



Dear Families ...

In this newsletter, the final newsletter of 2018, we look ahead to 2019.

First, I want to share news with you that Mrs Howell, our Year 1 teacher, who has been absent since September following a close family bereavement, has taken the decision to take early retirement from teaching and is leaving the school at the end of this term. Mrs Howell will not be returning to teach our Year 1 class but we are hoping to see her in January to have a chance to say goodbye properly and wish her well for the future. I would like to take this public opportunity to thank Mrs Howell for all of her hard work during her 10 years at the school and to wish her a happy retirement. Miss Walsh will stay with us to teach Year 1 after the Christmas holidays.

It just remains for me, on behalf of everyone at school, to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. We will see you back in school in the new year on Monday 7th January 2019.

Best wishes

Ian Beard
Headteacher



KEY DATES for your DIARY SPRING TERM 2019



Monday 7th January

School OPENS for the spring term

Wednesday 16th January

Year 3 Workshop (Greeks)

Thursday 24th January

Year 6 Class visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters

Friday 25th January, 9.10am

Class Assembly : Year 6

Tuesday 29th January, 6.45pm

Friends of NCS / PTA Annual General Meeting (see article)

Wednesday 6th February

NSPCC Assembly / Workshops for Year 5 / 6

Friday 8th March, 7.30pm

Quiz Night (FNCS/PTA event)

Other event dates, including class assemblies, to follow in the new year

FRIENDS OF NCS / PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION



In our last newsletter, we mentioned that the Friends of NCS (PTA) will be holding an Annual General Meeting in January to introduce parents to the newly-established committee and trustees, to set out and agree some fundraising and other aims, and to seek the support and ideas of parents in running specific events during the year. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th January 2019 starting (with refreshments) at 6.45pm. The meeting should last no longer than one hour. We would like to engage more parents in the work of the PTA and all parents are welcome to attend this meeting and get involved. Please look out for the new-look PTA flyer and a meeting agenda which will be sent out in early January. In the meantime, please note these dates in your diary:

<i>Tuesday 29th January 2019, 6.45pm – 8.00pm</i>	<i>Annual General Meeting</i>
<i>Friday 8th March 2019, 7.30pm</i>	<i>Quiz Night (for adults)</i>
<i>Friday 29th March 2019, 5.30pm – 8.00pm</i>	<i>Children's discos</i>
<i>Saturday 22nd June 2019, 12noon – 3.00pm</i>	<i>Summer Fair</i>



EASY FUNDRAISING (help us to raise money via your online shopping)

We realise that many of you will have by now finished your online Christmas shopping. However, we wanted to let you know that you can help raise money for the school by shopping online via the Easy Fundraising website www.easyfundraising.org.uk. The PTA is registered as a good cause as 'Friends of Northenden Community School'. Once you have selected us as your good cause and created an account, you can shop online at over 3,500 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, major supermarkets, insurance companies and holiday providers, including Booking.com. If you are wanting to find an online bargain in the post-Christmas sales or are looking to book a holiday for 2019, please think about using the website as a gateway to your shopping. As of today, 20 supporters have already raised £31.20 – thank you!

CHRISTMAS PLAYS AND CONCERTS

We would like to say "well done" to all of the children who took part in our Christmas plays ('Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' and 'The Bethlehem Star') and Christmas concert during the last two weeks. It is great to see so many children developing their drama and singing skills, and growing in confidence to perform in front of large audiences. The Christmas concert which took place at St Hilda's Church on Wednesday gave us the opportunity to share some new and familiar Christmas carols and songs with the audience and for many children to sing and play instruments as solos, in duets or small groups. Well done, everyone, and thank you to parents and families for all your support.



PARENTPAY (Please pay any outstanding debts)

We fully appreciate that it is Christmas and an expensive time of the year, but we ask that all outstanding debts to school (school lunches, After-School Club, Morning Club, etc) are paid and accounts brought up-to-date on ParentPay. Reminders have been sent by text so please be sure to make a payment during the Christmas holidays and certainly before we return to school in January to avoid services being withdrawn in the new year – thank you.