

**Personal goals:** All this term we have focused on a different characteristic – characteristics that lead to success in all aspects of life. Please support us by talking to your children about these characteristics, and modelling them in everyday family life.

As a reminder – the qualities we look at are: respect, cooperation, resilience, do the right thing, communication, being adaptable, thoughtfulness and enquiry.

**Clubs:** The teacher run clubs and Rhythm & Rhyme start in the second week of the new term. However, football (Mondays and Tuesdays) and Rattle and Roll (Wednesdays am/pm) start the first week back. There are new groups starting and you will have been notified if there is a change after half term.

**I know that you will join me in thanking the entire staff team – always amazing and always working so hard for your children.** Here is a summary of just a few things that have been organised for your children:

- City in the Community coach working with EYFS, Year 3,4,5,6 each week
- Choir for KS2
- RNCM music lessons voice / violin / cello / guitar
- RNCM recital for children and parents
- Celebrate National Poetry day with workshops for KS2 from Dom Berry
- Giant Turnip Workshop for EYFS
- STEM after school event for children and parents
- AHOY musical event with MGS
- The Aliens are coming! Year 5 theme day
- MGS art department mural project
- Stone Age Workshop for Year 3
- PTA disco, cake sales and fair
- Myths and legends Workshops for Year 2
- Maths workshop MGS
- Science Workshop MGS
- Band on the Wall Saturday workshops
- Author visit – Grant Koper
- Inviting parents in to talk about their jobs
- Nativities and Carol Concert
- Charity - Children in Need
- Charity - Christmas Jumper Day
- Charity - Harvest
- Lunchtime coaches
- Father Christmas delivering presents
- 'Bog Baby' theme day

Clubs this term have been:

- Chess
- Gardening
- Crafts
- Football
- Basketball
- Origami
- French
- Rhythm and Rhyme
- Children run clubs – origami / games / chill zone / reading
- Bookworm
- Sewing
- Drama
- Lego
- German
- Creative writing
- Zumba
- Rattle and Roll dance

**Attendance / lateness:** You will know that we have been encouraging all children to arrive at school on time every day. I have been working with the governors to revise the current Attendance Policy. From January, a new and revised Attendance Policy will be sent out to all our families.

**May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas; here's to a fantastic 2019!**

**Days and Dates:**

New term – new events to put into your new diary!

Week beginning	Event
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday January 7 <sup>th</sup> : Return to school W/B Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January: Dance clubs start for KS1 and KS2 / football / Basketball / Rhythm and Rhyme – <b>Morning dance club starts on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b> Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> : PTA meeting at 4pm – all parents welcome; new faces too! We will plan a series of fun events for this term.
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January: Teacher run clubs start this week  Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January: 2x mixed football teams from Years 5&6 tournament @ the Etihad (details will be sent out in the first week back)  Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January: Six week literacy unit for Year 5 run by City in the Community
21 <sup>st</sup> January	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  Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January: Fantastic beasts workshop for Year 3 – details in the new year – cost around £5:00 per pupil  Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January: 'In the News' workshop for Year 5 – details in the new year – cost about £5:00 per pupil
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> : Year 4 PTA cake sale
4 <sup>th</sup> February	
11 <sup>th</sup> February	
25 <sup>th</sup> February	
4 <sup>th</sup> March	March 4 <sup>th</sup> : Whole School Science event (cost about £2:50 per pupil)  Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day
11 <sup>th</sup> March	
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair this week Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> : English workshop for 4x Year 5 at MGS Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> : sign up for parents evening Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> : Lecture and workshop Day at MGS
25 <sup>th</sup> March	
1 <sup>st</sup> April	No teacher run clubs this week Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> / Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> :Parents Evening Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> : Spring Sing KS1 at 9:20 and KS2 at 2:30

Further ahead	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April: Pirates Workshop for Year 1 – cost about £5:00 per pupil Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May: NSPCC ‘Speak out, stay safe’ assemblies and workshops
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