

**Personal goals:** Last week our focus was **respect**. This week we focussed on **cooperation** – please have conversations about what these words mean on a day to day basis. After half term we will focus on ‘**doing the right thing**’.

**Parents Evening:** We will email out confirmation of your time after the holiday. **Please note that there are NO SCHOOL RUN clubs this week – however the football, choir, rattle & roll and basketball clubs will continue as normal.**

**Disco:** The new Islington PTA hope that you all have the date of our first ever disco in your diaries! Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 19<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm. We will review the first ever cake sale, plan the disco and start to think about the Christmas Fair.**

**School Meals:** It’s great that more children are choosing the school meal as an option! All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have a free meal – please encourage your child to have this option instead of a packed lunch.

**Year 6 cake sale:** Our first fund raising event for the PTA went well – we raised £64:80. The Year 5 class will run the next event.

**Clubs:** Unless otherwise notified, you child’s after school club will continue after half term. The oversubscribed clubs were craft (Monday), football (Monday) gardening (Tuesday) and origami (Thursday) which means a new group starts after half term for these clubs.

**Guide to the World of Music – Taster Sessions. A reminder about the letter sent out this week -** Taking place at Band on the Wall over four Saturdays, the **Guide to the World of Music** taster sessions will help young people learn how to sing, play and discover new music. Costing just £4, each session lasts for four hours and includes free juice, tea or coffee and slice of pizza at lunchtime! The sessions are **open to anyone over the age of 8**, with younger children welcome if accompanied by parents. **See the dates below** - Band on the Wall are really keen for New Islington pupils to participate; let them know on arrival which school you come from!

**Author Study:** After half term, all classes will have an ‘author study’ when they are immersed in the work of one author. Our EYFS children are focussing on Oliver Jeffers, Year 1 will look at the work of Jeanne Willis, Year 2 will focus on Michael Morpurgo, Year 3 the work of Satoshi Kitamura, Year 4 focussing on Shaun Tann, Year 5 on Francesca Sanna and Year 6 will look at some of the work of Terry Pratchett.

**Have a lovely half term holiday!**

**Days and Dates:**

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

Week beginning	Event
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Half term holiday week

29 <sup>th</sup> October	<p>WHOLE SCHOOL AUTHOR STUDY</p> <p><b><u>Monday 29<sup>th</sup>: Mr Hedley will be running an ENGLISH information session for parents and their children – open to Years 5&amp;6 Starting at 3:40 for an hour. This will be really useful for everyone.</u></b></p> <p>Monday 29<sup>th</sup>: Year 3 Stone Age Workshop.          Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>: Disney Dance Club for Year 1&amp;2 starting.          Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>: Disco EYFS and KS1 @ 6:00/ KS2 @ 7:15 (PTA event)</p>
5 <sup>th</sup> November	<p><b><u>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> : Mr Hedley will be running a MATHS information session for parents and their children – open to Years 5&amp;6 Starting at 3:40 for an hour. This will be really useful for everyone.</u></b></p> <p>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>/ Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>: parents Evening @ 3:40 <b><u>Please note that there are NO SCHOOL RUN clubs this week – football, choir, rattle &amp; roll and basketball will continue as normal.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November: New Rhythm and Rhyme club for EYFS children (See letter sent home)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Friday 9<sup>th</sup>: Year 2 Guide Dog presentation</u></b></p>
12 <sup>th</sup> November	<p><b><u>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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></b></p> <p>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>: Autumn Term Parent Forum @ 9:00 – a Q&amp;A session for all parents          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          Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>: Year 5 cake sale @ 3:30 (PTA event)  <b><u>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>: Band on the Wall – Guide to World Music taster session</u></b></p>
26 <sup>th</sup> November	<p>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> : Science workshop for 4 pupils in Year 5 at MGS  <b><u>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>: Band on the Wall – Guide to World Music taster session</u></b></p>
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<p>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          Friday 7<sup>th</sup>: Piano recital @ 9:00 performed by our pianists taught by Mrs Gregory. Parents welcome.  <b><u>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>: Band on the Wall – Guide to World Music taster session</u></b></p>
10 <sup>th</sup> December	<p>No teacher run clubs after school this week – football, rattle and roll and basketball as normal.          Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>: KS1 nativity @ 9:30          Friday 14<sup>th</sup>: Christmas fair (PTA event)  <b><u>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>: Band on the Wall – Guide to World Music taster session</u></b></p>
17 <sup>th</sup> December	<p>No teacher run clubs after school this week – no football, rattle and roll and basketball.          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</p>

