



Dear Families and Friends

As we finish today for the second (and rather unusual) part of the Easter holidays and the traditional two-week break, I want to bring you up to date, in a relatively short newsletter, with some staffing news and look ahead to the key events of the summer term. But first ...

MISS WHITTAKER IS LEAVING US TODAY

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Miss Whittaker, who is leaving us today, for all of her hard work during her 3-4 years at the school. During her time at Northenden, she has done a super job as our Year 5 class teacher and has been involved in many other aspects of school life, including promoting and managing reading and geography across the school, accompanying our Year 5 children to Robinwood, being involved in various music projects and leading, with Mrs Cheetham, December's Christmas concert. I know that she will be missed by staff, children and parents and we wish her good luck as she moves to a teaching post in another Manchester school. Mrs Gibson, whom the children and parents have already met, will be joining the staff team as the Year 5 teacher for the remainder of the academic year.

EARLY YEARS STAFF (ALL CHANGE!)

We also say goodbye today, although only temporarily, to Miss Joyce, our Teaching Assistant in Reception, as she starts her maternity leave. We wish her well in the coming months and look forward to her returning to school sometime next year. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Allen back to school, who has returned on a part-time basis following her maternity leave. Mrs Allen will work with our reception children whilst Miss Hughes will continue to work with our nursery children for the remainder of the year.

We wish you a pleasant two-week holiday and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 18th April.

Kind regards

Ian Beard
Headteacher

KEY DATES for your DIARY



Friday 1st April	School CLOSES for Easter Holidays
Monday 18th April	School opens for Summer term
Tuesday 19 th April	Year 3 Class Workshop : The Water Cycle
Tuesday 26 th April	Year 3 Class Visit : The Lowry (Art Workshop)
Wednesday 27 th April	Year 4 Class Visit : Manchester Climbing Centre
Friday 29 th April	Friends Events : Quiz Night (Adults only)
Monday 2nd May	School CLOSED for PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thursday 5 th May	Local Elections (School open / used as a polling station)
Week Beginning 16 th May	Year 6 National Curriculum tests
Week Beginning 23 rd May	Year 2 National Curriculum tests
Tuesday 24 th May, 2pm – 3pm	Learning Walks (afternoon session)
Wednesday 25 th May, 9pm	Learning Walks (morning session)
Thursday 26 th May, 9.15am	Morning Concert (Year 4, Choir, Brass and Woodwind)
Friday 27 th May	Year 3 Class Assembly / Presentation
Friday 27th May	School Closes for the half-term holiday
Monday 6th June	School CLOSED for staff training
Tuesday 7th June	School opens for the remainder of the summer term

ARTS MONTH – WELL DONE!

We would like to thank all of the children for their efforts and enthusiasm during Arts Month. In addition to working with our art teacher, Mrs M^cAffer, to produce new art work for the school hall, children have been involved in a number of arts projects, including visits to the theatre and to the Hallé Orchestra, workshops based on Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', a performance with other schools based on the water cycle (Year 4) and music lessons based on the work of different composers. Well done, everyone!



FRIENDS OF NCS : QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 29TH APRIL

Team entry forms for the Quiz Night to be held at the school on Friday 29th April 2016 have been sent out. Please ensure that you return your forms by Monday 18th April.

WEBSITE

We know that some parents have been experiencing issues when using our website, resulting in a redirection to other websites. Our service provider has identified some virus issues which have affected the whole website and, despite some attempts to remove them, the virus is persistent. The website will undergo some "cleaning" maintenance during the Easter holidays and may not be accessible during this time.