

**Personal goals:** This week we have focussed on ‘**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?

Next week we will focus on ‘**Resilience**’ – can your children show an inner strength when things change, or when things get hard; do they give up really easily?

**Christmas fair:** Our first ever Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 5:30 to 7:00. There will be stalls – chocolate tombola, bottle tombola, face painting, candy floss, popcorn, guess the weight of the cake, pig racing, refreshments for the children, mulled wine and mince pies for the adults and much more. We may have a visit from some Christmas elves too.

Please come along to this fund raising event. Most stalls will cost between 50p and £1:00. There is no entry cost. Turn up from 5:30 and join the fun!

You will all receive a book of raffle tickets next week – please read the instructions and support the school’s fundraising efforts through buying these raffle tickets.

Don’t forget – next Friday we need 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.

**Community Tree and Bulb Planting afternoon:** We have 100 saplings to plant and 200 bulbs to plant! Please come and give us a hand. Parents / grandparents - please turn up between 1:30 and 2:30 on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November with your wellies and a spade.

**PE Kits:** All our children take part in PE and Games lessons. It is very important that they have the right kit in school. For indoor PE the children need a simple white round necked t-shirt and black shorts. For outdoor games they need a white round necked t-shirt and a warm tracksuit (black) as well as trainers. Our Sports Ambassadors may well do spot checks and report back to Miss Morris, our lead PE teacher!

**Choir:** Our Tuesday morning choir is not well enough supported so I have moved the session to during the school day – this way all children can benefit.

**School Councillors:** We have a newly formed – first ever – school council! This group of Year 6 children work with Miss Morris on different projects and already they have impressed the teachers throughout the school with their confidence and ability to communicate clearly.

**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
26 <sup>th</sup> November	<p><b><u>Monday 26<sup>th</sup>: Community tree and bulb planning afternoon between 1:30 and 2:30 – see details above</u></b></p> <p>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  <b><u>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>: EYFS nativity tickets available</u></b>            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)            Friday 30<sup>th</sup>: New Spring term club choices will be sent out            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>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>: KS1 nativity tickets available</u></b>            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 – ESPCIALLY NEW STARTERS SEPTEMBER 2019            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>Monday: Last date for Spring term club choices to be returned            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 – an unexpected change of plan means this has been cancelled – 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</p> <p>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January: Teacher run clubs start this week</p> <p>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>

