sup>st</sup> October	<p>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>: Final date for Parent Governor vote – voting closes at 12 noon</p> <p>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sign up goes live for EYFS parents evening – more details to follow</p> <p>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>: National Poetry Day – we have the poet Dominic Berry coming in, who will work with our Key Stage Two children. More details to follow; we will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £2:80 to cover his assembly and workshop costs.</p>
8 <sup>th</sup> October	<p>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: World’s Biggest Coffee Morning @ 9 – 10am</p> <p>Friday 12<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 cake sale @ 3:30 (PTA event)</p>
15 <sup>th</sup> October	<p>Monday 15<sup>th</sup>: EYFS Workshop – the Enormous Turnip. There will be a cost of about £7:00 for this. Further details to follow.</p> <p>Monday 15<sup>th</sup>: Sign up goes live online for parents evening Years 1-6.</p> <p>Tuesday: STEM event led by a Biomedical Imaging Scientist for 10 children and their parents in Years 5&amp;6, from 3:30 to 4:30 (More details to follow)</p> <p>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>: EYFS Parents Evening</p> <p>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>: Year 4 to MGS for ‘AHOY’ – parents are invited to a concert at Manchester Grammar School in the early evening. More details and timings to come.</p> <p><b><u>Friday 19<sup>th</sup>: Harvest festival @ 2:30 REVISED TIME</u></b></p>
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Half term holiday week
29 <sup>th</sup> October	<p>WHOLE SCHOOL AUTHOR STUDY</p> <p>Monday 29<sup>th</sup>: Year 3 Stone Age Workshop. There will be a cost of about £7:00. More details to follow</p> <p>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>: Disco EYFS and KS1 @ 6:00/ KS2 @ 7:15 (PTA event)</p>
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> / Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> : parents Evening @ 3:30 / 5:00
12 <sup>th</sup> November	<p>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>: Autumn Term Parent Forum @ 9:00 – a Q&amp;A session for all parents</p> <p>Friday 16<sup>th</sup>: Children in Need day – more details to follow</p>
19 <sup>th</sup> November	<p>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>: Myths and Legends workshops for Year 2. There will be a cost of about £7:00 per child. Details to follow</p> <p>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>: Year 5 cake sale @ 3:30 (PTA event)</p>

26 <sup>th</sup> November	
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> : EYFS nativity @ 9:30 Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> : Panto for whole school am/pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December	No teacher run clubs after school this week Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> : KS1 nativity @ 9:30 Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> : Christmas fair (PTA event)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	No teacher run clubs after school this week Christmas parties this week Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> : KS2 carols at Halle St Michaels @ 6:30 Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> : Finish for the holidays