



Dear Families and Friends

Let me start this newsletter by wishing everyone a very Happy New Year and offering you our best wishes for 2013. I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break, despite the dreadful weather. I also want to take this opportunity, on behalf of all staff, to thank all those children and parents who kindly bought us cards and presents for Christmas. They were much appreciated.

In this newsletter, I bring you news of events taking place this term and some key dates for next term so that you can plan ahead. Included, are dates for class assemblies which take place during this term (others to be confirmed). We have a number of exciting events happening this term, including arts projects, French Day and a visiting author. This term, Year 4 and Year 5 are involved in a special weekly lesson known as the "The 6 Habits" which is about developing Good Habits and Great character. Already, we have a visiting artist working with Year 3 and yesterday all children in Key Stage 2 enjoyed a visit to the Lowry Theatre to see Arabian Nights which was excellent. The children's behaviour was exemplary. Our new year visit to the theatre has become a tradition and we have already booked for January 2014.

Term and holiday dates for the next academic year 2013 – 2014 are now available and I attach a copy with this newsletter. Of importance to note is the Easter holiday – the bank holiday weekend falls right at the end of the two-week school holiday, meaning that we return to school on the Tuesday following Easter Monday. Parents need to be aware of this when booking holidays as we know that many parents have, in the past, chosen to go away during the week of the bank holiday.

Best wishes

Ian Beard
Headteacher



KEY DATES for your DIARY

Friday 18th January

Thursday 24th January

Thursday 31st January

Friday 8th February

Year 4 Egyptians Workshop (in school)

Year 3 class visit to Sharston Recycling Centre

Year 6 class visit to Manchester Jewish Museum

Year 3 Class Assembly

KEY DATES for your DIARY



<i>Tuesday 12th February</i>	<i>Year 5 performance at the Bridgewater Hall</i>
<i>Wednesday 13th February</i>	<i>French Day</i>
<i>Wednesday 13th February</i>	<i>Mid-Year Reports to Parents</i>
<i>Thursday 14th February</i>	<i>School closes for the half-term holiday</i>
<i>Friday 15th February</i>	<i>Staff Training Day</i>
<i>Monday 25th February</i>	<i>School opens for remainder of Spring Term</i>
<i>Week Beginning 25th February</i>	<i>Arts Week 1 (Arts Projects)</i>
<i>Friday 1st March</i>	<i>Year 4 Class Assembly</i>
<i>Week Beginning 4th March</i>	<i>Arts Week 2 (Arts Projects) / Book Week</i>
<i>Tuesday 5th March</i>	<i>Visit and Workshops by children's author, Steve Hartley</i>
<i>Thursday 7th March</i>	<i>Year 5 performance with Hallé Orchestra</i>
	<i>Year 4 and Year 6 to Hallé for Youth Concert</i>
<i>Friday 8th March</i>	<i>Year 6 Class Assembly</i>
<i>Week Beginning 11th March</i>	<i>Arts Week 3 (Arts Projects)</i>
<i>Wednesday 13th March</i>	<i>Year 2 Class Assembly (note Wednesday not Friday)</i>
<i>Friday 15th March</i>	<i>Red Nose Day</i>
<i>Tuesday 19th March</i>	<i>Parents' Evening (Short, 3.30pm – 5.30pm)</i>
<i>Wednesday 20th March</i>	<i>Parents' Evening (Long, 3.30pm – 7.30pm)</i>
<i>Friday 22nd March</i>	<i>Year 5 Class Assembly</i>
<i>Wednesday 27th March</i>	<i>Year 6 visit to The Yorkshire Sculpture Park (Bretton Park)</i>
<i>Thursday 28th March</i>	<i>School closes for the Easter Holidays</i>

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE SUMMER TERM ...

<i>Monday 15th April</i>	<i>School opens for the Summer Term</i>
<i>Thursday 25th April, 2.30pm / 6pm</i>	<i>Year 4 performance at Manchester Health Academy</i>
<i>Friday 3rd May</i>	<i>Staff Training Day (School Closed)</i>
<i>Monday 6th May</i>	<i>Public Holiday (School Closed)</i>
<i>Friday 10th May</i>	<i>Year 1 Class Assembly</i>
<i>Tuesday 21st May, 2pm</i>	<i>Learning Walks</i>
<i>Wednesday 22nd May, 9am</i>	<i>Learning Walks</i>
<i>Friday 24th May</i>	<i>School closed for the half-term holiday</i>