



Dear Families and Friends

The new academic year is now definitely underway and as you will see there is already a packed schedule for the autumn term ahead. The children have made a great start to their learning and I have been pleased to give out many certificates already this term to children who are keen to learn, show determination to overcome challenges, are thinking of creative ideas in their writing and solving problems in mathematics. Well done to everyone who has received a "well done" certificate, or house points, already this term.

Now that all of our nursery children have started in class, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new children to school. It is a big change for some but they are already showing signs of settling in well to school life and to a range of learning opportunities. We also extend a warm welcome to new children (and, of course, their families) joining us in other classes from other schools.

Thank you to everyone who attended our parents' information evening on Wednesday 13th September. All of the information that was shared by teachers on that evening has now been published on our school website. Each class has their own page. Resource packs are still in production and will be sent home soon (apologies for the delay). Most of the resources you might need are already available on the school website. This includes 100 squares, multiplication tables, number lines, spelling lists and letter and phonics cards.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and successful year ahead.

Kind regards

Ian Beard
Headteacher

KEY DATES for your DIARY AUTUMN TERM



Tuesday 3rd October

Friday 6th October

Friday 10th October

Year 4 Class Visit : Chester (Romans)

Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine (Reception to Year 4 children)

Year 2 Class Visit : Cheadle Mosque

KEY DATES for your DIARY AUTUMN TERM



Friday 13 th October, 9.15am	Assembly : Harvest (usual donations please – see article)
Monday 16 th October	Year 3 Class Visit : Poole's Cavern
Tuesday 17 th October, 2.00pm	Learning Walks (parents invited to school)
Tuesday 17 th October, 6.30pm	Year 5 Parents' Meeting (Robinwood preparation)
Wednesday 18 th October, 9.00pm	Learning Walks (parents invited to school)
Thursday 19 th October	School Discos (PTA Event) – Information to follow
Friday 20 th October	Individual Photographs (no assembly on this day)
Friday 20 th October	School CLOSSES for the half-term holiday
Monday 30 th October	School OPENS for the remainder of the autumn term
Friday 3 rd November	Visiting Theatre : Beauty and the Beast (PTA-funded)
Wed 8 th – Fri 10 th November	Year 5 Residential Visit : Robinwood (3 days)
Thursday 9 th November	Northenden (Village) Remembrance Service (Year 6)
Wednesday 15 th November	Year 2 Class Visit : Stockport Hat Works Museum
Thursday 16 th November	Year 6 Class Visit : Chester Zoo
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Day (Non-Uniform day for donations)
Wednesday 22 nd November	Parents' Evening (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
Thursday 23 rd November	Parents' Evening (3.30pm – 7.30pm)
Friday 24th November	School CLOSED for Staff Training
Monday 11 th December, 1.45pm	Early Years Christmas Play (afternoon performance)
Tuesday 12 th December, 9.30am	Early Years Christmas Play (morning performance)
Thursday 14 th December, 1.30pm	Early Years visit to The Lowry Theatre ('The Gruffalo')
Thursday 14 th December, 1.45pm	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Play (afternoon performance)
Friday 15 th December, 9.30am	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Play (morning performance)
Tuesday 19 th December, 7.00pm	Christmas Concert (Years 3 – 6)
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Lunch (and Christmas jumper day)
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Parties
Friday 22 nd December	School CLOSSES for the Christmas holidays
Monday 8 th January 2018	School OPENS for the spring term

Event dates for the remainder of the year can be found on our website.

MANCHESTER SPORTS AWARDS (MRS MORAN)

We would like to draw your attention to the 2017 Manchester Sports Awards and our nomination for Mrs Hillary Moran to receive recognition for all of the work she does in school for competitive sport. This nomination has been published, alongside information about four other finalists for the People's Champion award, in the Manchester Evening News, including on the MEN website. People across Manchester are invited to vote for their choice of People's Sports Champion and we hope that you will take the opportunity to vote for Mrs Moran before the deadline of this coming Sunday, 1st October. The link for online voting has been sent to parents via email.



UNIFORM : TRAINERS AND SHOES WITH FLASHING LIGHTS

Parents are reminded that trainers and shoes with flashing lights are not part of our school uniform. We therefore ask parents whose children do not have the correct footwear for school to purchase the correct items as soon as possible.

E-NEWSLETTER

We will be sending out regular updates, reminders and news to parents via email again this year, although this will not necessarily be on a weekly basis. We have the email addresses of most but not all parents. If you want to request to receive news and updates 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).



SUMMER BUILDING WORK



We had some of the summer building work completed as planned during the holidays. This included the plastering and decoration of some of our classrooms and corridors. There is still some decoration to be completed. Our plans to create an 'outer office' and reception area did not materialise as planned. This work will hopefully be completed during the half-term holiday in October.

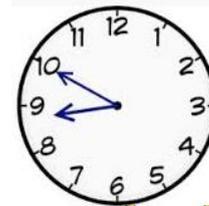
FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you are receiving benefits (income support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, child tax credit but not working tax credit or universal credit) please make sure that you register your child as **entitled to free school meals**. We ask you to do this even if your child receives a free meal because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 (this is a different entitlement) or your child does not have a school meal. **This is important because the school receives additional funding for every child who is entitled to a free school meal.** This additional funding equates to £1,300 per year per child and can make quite a difference to our relatively small (and possibly reducing) budget. If you need any further advice about this, please speak to Carolyn Davies or Carole Nelson at the school office.



PUNCTUALITY for SCHOOL : SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.50am

Thank you to everyone (parents and children) who is arriving at school on time, that is for 8.50am (or 8.45am in the nursery). We have noticed that the vast majority of children are arriving on time, with just a few children arriving after 8.50am. Children receive a 'Late' mark if they are not registered in class before 9.00am. Thank you for your efforts and support to make sure that your child is at school by 8.50am every day.



NUT FREE ZONE



We would like to remind parents that this school is a **nut-free zone**. Some of our children have allergies to nuts and nut-based products. We therefore aim to restrict children's exposure to products containing or made from nuts. Please do not include nut-based products (including 'Nutella', peanut butter, cereal bars containing nuts) in your children's lunch or snack boxes. Thank you for your consideration and support



HARVEST ASSEMBLY : Friday 13th October

We are looking ahead to our Harvest assembly on Friday 13th October. As usual, we will be asking your family to donate food (non-perishable) or other items (toiletries, for example) which will benefit families in Wythenshawe who use the local food bank. We will remind you about this nearer the time.



USUAL REMINDERS ... PLEASE READ and SUPPORT US

As we usually do at this time of year, we would like to remind all parents that ...

- parents should not drive down or park on Bazley Road when dropping off or collecting children
- children and parents should not enter or leave the premises using the vehicle gates
- parents should adhere to the speeding restrictions (20mph) when in the locality of the school
- children should bring a water bottle (small please) to access drinking water at school
- ensure that PE kits are in school every day and taken home on Fridays for washing
- ensure that homework is completed and returned on time

SUPERVISION and SAFETY OF CHILDREN on SCHOOL PREMISES

Please help us to take your children and others safe!

We would also like to ask all parents to ensure that their children remain with them and are properly supervised for their safety at all times when entering and leaving the school premises. We have noted that many children run ahead of parents when entering or leaving the playground, particularly once the side gate has been opened. This is particularly a problem at the end of the school day when some of our youngest children reach the car park or the road with parents nowhere in sight to keep them safe. Thank you for your support.