



# New Islington News

Edition 1  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Welcome back to everyone! It has been so lovely to see everyone again and to catch up on news. And of course a very special welcome to our new families – in Reception and across the school.

I know that we will have another fantastic year – already so much has been planned. Pop in and see the changes to the inside of the school too! The teachers have worked incredibly hard over the summer break to make the learning environment for your children amazing.

**Aldi's 'Kit For Schools':** Please collect and bring into school the Team GB stickers – if we collect 300 stickers we have the chance to win sports kits plus a chance to win £20,000!

**Inhalers:** Please can all inhalers be returned to school – they must be 'in date' and clearly labelled. Paperwork will need to be completed for each inhaler – please ask in the office.

**End of day collection – Years 4, 5 and 6:** Please can parents coming to collect children in Years 4, 5 and 6 wait behind the line painted on the playground – our teachers explained this yesterday. This will ensure a safe and calm collection system. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Homework:** A new homework system is being rolled out next week – look out for the letter on Monday explaining this new 'grid'.

**New Islington PTA:** All parents are automatically members of our PTA – meetings are held once a month on a Friday, from 3:40 to 4:40. Children are welcome to come and read / play in the room as we meet, if childcare is an issue. Parents are very welcome – come along next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. The committee is really enthusiastic and needs your support! Don't be shy – come along and be part of the event planning! This is going to be a fantastic year of fundraising.

A few gentle reminders:

**Time keeping:** Please ensure you arrive at school on time – the gates open at 8:45 with classroom doors opening at 8:50. Every minute does count! Late arrivals are marked as an unauthorised absence.

**Uniform:** Black shoes please. School PE kit of white t-shirt, black shorts and black jogging bottoms/sweatshirt.

**Water-bottles:** Simple bottles, clearly named, only filled with water.

**KS2 snacks:** only fruit or healthy options – certainly no crisps or chocolate bars.

## Days and Dates

New dates added in bold and underlined

Week beginning	Event
9 <sup>th</sup> September	<p>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>: Last day to return the sports clubs letter</p> <p>Friday 13<sup>th</sup>: PTA meeting @ 3:40</p>
16 <sup>th</sup> September	<p>Monday 16<sup>th</sup>: Sports Clubs start this week</p> <p>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>: Pre-Residential Meeting for Year 6 parents @ 3:40 – see letter</p> <p>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>: 'Withington in Action' afternoon for girls in Year 6. Please email <a href="mailto:office@wgs.org">office@wgs.org</a> for more information.</p>
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	<p>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>: Secondary School Road Show for parents of children in Years 4,5&amp;6 @ 6:00</p> <p>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 Residential</p> <p>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>: EYFS Parent Forum @ 9:00 (more details to follow)</p> <p>Friday 27<sup>th</sup>: McMillan Coffee Morning @ 9:00</p> <p>Friday 27<sup>th</sup>: European School Sports Event at SportsCity for 10xYear 4 children</p>
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> : National Poetry Day
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> : Robotics club starts today for a 6 week block
14 <sup>th</sup> October	<p>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>: 'Withington in Action' morning for girls in Year 6. Please email <a href="mailto:office@wgs.org">office@wgs.org</a> for more information.</p> <p>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>: Healthy Family Lifestyle Workshop for parents @ 2:45 (more details to follow)</p>
21 <sup>st</sup> October	<p>Friday 25<sup>th</sup>: Harvest Festivals KS1 @ 9:15 and KS2 @ 2:30</p> <p>Friday 25<sup>th</sup>: PTA Halloween Discos KS1 @ 6:00 and KS2 @ 7:00</p>
4 <sup>th</sup> November	<p>Whole School Author Study for 2 weeks</p> <p>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>: Year 4 whole day singing event at MGS (more details to follow)</p> <p>Friday 8<sup>th</sup>: Fantasy Narratives Drama and Literacy Workshop for Year 6 (more details to follow – cost about £8/£10)</p>
11 <sup>th</sup> November	<p>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>: Photographer</p> <p>Wednesday/Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening</p> <p>Friday 15<sup>th</sup>: Children in Need Charity Day</p>

	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> : Myths and Fables Drama and Literacy Workshop for Year 2 (more details to follow – cost about £8/£10)
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> : Parent Forum @ 9:00 – more details to follow  Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> : Myths and Legends Drama and Literacy Workshop for Year 5 (more details to follow – cost about £8/£10)
25 <sup>th</sup> November	
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> : Whole School Pantomime Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> : PTA Christmas Fair
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday/Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> EYFS Nativity @ 9:15  Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> : KS2 Carol Concert @ 2:30
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday/Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> : KS1 Nativity@ 9:15  Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> :Term finishes
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> : INSET day for teachers (no school for pupils) Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> : School re-opens

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