

Personal goals: Last week our focus was *thoughtfulness*. This week we focussed on *respect* – please have conversations about what these words mean on a day to day basis. Next week we will focus on cooperation.

Sign up for Parents Evening: The new system of signing up for parents evening has worked well for our Reception classes. This system will be replicated for our other classes. There will be sign-up sheets for you to pick a day and time. If you are unable to get to school in person, a friend can sign up for you or you can ring the office. Appointments via telephone will only be dealt with between 10:00 and 11:00. If the weather is bad, the sheets will not be out – the paper will become soggy!

Ahoy! Our Year 4 class will be travelling to MGS for their concert on 18th October. Please ensure all reply slips are in school, and that the children come to school with their white/blue tops. This will be a fabulous event.

Harvest: Please start thinking about a small contribution to our harvest table. Donations are welcome from Wednesday 17th onwards. All donations will go to the Mustard Tree homeless charity – tinned and dry goods please. Your generosity is always appreciated. We will be joined by a member of the City Church who will lead the harvest celebration – parents and grandparents are welcome to join us.

Disco: The new Islington PTA hope that you all have the date of our first ever disco in your diaries! Friday 2nd November – the first Friday back after half term. Tickets are available on the door for £2:50. There will be drinks and snacks for sale for the children. Come along in your party clothes and wearing your dancing shoes. Parents please stay – this is a chance to mingle and chat with other parents. A social time for everyone. **The next PTA meeting is next Friday – 19th October at 4pm. We will review the first ever cake sale, plan the disco and start to think about the Christmas Fair.**

Attendance: We have an attendance trophy for our Key Stage Two class with the best weekly attendance, and a soft cuddly 'Attendance Aardvark' for our Key Stage One classes. Ask your children to find out who was awarded this! We are still tracking the number of pupils who are late each day; every minute does count and we want - and need - your children in school at 8:50 prompt. We also track those children who have many days off school; Persistent Absence has to be reported to the Local Authority.

Choir: Our Tuesday morning choir is growing – do come along! It starts at 8am.

Jewellery: No jewellery should be worn to school. If earrings cannot be taken out, on days that children have PE or swimming, the earrings must be covered with tape. We will provide the tape but this tape needs to be applied by the children themselves.

Parent Governor Election results: I am delighted to say that Mr Richard Goodaire and Mr Imoh Ussenudoh have both been duly elected to join the New Islington Free School Governing Body.

Medical issues: It is vital that we are kept up to date with any changes in your child's medical history. If your child is sick or has had diarrhoea there is a requirement set that there should be 48 CLEAR hours before coming back to school.

Contacting Wrap Around Club: The Wrap Team can be contacted up to 6:15 on our main school number: 0161 273 8007

School Meals: A new menu is available from after the half term holiday. We will send it out electronically (as well as put it on our website (www.newislingtonschool.org)) so that you can have a look at the range and quality – the dinners are excellent and cost £2:35 per meal.

MacMillan coffee morning / cake sale: Many thanks to all the mums and dads who supported this charity event. We raised over £180. Thanks to Mrs Woollacott for planning and running this event.

Days and Dates:

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

Week beginning	Event
15 th October	<p><u>Monday 15th: Fire Service workshop for Year 6, with fire engine</u> Monday 15th: EYFS Workshop – the Enormous Turnip. Monday 15th: Sign up goes live online for parents evening Years 1-6. Tuesday 16th: Zoo2U visiting our Year 1 classes for a workshop Tuesday 16th : STEM event led by a Biomedical Imaging Scientist for 10 children and their parents in Years 5&6, from 3:30 to 4:30 Tuesday 16th / Wednesday 17th: EYFS Parents Evening <u>Wednesday 17th: Year 6 Topic Celebration – parents welcome from 2:45</u> Thursday 18th: Year 4 to MGS for 'AHOY' – parents are invited to a concert at Manchester Grammar School in the early evening. Remember to send your child with the correct clothing – and do join us for the concert. Friday 19th: Harvest festival @ 2:30 REVISED TIME Friday 19th: PTA meeting open to all at 4pm</p>
22 nd October	Half term holiday week
29 th October	<p>WHOLE SCHOOL AUTHOR STUDY <u>Monday 29th: Mr Hedley will be running an ENGLISH information session for parents and their children – open to Years 5&6 Starting at 3:40 for an hour. This will be really useful for everyone.</u> Monday 29th: Year 3 Stone Age Workshop. There will be a cost of about £7:00. More details to follow Wednesday 31st: Disney Dance Club for Year 1&2 starting. Friday 2nd: Disco EYFS and KS1 @ 6:00/ KS2 @ 7:15 (PTA event)</p>
5 th November	<p><u>Monday 5th : Mr Hedley will be running a MATHS information session for parents and their children – open to Years 5&6 Starting at 3:40 for an hour. This will be really useful for everyone.</u> Wednesday 6th/ Thursday 7th: parents Evening @ 3:30 / 5:00</p>
12 th November	<p><u>Monday 12th November: Photographer in school – a new company. They will be taking family and individual photos. Family grouping with younger siblings will be taken before school – details to follow with timings.</u></p>

	<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	<p>Tuesday 27th : Science workshop for 4 pupils in Year 5 at MGS</p>
3 rd December	<p>Tuesday 4th / Wednesday 5th : EYFS nativity @ 9:30</p> <p>Thursday 6th: Panto for whole school am/pm</p> <p>Friday 7th: Piano recital @ 9:00 performed by our pianists taught by Mrs Gregory. Parents welcome.</p>
10 th December	<p>No teacher run clubs after school this week – football, rattle and roll and basketball as normal.</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 – no football, rattle and roll and basketball as normal.</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>