



Dear Families and Friends

As we finish today for the summer holidays, I want to draw what has been an exceptionally busy year to a close and look ahead to September.

I would first like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to the school's success this year, not least our great staff team who work so well with each other and the children to make our school a happy place. Thank you to parents for your support for your children and the school, especially to all those parents who have volunteered in our classrooms or have joined us on school trips during the year.

I want to say a huge thank you to the 'Friends' who, with the tremendous support of parents and children, and some matched funding from Barclays Bank, raised an impressive £3,156.45 at our Summer Fair. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and for digging deep into your pockets to make the event a fun and successful afternoon! The weather was pretty good too!

In my letter issued last week regarding teaching arrangements for September, I acknowledged the hard work of Mrs Matthews, Miss Walsh, Miss Hughes, Mr Kay, Mrs McAffer and Mrs Cheetham, as they leave or change their current roles. I want to take this opportunity to thank them again for their great contribution to our school and their support for the children. I would also like to thank again our After-School Club Manager, Lana Leech-Martin, for her commitment to the families of the school and for the after-school care provision she has managed during her time here. We wish all of those staff leaving us the very best of luck for the future.

Finally, I want to thank all of the children for their hard work, their smiles and the great attitudes they bring to school every day.

I wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday and look forward to seeing you on Monday 4th September.

Kind regards

Ian Beard
Headteacher

KEY DATES for your DIARY for EARLY SEPTEMBER



Friday 1st September

School Closed – Staff Training day

Monday 4th September

School opens for the 2017 – 2018 academic year

Wednesday 13th September, 6.30pm Parents' Welcome / Information Evening

YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS –WELL DONE!

As we always do at this time of year, we are pleased to share with you our Year 6 National Curriculum test (SATS) results. They are as follows:

	School	National
	Achieved	Expected Level
Reading (R)	83%	71%
Writing (W)	70%	76%
Grammar/Spelling	90%	77%
Mathematics (M)	87%	75%
Combined R,W,M	67%	61%



Well done, Year 6, and thank you
for all your hard work.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS



At the end of this week we say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 pupils. This year, the children are moving to 11 different high schools, grammar schools and academies.

Altrincham College of Arts	2	Sale High School	3
Parrs Wood High School	12	St Paul's Catholic High School	1
Manchester Health Academy	3	Sale Grammar School	2
The Kingsway School	1	Manor Academy	1
Ashton-On-Mersey School	1	Knutsford High School	1
Chorlton High School	2		

For some of our Year 6 families, today was the 'end of an era'. To these families, we say want to say thank you for your support during your child's time at the school and wish your family success for the future.



SUMMER REPORTS

We issued the children's end of year reports on Tuesday of this week. We apologise that the reports were sent out a day later than we had hoped to do. There was a lot of checking and printing to do before the reports were sent home and we didn't quite achieve this for all classes on Monday. Some parents have raised a question about the 'W' grades that children might have been given for subjects other than English and Mathematics. These are shown on the final page of your child's report. We apologise that the meaning of this grade was omitted from the letter. The 'W' means 'Working Towards' and effectively means that the child has not yet fully achieved all of the expectations of the year group in that subject.

PRACTICALLY PERFECT?

We would like to say "thank you" to everyone who came to see our production of *Mary Poppins* last week. Judging by the response of the audience on both nights, we think that everyone enjoyed the show. There was such a buzz in school in the lead up to our performances and such a feel that the children and staff were involved in something special. We are very proud of the amazing talents of your children.



Mr Beard would personally like to thank the children for their hard work in learning a demanding script and songs and the staff for their invaluable support making sets and costumes, and during rehearsals and performances. Well done everyone! It really was supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

ATTENDANCE FOR 2016 - 2017

Our whole-school attendance for the year up to July was **96.7%**. We are pleased with this level of attendance but it is slightly lower than last year. 192 children were absent at some point during the year due to illness with another 422 learning days lost due to holidays taken during term time. Having said that, we were pleased to present over 140 children (58%) with certificates this week for attendance of 97% or better (the school target), 20 of whom received certificates for 100% attendance. Well done, everyone. Let try and get our whole-school attendance back to previous levels next year – that is at least 97% if we can.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As many of you will be buying new school uniform for the new academic year, we remind you that our school uniform is published on our website. Please do not plan for your child to wear shoes with flashing lights or trainers for school as these are not part of our school uniform. Thank you.

E-NEWSLETTER

Do not forget that you can sign up to receive our electronic newsletter which is sent out to parents every 1-2 weeks with a little more detail about the events taking place in school. The last few weeks of the summer term were very busy and we didn't quite manage to get a newsletter letter out every week. If you want to request newsletters by e-mail, please send an e-mail to news@northenden.manchester.sch.uk stating your name and your child's name(s) and class(es).



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

After-school Club booking forms were sent out a few weeks ago to all parents already registered with our After-School Club. We have now processed the applications and intend to confirm places by Wednesday of next week. At this time, we cannot accept any more applications for places, particularly for Wednesdays and Thursdays which are our busiest days.



We will be sending you a reminder before we return to school in September about any fees due for the week beginning 4th September 2017. If you wish to change any of your bookings before then, please send an email to our after-school club account asc@northenden.manchester.sch.uk, preferably with a new booking form. Please do not send a text – as you know, Lana will have left her post and there are no arrangements until we return in September to manage changes of bookings by text. Thank you.

CHARGES from SEPTEMBER 2017

The Governing Body have recently reviewed the school's Charging and Remissions policy and have determined that some of our charges will be increasing with effect from 1st September 2017. The charges affected are as follows:



- After-School Club : Long Session, £11.00, Short Session £5.50
- Morning Club : £2.00 per session (no sibling discount from 1st September)
- Instrumental Lessons (woodwind and brass) : £25 per term
- Nursery Fees £12 per afternoon

All other charges, including after-school sports and extra-curricular activities (£10.00 per programme), school meals (£2.25 per meal) and school milk (£7.00 per term) will remain the same. Please do not forget that dinner money, milk money and fees for all other activities should always be paid in advance. From September, we are accepting payments for milk by cash or cheque only rather than via Parent Pay. All payments for school milk should be paid by the end of the first week back, that is by Friday 8th September. No payments or requests for milk will be accepted after that date for the half-term period September – October. Payments for both morning club and after-school made via Parent Pay should be made in advance. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please do not forget, particularly Year 6 parents, to pay any debts you have remaining with the school. If you have not done this already, this can be done via Parent Pay or by cheque posted to the school. This should include any outstanding payments for residential or other visits. Thank you.

SUMMER BUILDING WORK



We are having some internal building and repair work carried out during the summer holidays. This will include some repairs, plastering and decorating of our corridors but more significantly the remodelling of our foyer and office area. This will include the creation of a new reception area and office which will mean our foyer and waiting area will be smaller but more secure for school staff and children when you all return to school in September.

That's it for another year have a wonderful summer holiday!