



Dear Families and Friends ...

With the challenging events of the last few months behind us, our routines back to normal and the hall basking (literally given the light coming through the new skylights) in its new glory, we are now looking forward to what remains of the summer term ahead and an action-packed May, June and July. I know I have said this before but I will take this final opportunity to say thank you to everyone (children, parents, staff and neighbours) for all your support, hard work and patience since the events of 31st October 2014. We have also passed on our grateful thanks to our friends at Manchester Health Academy and St Hilda's Church. The children and staff made a lovely (and rather large) card to say "thank you" to St Hilda's. I have been asked by our friends at St Hilda's to say how much they enjoyed being able to offer us their support and having us as part of their community. They were very impressed by the children.

So, as we look ahead to the summer term, we include here a full list of events for the remainder of the summer term. Other event dates may be added along the way.

I would like to remind you that the school is CLOSED on Monday of next week (4th May) for a public holiday but is OPEN on Thursday 7th May, the day of what should prove to be an 'interesting' general election. However, the school (After-School Club Room) is being used as a Polling Station so please see the article in this newsletter for the arrangements for that day.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Kind regards

Ian Beard
Headteacher

KEY DATES for your DIARY (see website for all events)



Monday 4th May

Public Holiday (school closed)

Thursday 7th May

General Election (school open but used for voting)

Friday 8th May, 9.15am

Class Assembly : Nursery

Friday 8th May

Class Visit : Year 3 (Peak District)

KEY DATES for your DIARY continued



Monday 11 th May	Year 6 National Curriculum Tests (SATs) this week
Friday 15 th May	Children's Discos (5.30pm – Infants, 7.00pm – Juniors)
Monday 18 th May, 9.15am	Morning Concert (Y4 recorders, brass, woodwind, choir)
Tuesday 19 th May	Year 6 Class Visit : Chester Zoo
Tuesday 19 th May	Year 5 Class Visit : Bridgewater Hall (ORGANised Sound)
Thursday 21st May	School closes for the half-term holiday
Friday 22nd May	School Closed : Staff Training Day
Monday 1st June	School opens for the remainder of the summer term
Thursday 4 th June	Arts Project : The Pop Project (Music of the Americas)
Tuesday 9 th June	Class Visit : Year 3 (The Lowry – Art Workshop)
Thursday 11 th June	Class Visit : Year 5 (Port Sunlight)
Friday 12 th June	Arts Project: The Mighty Zulu Nation (Africa!)
Monday 15 th June	Class Workshop : Year 5 (ORGANised Sound)
Monday 15 th June	Year 1 Phonics tests this week (with Mr Beard)
Tuesday 16 th June	Sports Day (9.30am – Infants, 1.15pm – Juniors)
Friday 19 th June	Sports Day Reserve (if cancelled on Tuesday 16th)
Monday 22 nd June	Class Workshop : Year 4 (Electricity)
Monday 22 nd June	Class Visit / Performance : Year 5 (Bridgewater Hall)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Class Visit : Nursery and Reception (Smithills Farm)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Class Visit : Year 4 (Castleton)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Class Workshop : Year 6 (Electricity)
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 6 – Year 7 Transition for MHA Students
Tuesday 7 th July	Class Visit : Year 5 (Styal Mill)
Thursday 9 th July, 7.00pm	School Concert / Show : "Music of the Continents" (Years 3-6)
Friday 10 th July, 1.30pm	School Concert / Show : "Music of the Continents" (Years 3-6)
Monday 13 th July	Summer 2015 Reports sent home to parents
Wednesday 15 th July, 9.15am	End of Year Certificate Assembly
Wednesday 15 th July, 1.30pm	Early Years Graduation Party
Wednesday 15 th July, 3.30pm	Parents' Evening (one hour 'drop-in' for report discussion)
Wednesday 15 th July, 6.30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party (Britannia Country House Hotel)
Friday 17 th July, 9.15am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Presentation
Friday 17th July	School closes for the summer holidays

POLLING DAY : Thursday 7th May (School remains OPEN)



