

**Personal goals:** This week we have focussed on '**Resilience**' – can your children show an inner strength when things change, or when things get hard; do they give up really easily?

Next week we will take another look at '**thoughtfulness**' – do your children think before they speak? Are they kind in words and deed? Do they show an empathy towards others?

**Open Day:** Families with siblings due to start school in September 2019, and those who have friends with little ones starting school in September 2019 are very welcome to come along to our Open Evening next Wednesday – drop in at any time between 5pm and 7pm.

**Key Stage Two Carol Concert:** You will have read that the concert in the evening has been cancelled. Instead we will hold our Key Stage 2 Carol Concert (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) in the afternoon of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>. We are very lucky to be joined by the musicians from the RNCM who will give a short recital too. Our concert will start at 2:15 and will be ticketed for your comfort and safety. Tickets will be available from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Kitchen General Assistant:** There is a vacancy within our kitchen for a GA role. 11am to 2pm x 5 days a week term time only. If interested please contact [cath.loonam@taylorshaw.com](mailto:cath.loonam@taylorshaw.com) for more details.

**PTA Cake Sale:** The very respectable sum of £94:40 was raised. Well done Year 5 parents!

**Social Media:** We are very concerned that many of our children are watching inappropriate videos on YouTube. Please check your children's viewing history, please ensure you have adequate parental settings and please ensure your child know that you know what they are watching.

Please may I take this opportunity to remind all parents about responsible use of all social media – be that Facebook or WhatsApp, texting or Messenger. There must **never** be any naming of specific children on any form of social media; additionally any potentially negative comments about any member of staff will be seen as slander and the police will be informed. The school will take very seriously any issue of inappropriate social media use.

**Band on the Wall:** A few of our children went along last Saturday and had an amazing time – here are the details again for anyone else interested in dropping in. You can 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 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!

**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!

### Days and Dates:

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

Week beginning	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<p>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> : EYFS nativity @ 9:30            Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>: KS1 nativity tickets available            Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>: Open Evening for existing and prospective parents from 5 to 7pm – a chance to tour the school <b>PLEASE TELL ANYONE YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SCHOOL – ESPECIALLY NEW STARTERS SEPTEMBER 2019</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) <b>REVISED DATE</b>            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  <b><u>Tickets for the KS2 Carol Concert available.</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.  <b><u>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>: Key Stage Two carol Concert and recital 2:15 here at school</u></b>  <b><u>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>: Key Stage One (Years 1&amp;2) party – more details from class teachers</u></b>            Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Dinner Day (book on as a 'one off') and Christmas Jumper Day supporting Manchester Children's Hospital. (£1:00 donation)  <b><u>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>: EYFS class party – more details from class teachers</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>

