



Dear Families and Friends

As we near the end of yet another academic year and approach what I am hoping will be a sunny August (the weather forecast is certainly better than last year), I want to take this opportunity to draw this year to a close and look ahead to September.

I would first of all like to thank staff and the children for their hard work during the year. It has been another successful year, during which some of our staff have faced their own personal challenges. I would also like to thank parents for your support and to say a special thank you to our committed volunteers and governors for the many hours of their own time that they have given up for the benefit of the children at this school. Your time and efforts are much appreciated.


I would particularly like to thank everyone for the tremendous support we received at our recent summer fair. The weather was so kind to us and contributed to a lovely atmosphere which everyone seemed to enjoy. We raised £2,100 for school funds which is a great achievement. Thank you so much. I want to acknowledge the huge efforts of the 'Friends' team and to all those parents who helped on the day to make it possible.

I wish you all a very happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd September.

Kind regards

Ian Beard
Headteacher

KEY DATES for your DIARY for SEPTEMBER



<i>Monday 2nd September</i>	<i>School Closed – Staff Training day</i>
<i>Tuesday 3rd September</i>	<i>School opens for the 2013 – 2014 academic year</i>
<i>Thursday 5th September, 6.45pm</i>	<i>Year 6 parents' meeting (Isle of Man)</i>
<i>Tuesday 10th September, 6.45pm</i>	<i>Year 5 parents' meeting (secondary school admissions)</i>
<i>Mon 16th – Fri 20th September</i>	<i>Year 6 residential visit to the Isle of Man</i>

YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS – OUTSTANDING!

As we always do at this time of year, we are pleased to share with you our Year 6 National Curriculum test (SATs) results for Summer 2013. It has to be said that these results are outstanding and we are so pleased that such hard-working children have been so successful. You will note that this time, for the first time, we are reporting achievement at Level 6. Achievement at Level 5 or higher in mathematics is the highest the school has ever achieved.



	Absent	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 4+	Level 5+
Reading	3%	29%	64%	4%	97%	68%
Writing	0%	54%	39%	4%	96%	43%
G,SP and P	3%	14%	71%	7%	96%	79%
Mathematics	3%	14%	68%	11%	93%	79%
Science	0%	25%	71%	0%	96%	71%

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 no less than 14 different high schools, independent schools, grammar schools and academies.

Altrincham College of Arts	1	Loreto Grammar School	1
Parrs Wood High School	4	Sale High School	1
Chorlton High School	1	St Ambrose College	1
Manchester Health Academy	8	Altrincham Grammar School for Boys	1
The Kingsway School	4	Withington Girl's School	1
Knutsford Academy	2	Sale Grammar School	2
Cheadle Hulme School	1	Wellington School	1

Having enjoyed their leavers' party at the Britannia Hotel yesterday evening, 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 assembly at 9.15am. Following Year 6's 'interpretation' and memories of life at Northenden, there will be a formal presentation to each child. Refreshments will be available after the assembly. For nearly half of our Year 6 families, Friday will be the end of an era. To these parents, we say "farewell" and thank you for your support during the years.



DINNER MONEY

Thank you to everyone who has paid for their children's dinner money and other charges on a regular basis this year. Unfortunately, there are a number of parents who have accrued a debt to the school at the end of the year as a result of unpaid dinner money.

From September 2013, where parents owe more than **two weeks** of dinner money or £40, whichever is the greater, at any time, the school will **withdraw** school meals for the family and ask parents to supply a packed lunch until the debts are cleared. Any family who has debt remaining at the end of this week **will not be able to have a school meal** unless the debt is cleared on the first day back in September and payment in advance is received for that first week back. Thank you for your support.



Looking ahead to September, the cost of school meals will be increasing to £2.26 per meal, that is £11.30 per week. The cost of milk will remain at £5.00 per term.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

I have not had chance to let everyone know of the amount we raised for this year's named charity, the Central Manchester Children's Hospital. You will remember that children were asked to complete a number of challenges both at home and at school. I am pleased to tell you that the children raised **£1,509.98** which is fantastic. We have not had time in recent weeks to invite the hospital (and Humphrey) back to school to receive our cheque and to thank the children so we will arrange this in September.



SCHOOL SECURITY

We are currently reviewing our security and safeguarding arrangements with a view to making some changes in September. However, for now we ask that all parents are extra vigilant when entering the building and ask everyone to take care **not to allow strangers** to enter the building with them. This week, a stranger to school followed a parent into the building.

Parents are also asked to remain **OUTSIDE** the school building at the end of the school day. Please do not wait inside the school building to collect your children. This is for the children's safety.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



As you know, you can now order school uniform online via the **TESCO Uniform Embroidery Service**. With this newsletter you should receive a leaflet which explains how to place an order. It also includes a £5.00 discount voucher for orders over £25 placed before February 2014. **We do have a stock of uniform in school now if you would like to pay for and collect new school uniform before Friday (the discount does not apply to items bought in school).**

LIBRARY BOOKS AND READING BOOKS

If your child still has a library book or reading scheme book at home, please return them to school on Thursday or Friday morning. At the moment, we are a large number of library books and reading book missing.

ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY

Our class attendance for the year up to 5th July 2013 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	95.4%	195	0	12	2	0	24
Reception	96.3%	181	4	16	3	2	101
Year 1	96.9%	164	2	18	0	0	179
Year 2	98.0%	101	7	17	0	0	77
Year 3	96.6%	171	4	20	1	1	146
Year 4	96.1%	202½	3	14	3	0	123
Year 5	96.5%	174½	3	17	2	0	50
Year 6	97.4%	130	5	20	1	1	102
All	96.7%	1319	28	134	12	4	802



97%

Well done to Year 2 and Year 6 who have met the 97.0% target. All other classes are very close so well done too! Hopefully, a reduction in family holidays next year will enable all classes to achieve the highest possible attendance.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE – NEW REGULATIONS

We need to draw your attention to the new regulations that are coming into force on 1st September 2013. These new regulations make it clear that **headteachers are no longer allowed to grant pupil leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.** Exceptional circumstances do not include family holidays taken during term time. Therefore, the school will be unable to agree to family holidays next year and parents who choose to take their children out of school during term time may face a penalty notice and a fine which could mean that a family holiday becomes more expensive than it would be during the school holidays.

A detailed letter regarding this matter was sent to all parents with the children's end-of-year reports along with a new form for applying for leave of absence. Additional copies are available from the school office. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

TODDLER GROUP

Our Toddler Group runs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in our community room. We are currently looking for someone to run the group on Wednesday mornings. If you are interested, please get in touch with Anegla Charlton in our school office.



Have a lovely summer holiday.