

**Personal goals:** This week we have focused on **thoughtfulness**. The children have specific teaching on this quality, with examples on how to apply this every day. Next week we will focus on **respect** – this is a crucial quality for life and learning.

**Piano lessons:** If you are interested in your child learning the piano, please email me direct for more information: [t.smith@newislingtonschool.co.uk](mailto:t.smith@newislingtonschool.co.uk) . Lessons will be on a Tuesday and cost £10:00 for a 20 minute lesson. The lessons are open to pupils from Year 2 upwards.

**Deputy Head Teacher:** I am delighted to let you know that we now have a job share Acting Deputy Head for the next two terms. Miss Brown and Mrs Woollacott will work alongside myself and Mrs Millward to continue driving school improvement.

**Birthdays:** Please can I remind everyone that, whilst it is very lovely to celebrate birthdays, this can be done with a simple greeting. There are too many children with allergies and dietary requirements so please do not send in sweets, chocolates or cake. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

**Clubs:** All clubs will be up and running next week – teacher run clubs start again. Please ensure a prompt pick up at 4pm for our teacher run clubs.

**School email:** Please can parents ensure that communication via the generic email address is correct. Correspondence should be addressed to: [hello@newislingtonschool.org](mailto:hello@newislingtonschool.org). The previous .com address has been shut down so emails will bounce back.

**Parking:** We appreciate that parking can be an issue. I have been in communication with the Council. It is with thanks to one of our parents who approached the business community, that I can let you know that the Aldi car park can be used by our parents for drop off and pick up.

**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. This will be put on the website next week and I will write highlighting specific changes.

## Days and Dates:

New term – new events to put into your diary will be in bold and underlined.

Week beginning	Event
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

	<p>Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>: Year 6 trip to Manchester Youth Zone: TechOver</p> <p>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January: Fantastic beasts workshop for Year 3 – details in the new year – cost around £5:00 per pupil</p> <p>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January: ‘In the News’ workshop for Year 5 – details in the new year – cost about £5:00 per pupil</p>
28 <sup>th</sup> January	<p><b><u>Monday 28<sup>th</sup>: Fire Service visit for EYFS</u></b></p> <p>Friday 1<sup>st</sup>: Year 4 PTA cake sale</p>
4 <sup>th</sup> February	
11 <sup>th</sup> February	<p><b><u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> : Circus workshops for Year 2 – more details to follow with an approximate cost of £8:00 per child</u></b></p>
25 <sup>th</sup> February	
4 <sup>th</sup> March	<p>March 4<sup>th</sup>: Whole School Science event (cost about £2:50 per pupil)</p> <p>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day</p>
11 <sup>th</sup> March	
18 <sup>th</sup> March	<p>Scholastic Book Fair this week</p> <p>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>: English workshop for 4x Year 5 at MGS</p> <p>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>: sign up for parents evening</p> <p>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>: Lecture and workshop Day at MGS</p>
25 <sup>th</sup> March	
1 <sup>st</sup> April	<p>No teacher run clubs this week</p> <p>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> / Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> :Parents Evening</p> <p>Friday 5<sup>th</sup>: Spring Sing KS1 at 9:20 and KS2 at 2:30</p>
Further ahead	<p>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April: Pirates Workshop for Year 1 – cost about £5:00 per pupil</p> <p>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: NSPCC ‘Speak out, stay safe’ assemblies and workshops</p>