

Personal goals: This week we have focused on **doing the right thing**; another essential life skill. Do your children 'do the right thing' when they are at home? Do they do the right thing because it is the right thing to do, or only if they are being watched, or only if there is a form of reward involved? Next week we will be looking at **communication**.

New Islington PTA: The PTA worked really hard last term to raise much needed funds for school, as well as providing fun activities for all. This term will be no different. Check the days and dates section so you don't miss out on discos, film night, and chocolate bingo and cake sales. The 'Bag 2 School' event is a great way to raise money – start putting to one side unwanted old, tatty, worn out clothing and clothing.

The PTA will also sell '**pre-loved uniform**' at some of their events. This is an excellent opportunity to stock up on essential items of uniform for very little money. Collection dates will be posted below with drop off points clearly indicated. The 'pre-loved' uniform will be washed and ironed, ready to be re-sold.

The PTA committee is in development – we welcome new faces and need volunteers to nominate themselves (or be nominated) for the role of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Whoever is voted on will need a full DBS check (Disclosure and Barring Service)

Come to the meeting on Friday to find out more and make a difference; your PTA needs you!

PE Kits: The expectation is that all children wear the correct PE kit for indoor and outdoor PE lessons. There are too many sparkly tops and jeggings being worn. Too many children turn up to school with no kit at all. Our uniform can be bought in all supermarkets; it is cheap and simple and easy to wash. It makes the children look smart and it is comfortable and practical. We have high expectations on all aspects of their presentation, for all lessons. All children must have the correct kit - there will be reminders given.

Indoor kit: Plain white, round neck t-shirt/ black shorts/ white or grey socks / pumps

Outdoor kit: as for indoor PE with the addition on a plain black fleece / plain black jogging bottoms / trainers

Holiday activity camps: Thanks to the parents who sent in details of holiday courses.

- Activity camps - <http://www.superactivecamps.org/manchester-regional-arena>
- Physical Activity Fun Camps - FUNDA - www.fundaplay.co.uk
- Manchester Communication Academy - www.communitymca.co.uk/holiday-programme
0161 202 0161
- North West Theatre and Arts Company - www.northwesttheatreartscompany.co.uk
07818566100
- Rock climbing - www.rockoverclimbing.co.uk
- Manchester Aquatics Centre - diving courses - callum.haslam@gll.org

- General information on days out - www.kidsguide.org.uk/manchester-children/whats-on-for-families-in-manchester

Lateness and absences: Don't forget, our new policy will come into force after the half term holiday. Please don't get caught out with unauthorised absences due to late arrival or prolonged absences. Penalty notices can be issued and this is not one £60 fine per family, it is per child and per parent so a family with two parents and two children would have a fine of £240.

Welfare and Safeguarding: Your child's wellbeing is our priority. Please can you ensure school has up-to-date mobile numbers and landline numbers. This is especially important for children who attend our Wraparound club when we might have to get hold of you later in the day.

Days and Dates:

New events in **bold and underlined**.

There are lots of events coming up – please read this section so that you and your child do not miss out!

Week beginning	Event
4 th February	Monday 4 th : Launch of the 'We're Watching You' campaign to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets @ 11:00. Media campaign involving filming, and interviewing pupils and parents. Come along if you can. Friday 8 th : PTA meeting at 4 - 5pm – new faces always welcome
11 th February	Thursday 14 th : Circus workshops for Year 2 Thursday 14 th : We are providing an opportunity for parents in Years 4&5 to come to a Q&A session with representatives from MGS / Manchester High School for Girls and Withington High School. Starting at 2:15, this is a chance to ask about their entry system at Year 7. Friday 15 th : PTA disco. Tickets on the door £2:50. Reception and KS1 Starts at 6:00 to 6:50 and KS2 7:00 to 8:00. Dancing shoes please!
25 th February	<u>Wednesday 27th: Drop off your 'pre-loved' uniform today and tomorrow (there will be a box ready and waiting in reception)</u> Friday 1 st : School nurse in to talk to Year 3 about Dental Hygiene
	March 4 th : Whole School Science event (the cost for this is being carried by the school) Tuesday 5 th : Pancake racing – more details to follow Thursday 7 th March: World Book Day Friday 8 th : Reception and KS1 PTA Film Night – more details to follow. 6pm start. Come in your PJs, bring your teddy and a blanket and snuggle down to watch a film. <u>With an opportunity to buy additional items of uniform at a great price.</u>

	Friday 8 th : School nurse in to teach Year 3 about food and healthy eating
11 th March	Friday 15 th : Parent Forum at 2:30. Come along to ask questions, find out about how and why we do things, and tell us what's going well. Friday 15 th : Red Nose Day – more details to follow
18 th March	Scholastic Book Fair this week Wednesday 20 th : English workshop for 4x Year 5 at MGS Wednesday 20 th : sign up for parents evening Thursday 21 st : Lecture and workshop Day at MGS Friday 22 nd : PTA chocolate collection for our Bingo Evening – more details to follow Friday 22 nd : The Great British Spring Clean Friday 22 nd : Year 2 trip to the farm – more details to follow <u>Friday 22nd: Disability Awareness day for Year 4</u>
25 th March	<u>Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th: Sign up for Parents Evening</u> Friday 29 th : PTA Family Chocolate Bingo night 6:00 to 7:30. More details to follow. Friday 29 th : Year 2 trip to the farm – more details to follow
1 st April	No teacher run clubs this week Wednesday 3 rd / Thursday 4 th :Parents Evening Friday 5 th : Spring Sing KS1 at 9:20 and KS2 at 2:30 – <u>more details to follow</u>
Further ahead	Monday 29 th April: Pirates Workshop for Year 1 – cost about £5:00 per pupil Wednesday 8 th May: PTA Bag 2 School collection – more details to follow but please start collecting unwanted / old / worn out clothing. Monday 20 th May: International Week – <u>more details to follow but on the Friday of that week (24th) we want parents to come in and run events and activities celebrating their culture.</u> Wednesday 22 nd May: NSPCC 'Speak out, stay safe' assemblies and workshops