

**Personal goals:** This week we have focussed on **'being adaptable'**. How good are your children at dealing with change? Can they cope when things don't always 'go their way'?

Next week we will look at **'enquiry'** - are your children inquisitive and able to ask and answer questions about themselves and the world around them; are they interested in finding out more?

**Contact details: It is essential that we have up-to-date contact details for at least two people. Mobile phones are changed regularly and it is crucial we have new numbers. This is for your child's safety and wellbeing. We MUST be able to contact you in an emergency.**

**Band on the Wall Saturday Workshops:** Please email [simon.webbon@bandonthewall.org](mailto:simon.webbon@bandonthewall.org) for more information – or just turn up and pay on the door. Sessions run from 10am to 2pm on Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Address: Band on the Wall, Swan Street, Manchester, M4 5JZ. Turn up for one or more sessions. Tell them you are from NIFS and they will certainly look after you!

**PTA Christmas Fair:** On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November: Donations of **bottles** (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) for the bottle tombola AND / OR **chocolate** for the chocolate tombola AND/OR donations of **lovely items** (biscuits, jams, pickles, crackers, teas, coffees) that can be packed into hampers for the raffle.

We will be holding a raffle – prizes welcomed. Chat to the class reps with your ideas for high quality prizes.

**Birthdays:** Whilst it is lovely to share a birthday with the class, there are many children with allergies and specific dietary requirements, meaning that cakes and sweets are not always able to be shared. If however you are sending in cake, please do not send in a large cake and expect our staff to cut it up into 30 pieces then wrap in serviettes. Please don't feel obliged to send in anything at all – a simple and cheery 'happy birthday' should be fine.

**INSET days:** The term dates are on our new website – the final INSET day has now been arranged. This is Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 when children will NOT be in school.

### Days and Dates:

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

Week beginning	Event
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> : Myths and Legends workshops for Year 2. Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> : Year 5 cake sale @ 3:30 (PTA event) Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> : Band on the Wall – Guide to World Music taster session
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> : Science workshop for 4 pupils in Year 5 at MGS Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> : Road Safety Assembly for KS1 Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> : Road Safety Assembly for KS2 Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> : Donations of chocolate, bottles and hamper items (See notes above)

	<p><b><u>Friday 30<sup>th</sup>: New Spring term club choices will be sent out</u></b>  Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>: Band on the Wall – Guide to World Music taster session</p>
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<p>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> : EYFS nativity @ 9:30  <b><u>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>: Open Evening for existing and prospective parents from 5 to 7pm – a chance to tour the school PLEASE TELL ANYONE YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SCHOOL – ESPECIALLY NEW STARTERS SEPTEMBER 2019</u></b>  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.  Friday 7<sup>th</sup>: Christmas fair (PTA event) REVISED DATE  Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>: Band on the Wall – Guide to World Music taster session</p>
10 <sup>th</sup> December	<p><b><u>Monday: Last date for Spring term club choices to be returned</u></b>  No teacher run clubs after school this week – football, rattle and roll, rhythm and rhyme, and basketball as normal.  Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>: KS1 nativity @ 9:30  Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>: Band on the Wall – Guide to World Music taster session</p>
17 <sup>th</sup> December	<p>No teacher run clubs after school this week – no football, rattle and roll, no rhythm and rhyme, and no basketball.  Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Dinner Day (book on as a ‘one off’) and Christmas Jumper Day supporting Manchester Children’s Hospital.  Christmas parties this week  <b><u>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>: KS2 carols at Halle St Michaels @ 6:30 with a recital from the RNCM musicians – all KS2 pupils are expected to attend – more details to follow</u></b>  Friday 21<sup>st</sup>: Finish for the holidays</p>
And further ahead	<p>Monday January 7<sup>th</sup>: Return to school  Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January: Teacher run clubs start this week  Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup>: MFL workshop for 4 x Year 5 pupils at MGS  Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>: Year 6 trip to Manchester Youth Zone: TechOver – an interactive careers fair that introduces young people to digital technology and how it shapes the modern workplace. Most children are familiar with computers, mobile phones and social media – TechOver will offer them a unique insight into how technology improves and reimagines existing jobs, as well as create new ones. This is a great opportunity to experience technology from a wide variety of sectors, including IT, healthcare, public transport, and more.</p>