



Dear Families and Friends

In this brief newsletter, I want to remind you of the arrangements for Children in Need Day tomorrow and to confirm dates for events for the rest of this term.

As you know, tomorrow (Friday) is Jackie Valentine's final day as the school's Finance Officer as she is retiring after 25 years at the school. We will say a formal goodbye to Mrs Valentine during tomorrow's assembly. In the meantime, she would like to share a personal message with you (see below). Once again, I would like to thank Jackie publicly for all of her hard work (particularly for looking after the school's finances so well), during her time here. From next week, Angela Charlton will be in the office on a full-time basis assisted by another administrator who will join us shortly. Given that Mrs Charlton will be running the office on her own for a while, we are asking everyone to ensure dinner money is paid on either Mondays or Fridays rather than at other times.

Kind regards

Ian Beard
Headteacher

CHILDREN IN NEED : REMINDER FOR TOMORROW



Do not forget that tomorrow is Children in Need Day and that the children are asked to bring in cakes to be sold during the day. Children will also need to bring in some money (20p per cake) to buy a cake if they wish to do so. We still have a number of Children in Need wristbands available to buy at £1 each and children may choose to wear their own clothes (non-uniform) tomorrow for an additional donation of 50p or more for the charity.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS VALENTINE ...

Dear Parents and Children

As mentioned by Mr Beard in his previous newsletter, I will be retiring from my position in school on 15th November. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, parents and children for making my 25 years at Northenden so special and rewarding. I will miss you all and never forget my time spent at Northenden Community School. I am now looking forward to embarking on a new chapter in my life but feel sure I will be a regular visitor at school in the future.

*Kind regards
Jackie Valentine*



KEY DATES for your DIARY

<i>Tuesday 19th November</i>	<i>Year 2 class visit to Staircase House</i>
<i>Tuesday 19th November</i>	<i>Parents' Evening (3.30pm – 5.30pm)</i>
<i>Wednesday 20th November</i>	<i>Parents' Evening (3.30pm – 7.30pm)</i>
<i>Tuesday 26th November</i>	<i>Year 5 class visit to Ordsall Hall</i>
<i>Monday 9th December, 1.45pm</i>	<i>Early Years Christmas Play (1st performance)</i>
<i>Tuesday 10th December, 9.30am</i>	<i>Early Years Christmas Play (2nd performance)</i>
<i>Thursday 12th December, 1.45pm</i>	<i>Key Stage 1 Christmas Play (1st performance)</i>
<i>Friday 13th December, 9.30am</i>	<i>Key Stage 1 Christmas Play (2nd performance)</i>
<i>Friday 13th December</i>	<i>Christmas Discos (now confirmed, 5.30pm and 7.00pm)</i>
<i>Tuesday 17th December, 7.00pm</i>	<i>Christmas Concert (at school)</i>
<i>Wednesday 18th December, 9.30am</i>	<i>Christmas Concert (at school)</i>
<i>Wednesday 18th December, 7pm</i>	<i>The Christie Christmas Concert at Gorton Monastery</i>
<i>Thursday 19th December</i>	<i>Christmas Lunch</i>
<i>Friday 20th December</i>	<i>Christmas Parties (afternoon)</i>
<i>Friday 20th December</i>	<i>School closes for the Christmas Holiday</i>
<i>Monday 6th January 2014</i>	<i>School opens for the Spring Term 2014</i>
<i>Wednesday 8th January</i>	<i>Years 3 – 6 visit to the Lowry to see 'Wanted! Robin Hood'</i>
<i>Friday 7th February</i>	<i>Friends Event : Quiz Night</i>

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK / FRIENDS

This morning, the children enjoyed a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk from a visiting theatre company. This event was made possible by the donation of £650 from the Friends of Northenden Community School which in turn was made possible by your support for events, including our summer fair, during the year.



The 'Friends' would like to thank those parents who attended their meeting on Tuesday evening of this week during which some decisions were made about how to spend some of the funds currently held by the Friends (playground markings and equipment) and plans were made for events during 2014, including a quiz night which will take place on Friday 7th February. Please put this date in your diary and plan ahead to join us for what is usually a fun (and competitive) evening!



If you would like to get and keep in touch with the 'Friends' and their discussions, you can do so via their facebook page, 'Friends of Northenden Community School'.

ATTENDANCE

As a footnote, we really want to acknowledge attendance across the whole school. All classes now have an attendance level of 97% or greater. Attendance for the whole school is 97.8%. Well done!!