

School Places: Thank you to everyone who came along to the Secondary School Road Show on Wednesday evening. I hope that you found it useful. Many of you with children in Years 4 and 5 (as well as 6) were asking about bursaries – I have arranged for a short information session and Q&A on Tuesday 9th October at 2:45. This is a drop in session; do come along.

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!

Website: Our new website is ready: <http://www.newislingtonschool.org>

Please visit the site as many times as possible so that SEO can begin (Search Engine Optimisation).

There are a few tweaks still to be made so keep visiting the site to drive us up the Google SEO and check out additions as they come live.

There are many amazing photos; ***do let us know if you do not want your child's picture on our website.***

Parents Evening: We will trial a new system for sign up to our Parents Evening – our Early Years/Reception class has their parents evening this half term. There will be a sign-up sheet outside the main entrance for you to choose an appointment time. You can sign up when you drop off or pick up from Wraparound, or when you bring to school at 8:45. There will be plenty of appointments, on two days.

Collaboration with Manchester Grammar School: Our collaboration continues – Year 4 have a musical event with a concert for parents, we have an exciting ongoing collaboration with the art department to develop a huge mural, and our Year 5 children have an opportunity to attend workshops throughout the year – maths, science, MFL, English and computing.

PTA: Our first PTA meeting was well attended; thank you to the mums and dads who came along. We discussed the forthcoming events.

- **Fundraising:** The purpose of a PTA is to raise much needed funds to provide additional extras for school. The PTA have decided that all fundraising will initially go towards the playground development project.
- **Communication:** There will be a PTA class WhatsApp group set up by class reps, to help organise events. If you are happy to be part of these class groups, please share your number with the class rep. Of course, there is no obligation to share your number.
- **Class cake sales:** Each half term, the parents of one class are responsible for organising and running a cake sale. Parents of this named class (Year 6 is running the first cake sale on Friday 12th October) send their children in to school with cakes. Small cup-cakes, cookies, flapjacks, tray bakes – either home-made or bought. ***Please avoid cooking or buying anything with peanuts.*** Parents of the class then arrive at about 3pm to set up the

cake stall and are ready to sell these cakes/cookies for 50p each as the children come out of school.

- **Disco:** New Islington's first ever disco is on Friday 2nd November. More details to follow (DJ already booked) so put the date in your diary now.
- **Next meeting:** Open to all parents – even if you didn't come to the first meeting. This will be on Friday 19th October at 4pm. On the agenda – review the first ever cake sale (what can we learn to make it better next time), plan the first ever disco and start planning the first ever Christmas Fair. Exciting times, but YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU!

Choir: Don't forget – Tuesday mornings at 8:00 – come along to our choir.

Days and Dates:

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

Week beginning	Event
1 st October	<p>Tuesday 2nd: Final date for Parent Governor vote – voting closes at 12 noon Tuesday 2nd: Sign up goes live for EYFS parents evening <u>Thursday 4th: Special 'Theme Day' school dinner. Please see letter sent out yesterday. You can 'dip in and out' of school dinners. Please let the office know if a dinner is required. £2:10 for children in KS2, free for our younger children.</u> Thursday 4th: National Poetry Day – we have the poet Dominic Berry coming in, who will work with our Key Stage Two children. You have had a letter about this and prompt payment is appreciated.</p>
8 th October	<p><u>Tuesday 9th: Drop in session with Q&A to find out about bursaries at 2:45</u> Wednesday 10th October: World's Biggest Coffee Morning @ 9 – 10am <u>Our School Nurse (Julie Mulligan) will attend, and she is able to answer any questions you may have about your child's health and wellbeing.</u> <u>Wednesday 10th : Maths workshop for 4 pupils in Year 5 at MGS</u> Friday 12th: Year 6 cake sale @ 3:30 (PTA event)</p>
15 th October	<p>Monday 15th: EYFS Workshop – the Enormous Turnip. There will be a cost of about £7:00 for this. Further details to follow. Monday 15th: Sign up goes live online for parents evening Years 1-6. Tuesday: STEM event led by a Biomedical Imaging Scientist for 10 children and their parents in Years 5&6, from 3:30 to 4:30 (More details to follow) Tuesday 16th / Wednesday 17th: EYFS Parents Evening Thursday 18th: 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. Friday 19th: Harvest festival @ 2:30 REVISED TIME <u>Friday 19th: PTA meeting open to all at 4pm</u></p>
22 nd October	Half term holiday week
29 th October	<p>WHOLE SCHOOL AUTHOR STUDY Monday 29th: Year 3 Stone Age Workshop. There will be a cost of about £7:00. More details to follow <u>Wednesday 31st: Disney Dance Club for Year 1&2 starting. There will be a special</u></p>

	<p><u>assembly on Monday for the children. Then look out for the letter that will be sent on Monday too.</u></p> <p>Friday 2nd: Disco EYFS and KS1 @ 6:00/ KS2 @ 7:15 (PTA event)</p>
5 th November	Wednesday 6 th / Thursday 7 th : parents Evening @ 3:30 / 5:00
12 th November	<p>Tuesday 13th: Autumn Term Parent Forum @ 9:00 – a Q&A session for all parents</p> <p>Friday 16th: Children in Need day – more details to follow</p>
19 th November	<p>Friday 23rd: Myths and Legends workshops for Year 2. There will be a cost of about £7:00 per child. Details to follow</p> <p>Friday 23rd: Year 5 cake sale @ 3:30 (PTA event)</p>
26 th November	<u>Tuesday 27th : Science workshop for 4 pupils in Year 5 at MGS</u>
3 rd December	<p>Tuesday 4th / Wednesday 5th : EYFS nativity @ 9:30</p> <p>Thursday 6th: Panto for whole school am/pm</p> <p><u>Friday 7th: Piano recital @ 9:00 performed by our pianists taught by Mrs Gregory. Parents welcome.</u></p>
10 th December	<p>No teacher run clubs after school this week</p> <p>Tuesday 11th / Wednesday 12th: KS1 nativity @ 9:30</p> <p>Friday 14th: Christmas fair (PTA event)</p>
17 th December	<p>No teacher run clubs after school this week</p> <p>Christmas parties this week</p> <p>Tuesday 18th: KS2 carols at Halle St Michaels @ 6:30</p> <p>Friday 21st: Finish for the holidays</p>