



Autumn Term 2 Newsletter 2019

Important Dates and Events

November 2019

Friday 1 st	School photographs
Saturday 2 nd	Cross Country race 1 Barr Hill - cancelled
Monday 4 th	Y3 Ancient Greece workshop
Friday 8 th	PTA coffee morning 9 - 9.45am Y3/4 hall – all welcome
Wednesday 13 th	Y4 Ancient Egypt workshops Open Evening for prospective new parents - 6pm
Friday 15 th	BBC Children In Need - wear spots and make a donation
Saturday 16 th	Cross Country race 2 Buile Hill
w/b 18 th	Test Week for Y1-6 children
w/b Monday 25 th	All after school activity clubs finish
Saturday 30 th	Cross Country race 3 Barr Hill



Year 1 Healthy Eating sessions with School Nurse:

Wednesday 20th & 27th November - Miss Wilson's class
 Monday 2nd and Wednesday 11th Dec – Mrs Leyland's class

December 2019

Parent Teacher Meetings:

Monday 2 nd	EYFS, Mrs Belcher's class, KS1	4-8pm
Tuesday 3 rd	EYFS, KS1 and KS2	4-6pm
Wednesday 4 th	KS2	4-8pm

Tuesday 3 rd	Y3 trip to St Paul's Church for 'Experience Christmas'
Friday 6 th	Christmas dinner day – non-uniform and bring a cracker
Monday 9 th	EYFS Christmas Concerts pm
Tuesday 10 th	EYFS Christmas Concerts am and pm
Thursday 12 th	Y1 Christmas Concerts am and pm
Friday 13 th	Y2 Christmas Concerts am and pm
Monday 16 th	KS1 Christmas Parties
Tuesday 17 th	EYFS Christmas Parties
Wednesday 18 th	KS2 Christmas film afternoon and non-uniform day for all children School closes for Christmas holiday.



January 2020

Monday 6 th	School re-opens for all staff and children
Tuesday 7 th	Y6R Heights and Weights
Thursday 9 th	Y6 weekly RESPECT PSHE program starts
Tuesday 14 th	Rec M stay and play 9-9.30am Y6C Heights and Weights
Wednesday 15 th	Rec W stay and play 9-9.30am
Thursday 16 th	Nursery stay and play 9-9.30am
Saturday 18 th	Cross Country race 4 Buile Hill

February 2020

Wednesday 12 th	Drop-Ins for all classes 4-5pm
Friday 14 th	School closes for half term holiday and re- opens on 24 th February

Staff News

We were very pleased to welcome Miss Yvonne Beardall to our EYFS welfare team last half term; and we would like to wish Mrs Emily Whittaker well as she starts her maternity leave next week - Emily is one of our KS1 Teaching Assistants. We are pleased that Miss Joanne Costello will cover her duties until her return. Miss Costello already knows our school well as she currently works part-time in Reception and Year 3.

I would like to let you know that Mrs Robinson, who is our Assistant Head teacher for pupil welfare and is our SENDCO and safeguarding lead, will be retiring at the end of this half term. Mrs Robinson has worked at Monton Green for 23 years and I would like to take this early opportunity to thank her for her hard work and commitment to Monton Green – she will be hugely missed by all of us. From January, Miss Wilson, our Deputy Head teacher will take over Mrs Robinson's role as school's Welfare and Safeguarding lead, and Mrs Belcher will take over as SENDCO.

Sporting Success

At Monton Green, we have had great sporting success in recent years. I'm delighted to tell you that last half term our Indoor Athletics team were overall Salford Schools winners... for the 6th year running! This has never been achieved by another school. Mrs Belcher's class attended the One City Football Competition last half term, where they enjoyed playing against teams from across Manchester; and our Basketball team came 3rd in the Eccles Schools Competition this week. A huge 'WELL DONE!' to everyone!

Lledr Hall Residential Visit 2019

Last half term, our Y6 children enjoyed their visit to Lledr Hall in Wales. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to accompany the children – Mrs Robinson, Miss Pollitt and Miss Barker who attended all week as well as Mrs Belcher and Mrs Leyland and who attended part of the week, and Mrs Hampson who travelled with each group. I would like to especially thank Mrs Robinson for all her hard work in organising the trip. Thank you also to Mrs Belcher and Mrs Leyland for setting up and maintaining our Twitter account for use during the week, which enabled parents and carers to receive daily updates and photographs. We were thrilled to receive a letter from the staff at Lledr hall this week praising our children's behaviour during their visits!

Road Safety Poster Competition

In the summer term, our current Year 6 children took part in a local community poster designing competition, which complemented their learning about road safety and their community work with our PCSO in trying to make Pine Grove a safer place at the end of the school day.

I am delighted to announce that the winners of the competition were Scarlett and Phoebe; and the runners up were Olivia and Libby.

Please look out for their winning designs in the local area in the near future!



This half term's theme for our whole school **JIGSAW** PSHE scheme of learning is called 'Celebrating Difference'. This unit of work focuses on accepting that everyone is different, including others and learning about ways to solve problems and prevent conflict.



Thank you very much to everyone who has sent in Aldi sports stickers so far – we are on our 3rd poster already! For every poster we fill, we will receive a set of sports equipment and there is the chance to win £20,000 for school!



Leading Parent Partnership Award Update

We are still in the process of updating our website, and can currently put limited new information onto the existing one - if you have any questions or queries about school please do not hesitate to contact the school office and Mrs Muir or Mrs Barker will be happy to help.

Last half term's Nursery and Reception Stay-and-Play sessions were a great success again – please look out for the next ones in January.

This week's Drop-In sessions for all year groups, where you were able to come into your child's classroom along with your child and get involved in learning together, were also very successful and were well attended. This term's Drop – In focus was on Maths and helping you to understand the ways that we develop mathematical fluency in school.

Please look out for more information along our LPPA journey via our newsletters and website; or contact Mrs Belcher or Miss McMahan via the school office if you would like more details in the meantime.

Playground Safety

Can I please remind everyone once again that the EYFS obstacle course is for use by Nursery and Reception children only, and only under the supervision of school staff during the school day – for safety reasons, and to ensure we avoid creating further damage, children are not permitted to use the equipment at the start or end of the school day. Thank you for your help with this.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind everyone that the riding of bikes and scooters is not permitted anywhere on the playground.