



Dear Families and Friends

I cannot believe that we are just two days away from finishing for the summer holidays. I really do not know where this year has gone. In this final newsletter, I want to draw this academic year to a close and look ahead to September.

I would first of all like to thank our great team of staff for their hard work and support this year and our wonderful children who make the hard work worthwhile. I would also like to thank parents for your support and to say a special thank you to our volunteers (particularly Mrs March who reads with children everyday!), governors and members of the Friends of NCS for the many hours of their own time that they have given up for the benefit of the children at this school. This is very much appreciated. Thanks to everyone for the tremendous support we received at our recent summer fair. We raised £1,900 for school funds thanks to your participation and generosity on what turned out to be a lovely few hours without rain. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the tremendous support and commitment to the Friends of Paula Wadbrook, the Chair of FNCS. Given that her son is leaving the school this week, Paula is stepping down from her role in the Friends but will remain as a school governor. I would also like to thank Amy Carline for her great support for the FNCS and its activities as she also takes some time out from school life until her son joins us next year.

I wish you all a very happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 2nd September. Please read my note about our summer building work.

Kind regards

Ian Beard
Headteacher



KEY DATES for your DIARY for EARLY SEPTEMBER

<i>Monday 1st September</i>	<i>School Closed – Staff Training day</i>
<i>Tuesday 2nd September</i>	<i>School opens for the 2014 – 2015 academic year</i>
<i>Thursday 4th September, 6.15pm</i>	<i>Year 6 parents' meeting (Isle of Man)</i>
<i>Thursday 4th September, 7.15pm</i>	<i>Year 6 parents' meeting (Secondary admissions)</i>
<i>Wednesday 10th September, 6.30pm</i>	<i>Welcome / Curriculum evening meeting for parents</i>
<i>Mon 15th – Fri 19th September</i>	<i>Year 6 residential visit to the Isle of Man</i>

YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS – OUTSTANDING, AGAIN!!

As we always do at this time of year, we are pleased to share with you our Year 6 National Curriculum test (SATs) results. I said last year that our results were outstanding and I did not imagine that we would surpass them. However, the results of this year’s Year 6 class are equally as impressive, particularly for achievement at Level 5 and above. The class have worked very hard to achieve their full potential. Last year, I reported that achievement in Mathematics was the highest we had ever had – this year it is even better! I cannot congratulate this class and their teachers enough on their wonderful academic achievement.



	Absent	Level 4+	Level 5+	Level 6
Reading	0%	97%	70%	0%
Writing	0%	93%	43%	7%
GAPS *	0%	97%	83%	7%
Mathematics	0%	97%	83%	17%
Science	0%	97%	57%	0%

* Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test

YEAR 6 LEAVERS



On Friday, we say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 pupils, many of whom have been with us since nursery. This year, the children are moving to 12 different high schools, grammar schools and academies.

Altrincham College of Arts	1	Sale High School	4
Parrs Wood High School	10	Altrincham Grammar School for Boys	1
Chorlton High School	1	Sale Grammar School	1
Manchester Health Academy	2	Wellacre Academy	1
The Kingsway School	6	Newall Green High School	1
The Barlow RC High School	1	William Hulme’s Grammar School	1

Year 6 are now looking forward to their leavers’ assembly and presentation on Friday morning. Year 6 parents are reminded to join us for this at 9.15am. Following Year 6’s review of their memories of life at Northenden, there will be a presentation to each child. For half of our Year 6 parents, Friday will be the last time they see their child appear in an assembly at this school. To these families, we say “goodbye”, thank you for your support and wish you all the best for the future.



DINNER MONEY and MILK MONEY

Looking ahead to September, the cost of school meals will reduce slightly to **£2.25 per meal**, that is **£11.25 per week**. The cost of milk will increase to **£6.00 per term**. Please do not forget that dinner money, milk money and fees for all other activities should always be paid in advance. It is our policy now to refuse to provide a school meal to any child whose parents has not paid for it in advance. From September, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal everyday. We have had a great response to this, thank you.



DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR LETTER ABOUT ONLINE PAYMENTS?

You should all have received a letter by now letting you know about the new online payments system that we will be introducing in September. We are wanting to significantly reduce the amount of cash we handle in school and the amount of time that we and parents spend handling money at the school office. The **Parent Pay** system enables all parents to pay for a range of things (dinner money, school trips, etc) online. Some of you may already be using this if you have older children at high school. If so, you can make payments to our school via your existing account. The system is relatively easy to use and we hope it will make life a little easier. We will also be using this system to text and email parents so, regardless of whether or not you wish to use it for payments, you will need to register your details so that you will receive our communications.

SUMMER BUILDING WORK

On the first day of the summer holidays, major work will begin on the school roof. Our 114 year old building still suffers from damp and the ingress of water during wet weather. We have received funding of £0.25million (yes, that's £250,000) to undertake the replacement of some of our roof to make it watertight for the future. Further work will hopefully take place next year too.



Unfortunately, this work will not be complete by the time we return to school in September. We will therefore be returning in September to workpeople still on site. A number of things will therefore need to be managed. This will include some safety scaffolding in various parts of the school grounds and some of our car park being used for on-site facilities and storage. The children will be briefed this week about keeping safe.

PARKING – PLEASE READ AND CO-OPERATE

I would like to draw your attention again to the need to take greater care in driving and parking your cars on Bazley Road. This week, I have received a long, and I think justified, letter of complaint from a resident of Bazley Road whose driveway is very often blocked by parents' cars whilst they bring their children to school. I am asking everyone once again to respect our neighbours and their right to be able to access their own properties with their vehicles at any time of the day.

SCOOTERS AND BICYCLES – PLEASE TAKE HOME

Please make sure that your children take home their scooters and bicycles for the holidays. These should be taken home every night as we often have intruders on the premises who come into the grounds and play with the scooters and bicycles that remain there overnight.

ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY FOR 2013 – 2014

Our class attendance for the year up to 4th July 2014 is as follows:

Class	Attendance	Days Missed	Attendance Thresholds Pupils who have attendance more or less than the percentage shown				Late Marks
			100 %	97%+	<90%	<85%	
Nursery	97.4%	111½	5	20	2	0	21
Reception	96.7%	179	2	15	0	0	119
Year 1	97.0%	156½	4	17	1	0	78
Year 2	97.5%	126½	4	19	0	0	119
Year 3	98.1%	99	4	22	1	0	106
Year 4	96.6%	168½	5	19	2	1	152
Year 5	97.1%	150	5	19	1	0	109
Year 6	97.0%	160½	5	19	1	0	61
All	97.2%	1151½	34	150	8	1	765



97.2%

All classes except reception and Year 4 have reached our 97% target but these two classes are very close. Well done everyone. Same again next year please!

I would like to congratulate everyone on this huge achievement and improvement. We clearly have many families and children who are totally committed to school life and to ensuring that their children attend school without any unauthorised absence, including family holidays taken during term time. Thank you for your support.

TODDLER GROUP

Please note that due to the possible need to make use of our community room as a temporary classroom in September (whilst our building work is being carried out), we will unfortunately be unable to offer a toddler club at school until after the October half-term holiday.

AND LAST BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST



I would like to thank everyone involved in our production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat', particularly our wonderful cast, our creative props and costume team, all of the staff who supported the children behind the scenes and to you, our appreciative audience. We hope you enjoyed watching the show as much as we enjoyed bringing it to life on our lovely new stage (paid for by you via the Friends of NCS – thank you). Very well done everyone. Be very proud of yourselves!