

Personal goals: This week we have taken 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?

Next week we will focus on **'respect'** - how do your children behave when with an adult? Do they listen, give eye contact, and do as they are told?

No teacher run clubs this week – rattle and roll, rhythm and rhyme, football and basketball on as normal. Please ensure you book into Wraparound if you need childcare.

A huge thank you – to our amazing Year 6 School Councillors – you acted as such professional, friendly and articulate ambassadors during our Open Evening. Also thanks to the whole staff team – your classrooms (as always) looked amazing, and the welcome given to visitors by the 'front of house' team was so warm.

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 18th **HERE AT SCHOOL.**

We are very lucky to be joined by the musicians from the RNCM who will give a short recital too.

We will also have a German carol performed by the children who attend our lunchtime German club.

Our concert will start at 2:15 and will be ticketed for your comfort and safety. Tickets will be available from Tuesday 11th December.

Musical Instruments: All children who learn the cello, violin or guitar have been given a letter about the storage of their instruments; no instrument must ever be kept in the classroom, cloakroom or corridor. They must be brought to the office where they will be kept in Mrs Smith's room for safe keeping.

Please check their bags for this letter. Many thanks.

Toy Day: On the last day of term, children can bring in to school a toy or a game to share with their friends. **NOTHING ELECTRONIC, DIGITAL - NO TECH.** This is a chance for some 'old favourites' to be played – dolls, teddies, play figures, board games, cards, drawing books, cartoon books, origami to name but a few. Please don't bring in anything very precious just in case there are accidents.

Thank you and good luck! To Miss Bowers (EYFS teacher) who is starting her maternity leave today.

Text messages: When we send a text message out, or when we send a letter via email, we will 'sign off' with the initials 'NIFS' – it means it's from us here at New Islington Free School.

Competition Time – Road Safety: We were very lucky to have a special Road Safety assembly, led by one of our mums. She is inviting all children to design an eye catching road safety poster – with plenty of winners! Please bring your completed design to school by next Friday (14th).

Days and Dates:

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

Week beginning	Event
10 th December	<p>Monday: Last date for Spring term club choices to be returned Tuesday: Tickets for the KS2 Carol Concert available. No teacher run clubs after school this week – football, rattle and roll, rhythm and rhyme, and basketball as normal. Tuesday 11th / Wednesday 12th: KS1 nativity @ 9:30 Saturday 15th: Band on the Wall – Guide to World Music taster session</p>
17 th December	<p>No teacher run clubs after school this week –rattle and roll, rhythm and rhyme, on as normal Tuesday 18th: Key Stage Two carol Concert and recital 2:15 here at school <u>Wednesday 19th: Year 6 parents invited in to share their amazing work from this unit. Come along at 2:50. (see letter sent out separately)</u> Wednesday 19th: Key Stage One (Years 1&2) party – more details from class teachers Wednesday 19th: Christmas Dinner Day (book on as a ‘one off’) and Christmas Jumper Day supporting Manchester Children’s Hospital. (£1:00 donation) Thursday 20th: EYFS class party – more details from class teachers <u>Friday 21st: Toy Day – see note above – NOTHING digital/technical</u> Friday 21st: Finish for the holidays</p>
And further ahead	<p>Monday January 7th: Return to school <u>W/B Monday 7th January: Rattle and Roll clubs start for KS1 and KS2 – see letter sent out</u> Monday 14th January: Teacher run clubs start this week <u>Friday 18th January: Six week literacy unit for Year 5 run by City in the Community</u> Tuesday January 22nd: MFL workshop for 4 x Year 5 pupils at MGS Wednesday January 23rd: 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. <u>Wednesday 24th January: Fantastic beasts workshop for Year 3 – details in the new year – cost around £5:00 per pupil</u></p>

Wednesday 24th January: 'In the News' workshop for Year 5 – details in the new year – cost about £5:00 per pupil

March 4th: Whole School Science event (cost about £2:50 per pupil)

Monday 29th April: Pirates Workshop for Year 1 – cost about £5:00 per pupil