



Dear Families and Friends ....

Where has this year gone? As we approach the end of what has been a busy and successful year, I want to draw 2018-2019 to a close and look ahead just a little to the beginning of the new school year.

I would first of all like to thank staff, children, governors and volunteers (particularly the 'Friends' of NCS, the PTA) for their hard work, team work and support during the year. Our children deserve a special mention for their super efforts in their lessons, on the sports field, through extra-curricular activities, in their music lessons and on the school stage. We have such talented and hard-working children and we are, as I am sure you are, very proud of their achievements. In our certificate assembly yesterday, I was pleased to give out more than 100 certificates for various aspects of learning, achievement and human qualities and values (friendship, for example), more than 100 certificates for excellent attendance, including 26 for 100% attendance, and over 50 medals and trophies for team work and sporting success, including to our boys' football team who won the local football league this year. I also want to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to our Early Years staff, children and parents for coping well with the situation in which we found ourselves in the Spring term. Everyone coped very well with the disruption after the flood and returned to an 'uplifted' indoor setting. Well done, everyone for a great year!

As you know, Miss McSorley (Year 3) and Miss Dorsett (Year 2) are leaving us tomorrow. I want to take this opportunity to thank them again, not only for their hard work and attention to the academic progress of their classes but also for their commitment to pupil development and well-being. We wish them every success for the future. We are also saying goodbye tomorrow to Mrs Duras, one of our Key Stage 2 teaching assistants, to whom we also say "thank you" and "good luck" for the future.

Do not forget that we finish for the school holidays tomorrow and that on this day the After-School Club and the school building will close at 4.30pm. I wish you all a very happy, sunny and safe Summer holiday and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September for the start of another academic year. Thank you for everyone for a brilliant year ... more of the same next year please!

Kind regards

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Headteacher

## KEY DATES for your DIARY for EARLY SEPTEMBER



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

School Closed – Staff Training day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

School opens for the 2019 – 2020 academic year

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30pm Parents' Welcome / Information Evening

You may be aware that the Government has changed the early May public holiday from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 which means the school will now be closed on the Friday (Friday before Year 6 SATs) rather than the Monday of that week. Please update your diaries – an updated holiday list and colour calendar is available on our website and is included with this newsletter.

## YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS – VERY WELL DONE!

We are pleased to share with you our Year 6 National Curriculum test (SATs) results. These results are (again) all above the national average figures which (for expected level only as the higher level national figures are not yet available) are also shown below.

	Expected (Higher) Level	
	School	National
<b>Reading</b>	<b>94% (55%)</b>	<b>73%</b>
<b>Writing</b>	<b>81% (29%)</b>	<b>78%</b>
<b>Grammar/Spelling</b>	<b>87% (55%)</b>	<b>78%</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>90% (42%)</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>Combined</b>	<b>77% (25%)</b>	<b>65%</b>



After all their tremendous efforts and hard work, we are absolutely delighted for and proud of our whole Year 6 class.

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS



On Friday, we say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 pupils. This year, the children are moving to no less than 14 different secondary schools, with many moving to Parrs Wood High School and some moving to the new Didsbury High School, which is opening its door to Year 7 in September. We wish them all much success in their next schools and for the future.

Altrincham Grammar School	1	Manchester Health Academy	1
Cheadle Hulme School	1	Parrs Wood High School	11
Chorlton High School	2	Sale Grammar School	1
Didsbury High School	6	Sale High School	2
Manchester Grammar School	1	The Kingsway School	1
Manchester High School for Girls	1	Urmston Grammar School	1
Manor Academy	1	Withington Girls' School	1

## IT WAS RED AND YELLOW AND ... ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT!

I would like to say a public “well done” and “thank you” to everyone who was involved in our production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. As I stated in the programme, it was a joy to work with the entire cast on this occasion and I want to congratulate the children for their confidently-delivered narration, great acting and presence on stage, strong singing (hundreds of words to remember) and just for generally being so enthusiastic to take on a part, however large or small that part, in this big show. I would also like to thank parents for their support, including helping to provide the various colourful costumes required to bring the show to life on a small school stage.



For those of you who managed to see the show (apologies to those who did not – you missed a treat but alas we only have so much seating space in our hall), we hope you enjoyed it and were proud of your talented children.

