**This week’s Round up…**

It has been fairly quiet this week. Some of our children have approached me about fundraising for charity as they feel strongly about making a difference. On Friday morning our year 5 and 6 girls took part in a football tournament, I am not sure how they did, but they had a good time and represented our school well. On Wednesday, our children displayed their bravery by having their nasal flu vaccinations, most laughed because it tickled!

Dates for Next Week

Tuesday

Keyboard, woodwind and string lessons

After school football (4,5,6)

**Collective Worship**

Our theme this half term is **knowing the God who helps us to be wise**

Collective worship has focused on harvest this week and giving thanks for what we have, whilst remembering to support those that don’t have what they need. We listened to All Things Bright and beautiful, and sang ‘Harvest Samba’ (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wz35-O8I9d0>).

In our reflection time we thought about how we could be courageous advocates, which is why some of the children want to do some fundraising.

Friday

After school Yoga

Thursday

Afterschool club multi-skills (1,2,3)

**Weekly building update**

God news – the contractors are ahead of schedule! The toilets should be ready in a couple of weeks’ time. As soon as they are ready, we will use them again.

The entrances now have doors and the glass has been installed on the main entrance. There is still a fair amount of work to do on the new entrance, but it is now taking shape quickly.

**Harvest**

We are celebrating our harvest festival on Monday 7th October, with a short service in church at 2.30pm. Children are welcome to bring gifts of food that we can give to the local foodbanks as we give thanks for what we have. Items should be non-perishable ie canned, bottled or dried and’ in date’.

Monday

Guitar and Ukulele lessons

Harvest Service

After school Tag Rugby

Wednesday

Brass lessons

After school football (1,2,3)

**Awards**

**Stars of the Week**

**Congratulations to this week’s stand out pupils:**

Archie, Bridget, Elsie Th., Martha, Willow, Maddie, Scarlet H., Penelope and Erin.

**Milnrow Pink Hey**

We will be joining in the with this community fundraiser to support cancer charities. We will be turning the school pink on Thursday 24th October. Children can wear something pink in return for a small donation. In addition to this, we will be selling charity wristbands – these can be purchased form the school office for £1.00

**Phonics**

We have changed our phonics scheme to Read, Write Inc., to align with Forward As One Multi Academy Trust. The children have completed the first four weeks of work and next will be being assessed to place them in their new phonics groups. We will be collecting all reading books in on Thursday and Friday, ready for the new books that match Read, Write Inc. phonics. These will start going out the following week.

Parents of children in reception, year 1, year 2 and some year 3 children will be given a leaflet explaining how the new scheme works. Links to additional support for parents will be posted on the school website.

We will be holding a workshop for parents in due course to explain the new scheme.

**Monster Mash Ball**

The Parent’s Association have organised a ‘Monster Mash Ball’ on Thursday 24th October. This event will be held in school. There will be a local children’s entertainer, Keeley B., and food. Tickets for the event are £4.50 to cover costs.

For children in Amethyst, Ruby and Opal classes, the event will run from 3.30pm-5.00pm. Children in Emerald and Sapphire classes can attend from 5.30pm-7.00pm.

Tickets will go on sale via Wisepay.

**From the Office…**

* Please ensure that school dinners are ordered by midnight on Sunday for the following week via Wisepay, which can be found on our school website.
* The new menus are now on Wisepay.
* All absences from school will be unauthorised, unless there is a valid reason for the absence. Proof of medical appointments is also required.
* We have a lot of lost property without names on, if your child has an item of clothing missing, speak to school staff.

**Christmas Jumper Swap Shop**

We will be opening a Christmas jumper swap shop at the beginning of December. If you have any unwanted Christmas clothing items that are in a good condition, they can be brought into school on Tuesday 3rd December. On Friday 5th December, these items will be available to anyone for a small donation of 50p per item. All money will go straight back to school.

**Thank you**

A huge thank you to Mrs Foster and Mrs Greaves for tidying the school garden. You have done an amazing job and we look forward to seeing the bulbs that you planted in bloom.

If anyone would like to take some of the branches that have been cut from the trees for burning please help yourself. Alternatively, if anyone is willing to take them to the tip we would be most grateful.