

Personal goals: This week we have focused on **'thoughtfulness'**. How kind are your children at home – are they supportive of family members? Next week we re-visit **'respect'** which was the value that parents indicated as being their number one choice.

Water Safety: Two assemblies have been arranged for our pupils, to teach them about water safety. It is vitally important that our children are 'water aware', being in such close proximity to the canals. To this end I have arranged two assemblies – one aimed at Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children on Friday 22nd March at 2:45, and another aimed at Key Stage Two children on Monday 25th March at 2:45. PARENTS ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR THESE. We now have a throw rope that is available for any member of the public and I am working with the fire service to arrange water safety sessions for adults.

Book Fair: Come along on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week to see what wonderful books are on offer!

Please note: There is no Craft Club on Monday 18th March

Spring Sing: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will perform a 'Spring Sing' on the last day of term, at 9:20. The children will sing some songs and present some art / perform some poems. The children are very welcome to make (at home) a Spring Bonnet which will be appreciated as part of our concert. For inspiration for both boys and girls just do a Google search for 'Spring Bonnets'.

Our singing teacher is changing mid-term so I will postpone the KS2 concert until the Summer term when we will have a new repertoire to perform.

Easter Holiday Club: I know that providing holiday clubs is important to working parents. Please book online – this will of course not run if there are too few children to make it viable.

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
18 th March	<p><u>No Craft Club this week</u></p> <p>Scholastic Book Fair every day this week</p> <p>Tuesday 19th: Wednesday 20th: EYFS visual and hearing checks</p> <p>Wednesday 20th: English workshop for 4x Year 5 at MGS</p>

	<p>Wednesday 20th: sign up for parents evening</p> <p>Thursday 21st: Lecture and workshop Day at MGS</p> <p>Friday 22nd: PTA chocolate collection for our Bingo Evening – more details to follow</p> <p>Friday 22nd: The Great British Spring Clean</p> <p>Friday 22nd: Year 2 trip to the farm – more details to follow</p> <p>Friday 22nd: Disability Awareness day for Year 4</p> <p>Friday 22nd: Assembly @ 2:45 open to parents on Water safety – see above</p>
25 th March	<p>Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th: Sign up for Parents Evening</p> <p>Monday 25th: Assembly @ 2:45 open to parents on Water safety – see above</p> <p>Friday 29th: PTA Family Chocolate Bingo night 6:00 to 7:30. More details to follow.</p> <p>Friday 29th: Year 2 trip to the farm – more details to follow</p> <p>Friday 29th@ Dance competition for Year 5/6</p>
1 st April	<p>No teacher run clubs this week</p> <p>Tuesday 2nd Year 4 trip to Museum to support their work on the Rainforest</p> <p>Wednesday 3rd / Thursday 4th :Parents Evening</p> <p>Friday 5th: Spring Sing KS1 at 9:20</p>
Further ahead	<p>Monday 29th April: Pirates Workshop for Year 1 – cost about £5:00 per pupil</p> <p>Wednesday 8th May: PTA Bag 2 School collection – more details to follow but please start collecting unwanted / old / worn out clothing.</p> <p>Friday 10th May: Computing workshop MGS</p> <p><u>Friday 10th May: Dr Nuthana Bhayankaram (trainee paediatrician) to give a talk / lead discussions for parents on how to encourage children to lead a healthy lifestyle @ 2:30. Dr Bhayankaram will work with the school councillors prior to this parent meeting – investigating how we can encourage healthy choices within lunchboxes.</u></p> <p>Monday 13th May: Year 6 SATS week</p> <p>Monday 20th May: International Week – 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.</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd May: NSPCC ‘Speak out, stay safe’ assemblies and workshops</p>

Monday 10 th June: Year 1 phonics checks
Tuesday 11 th June: EYFS trip to Zion Arts, Hulme

Hot off the press – the New Islington PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is now official – look out for news and events:

