

***Thank you for your understanding yesterday – I know you will appreciate that we cannot open school without power or water. The problem was found at the electricity sub-station on Old Mill Street.***

**Personal goals:** This week we have focused on ‘**communication**’ which is crucial for all aspects of learning and life. Next week we will focus on ‘**doing the right thing**’.

**Managing Medical Needs:** It is essential that we have up-to-date medical information about your child, and that we have your up-to-date contact details. Please remember that we will only administer medication that is correctly labelled by the GP and with the correct paperwork completed. We cannot ‘hold’ medication such as Calpol for use on an ad-hoc basis.

**Recipes:** Please send in your recipes; we don’t have enough for a book yet!

**Spring Sing for Reception and Years 1&2:** Please join us and our younger pupils for a celebration of Spring! They will perform songs, and share poems and artwork. 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’.

**Playground Development:** Please be aware that your children are under your care and they are your responsibility until the school day starts at 8:50 and then they are your responsibility from 3:30. Once the play equipment is complete we will teach the children safe use. There will be a timetable of use for playtimes. We thank you in advance for fully supervising your children to ensure their safety out of school hours.

**International Week:** Look out for the letter sent home with your children. Although this event is a while off, we need time to plan the Friday event when parents come in to deliver a workshop / present an exhibition / share knowledge about their country.

**No clubs next week:** Summer term club lists will be sent out after Easter with clubs commencing the second week back.

**PE Kit:** Guidance from the Department for Education and The PE Association suggests that all children should wear a PE kit in school when taking part in lengthy physical activity.

At New Islington, we recognised Physical Education (PE) as a key area of learning within the National Curriculum. Physical activity is integral to the good health of our children and so suitable PE kit is essential in ensuring that pupils access the PE National Curriculum to its potential, and participate safely and comfortably in physical activity at School. ALL pupils should have a PE kit in school which will be sent home with the child on the last day of each term.

We are putting together a ‘Spare Kit’ box to ensure all children are in appropriate clothing for PE. Therefore if children forget their kit, they will be expected to borrow from the spare kit box. Before we purchase spare kit, we kindly ask that if you have any spare t-shirts, shorts or tracksuit bottoms at home, that you donate them to school to help assist with this project. Thank you.

**Water safety:** We would like to share the messages from the Canals and Rivers Trust assembly on safety around water. Their key message is that children should be well supervised by an adult and that they should stay SAFE – ‘Stay Away From the Edge’.

**PTA Meeting:** Do come along at 4pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April for our PTA meeting.

### 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
1 <sup>st</sup> April	<p><b><u>No teacher run clubs this week please book into Wraparound club if you need after school care for your children.</u></b></p> <p>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 4 trip to Museum to support their work on the Rainforest</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  <b><u>Friday 5<sup>th</sup>: PTA meeting at 4pm</u></b></p>
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> : Back to school
29 <sup>th</sup> April	<p><b><u>Teacher run clubs start this week</u></b></p> <p>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April: Pirates Workshop for Year 1 – cost about £5:00 per pupil</p>
6 <sup>th</sup> May	<p>Monday 6<sup>th</sup>: No school – May Day</p> <p>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May: PTA Bag 2 School collection – more details to follow but please start collecting unwanted / old / worn out clothing.</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 football tournament after school</u></b></p> <p>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Computing workshop MGS</p> <p>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.</p>
13 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week for our Year 6 children

20 <sup>th</sup> May	<p>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May: International Week – you have now had details of this week, with the Friday of that week (24<sup>th</sup>) parents coming in to run events and activities celebrating their culture.</p> <p>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: NSPCC ‘Speak out, stay safe’ assemblies and workshops</p> <p>Friday 24<sup>th</sup>: Parent run workshops for International Week – see letter sent home</p>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> : No school – INSET day
10 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b><u>Monday 10<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 workshop – cost around £8:00</u></b></p> <p>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 phonics checks</p> <p>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June: EYFS trip to Zion Arts, Hulme</p>
17 <sup>th</sup> June	
24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b><u>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June: Year 3 to Chester Zoo</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> July	
8 <sup>th</sup> July	<p><b><u>No teacher run clubs this week</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Monday 8: Reports out</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>: Open Evening 3:30 to 5:30</u></b></p>
15 <sup>th</sup> July	<p><b><u>No teacher run clubs this week</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Friday 19<sup>th</sup>: Leavers Assembly for Year 6 families @ 9:20</u></b></p>