## SCHOOL CHARGES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Looking ahead to September, all charges (which can be found on our website), will remain the same as this year expect for school milk which will be increasing from £7.00 to £8.00 per term. This can be paid at the beginning of the year (£24) or at the very beginning of each term (September, January and April). Please be sure to pay for school milk by **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** so that we know how much milk we need to order for the term ahead and can finalise our lists.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM for SEPTEMBER

When you are buying new uniform and shoes, please have in mind our uniform policy (see website) and that trainers and shoes with flashing lights (they are distracting for everyone) are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn for school. Children should wear shoes and change their footwear for PE lessons. Children should not bring large bags to school as we simply do not have enough space to store them in our corridor cloak rooms. Thank you for your support.

Our uniform policy also states that jewellery should not be worn for school. The only jewellery or other items that can be worn are simple stud earrings (which must be removed for swimming lessons) and a watch (preferably an inexpensive one). Necklaces, bracelets, rings, broaches and other accessories should not be worn for school, thank you.

## SUMMER BUILDING WORK : AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB CORRIDOR

We are having just one (hopefully straight-forward) building job carried out during the Summer holidays. This is the replacement of the small link corridor between the infant corridor and the After-School Club room. This is currently a wooden structure which unfortunately leaks during heavy rain. We are having the whole structure replaced, including new doors and ramps. This should all be completed by the start of the new term. This is one of the remaining jobs of a long list of building improvements we have planned over the last 10 years, having now installed double-glazed windows and doors throughout the school and undertaken major repairs to the school roof. We now receive only £6,500 per year of funding towards any capital (building) projects (it used to be over £30,000 per year) which has to be saved for a number of years to afford anything significant without external funding, which is rare. So, we look forward to another job being completed and the After-School Club entrance having a nice new (and hopefully dry) look.

## SCHOOL SPORT

This year, more pupils than ever have taken part in competitive sport, including swimming, boys and girls football, tag rugby, cross country and athletics. We want to say “well done” to all those children who have either taken part in team sport or an after-school sports activity during the year. 70% of our Key Stage 2 children have taken part in an external inter-school competitive event. We are very proud of the way in which all of our sports teams have conducted themselves, shown respect to other schools and worked together as a team during the year. Very well done, everyone.



We have achieved the Sainbury’s SILVER School Games award this year and were not far off the GOLD award which should be easy for us to gain next year. To do so, we need to communicate with parents more about our sports activities and signpost families more to local clubs and sports organisations to promote physical fitness and sport outside of school.

A huge “well done” and our thanks go to Mrs Moran, Mrs Whittle, Mrs Johnston, Miss Dorsett, Miss M<sup>c</sup>Sorley, Mrs Singh, Mrs Harris (our PE consultant) and our visiting coaches from One Goal, MUFC and Wythenshawe Rugby Club for their commitment to school sport this year. It has been a super year for school sport!

## ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY FOR 2018 – 2019

Our class attendance for the year up to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 is as follows:

Class	Attendance	Days Missed	Attendance Thresholds				Late Marks
			Pupils who have attendance more or less than the percentage shown				
			100%	97%+	<90%	<85%	
Nursery	95.1%	203	1	12	7	0	52
Reception	96.3%	197	4	14	3	0	24
Year 1	97.3%	132	2	19	0	0	58
Year 2	96.8%	175	4	20	1	1	172
Year 3	96.6%	179	3	19	3	0	36
Year 4	97.2%	162	7	21	1	0	45
Year 5	96.5%	197	5	15	1	1	79
Year 6	97.4%	149	3	17	0	0	109
All	96.7%	1393	29	137	220	2	523

Unfortunately, we did not achieve our 97% attendance target this year (we were just 126 days of attendance short – about ½ day per child). Attendance was affected by a lot of illness and family holidays taken during term time. For example, had no children been taken out of school for a family holiday during term time, our attendance overall would have been 97.2%. Well done to our Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 classes who have exceeded our 97% target for attendance.

In terms of punctuality for school, we would like to see this improve from September, particularly for our current Year 2 class who have a significant number of ‘lates’ (accepting that it is just a handful of children affecting this). **We remind everyone that the school gates open at 8.40am and that school starts at 8.50am.** Children should be in the playground by this time (ready for their teacher) and not walking into school at 8.55am or later. Thank you for your support.