You will all know that next Thursday, 7th May, is the day on which the nation goes to the polls to vote for members of parliament and the next government. **Our school will be used as a Polling Station on this day from 7am until 10pm. However, the school will remain open as it has done for the last few polling days.**

Polling will take place in the Community Room (Morning Club/After-School Club) which will be accessible by the general public via the rarely-used front entrance (Emergency Exit). The polling process will therefore be self-contained and will not affect the main school except for changes to the morning and after-school clubs on that day. **Children attending either morning club or after-school club should use the main entrance on this day. Indoor activities will be based in the school hall.** Parents should collect their children from the main entrance only on this day but please note that parents' fobs will not allow access to the front entrance. Parents are therefore asked to ring the bell and wait for someone to answer the door on this occasion.

Given that we expect Bazley Road to be a little more congested than usual with voters coming to the premises in their cars, we are asking everyone (as we always do) to not access or park on Bazley Road on this day.

SCHOOL DISCOS : FRIDAY 15th May



The 'Friends' have organised discos for all children on Friday 15th May. This is a particularly good opportunity to celebrate the refurbishment of the hall and for Year 6 to let their hair down after their SATs tests that week. Infant discos will start at 5.30pm and junior discos at 7.00pm. The 'Friends' will send out more information/consent forms regarding this event early next week.

THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to our collection in memory of Jack Norfolk. We collected over £200 for Francis House and Childflight.

PARENTS' EVENING – THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for attending parents' evening last week. It was great to be able to offer this in normal circumstances, including a play facility for the children. There were just a handful of parents who did not attend their appointment; if this applies, please get in touch with the class teacher to arrange an appointment if you wish to do so.

SPORTS COMPETITIONS – WELL DONE EVERYONE

We would like to congratulate all those children who have taken part recently in any sporting event and represented the school in a competition. These include teams for rounders, football, athletics, swimming and cheerleading/street dance. We would particularly like to say "well done" to our cheerleaders who represented the school in a competition in March and achieved first place in the "pom pom" category. Thanks to Olivia, their coach, for all her hard work and to staff in school who support these events.



ARTS MONTH and EVENTS

Postponed from the Spring term and now in June are our 'Arts Month' events which aim to bring together a number of different art forms in a single theme across the school. This year's theme is 'Art of the Continents' and will be a celebration of art, dance and music from across the globe. We will be having some whole-school special events, including Chinese art workshops, a concert focussed on the music of the Americas, the Mighty Zulu Nation and more. We are also aiming to bring to you an end-of-year production/concert celebrating music from or about places from around the world. These concerts will take place in July.



In addition, there are two projects and events to be noted for your diaries. On **Monday 18th May**, starting at 9.15am, we will be hosting our annual morning concert which aims to bring together performances from our Year 4 recorder, brass and woodwind players and our choir. In addition, Year 5 are to be involved in a project with staff from the Bridgewater Hall. This project is called ORGANised Sound and involves our Year 5 children in a visit to the Bridgewater Hall, some school-based workshops and, finally, a short performance at the Bridgewater on **Monday 22nd June, starting at 6.00pm**, to which all parents are invited. In the meantime, please make a note of these dates for your diaries.

ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY FOR 2014 - 2015

Our class attendance for the year up to 2nd April 2015 is as follows:

Class	Attendance	Days Missed	Attendance Thresholds				Late Marks
			Pupils who have attendance more or less than the percentage shown				
			100%	97%+	<90%	<85%	
Nursery	95.0%	138	11	16	3	2	102
Reception	97.8%	86½	5	16	0	0	55
Year 1	96.7%	125	6	15	2	0	45
Year 2	98.0%	74½	7	22	0	0	127
Year 3	97.4%	97½	5	20	1	0	108
Year 4	97.9%	80½	5	24	0	0	71
Year 5	96.6%	128	4	16	1	0	121
Year 6	96.8%	119½	6	14	0	0	94
All	97.1%	849½	49	143	7	2	723



97.1%

Four of the classes are achieving 97% target but others are quite close with most well above 96%. Well done everyone. It is great at this stage that we have no children, except in our nursery, with below 85% attendance. However, we do have a number of children with less than 90% attendance.