



Dear Families and Friends

As we draw near to the end of what, it is probably fair to say, has been a rather challenging school year, I want to draw the 2014-2015 to a close and look forward to a hopefully less-dramatic 2015-2016.

I would first of all like to thank staff, children, governors and volunteers for their hard work, tremendous team efforts and support during the year. I would also like to say a special and final thank to you as parents for your patience and understanding during the turmoil of this year. We would not have got through the year as we have done without the team work of staff and children, and the support of parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell and a huge public "thank you" to Steph Sander who is leaving us on Friday to train to be a teacher. Steph joined us in 2008 and since then has made a huge contribution to our Early Years unit. Her commitment to the learning environment, to the quality of her own work and to the standards achieved by the children, including preparing many "I Can Do" books over the years, has been second-to-none. She leaves behind her hard work in the Early Years garden for us all to enjoy. We wish her the very best of luck for her future.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB : LANA LEECH-MARTIN

I would also like to let everyone know that Lana Leech-Martin, our After-School Club Manager, will be leaving her post on Friday to take a leave of absence. This is likely to be for at least two terms. Andrea Smith will be managing the club in Lana's absence, assisted with bookings and payments by Carole in the school office. I would like to thank Lana for all of her hard work in managing the club for many years and for leaving it, and her dedicated team, in such a strong position as she takes a temporary break from her role. Lana will be staying in touch during her absence and will be returning some time next year. For now, we wish her well as she looks ahead to the next few months with her family.

I wish you all a very happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you on WEDNESDAY 2nd September for the start of the new academic year.

Kind regards

Ian Beard
Headteacher

KEY DATES for your DIARY for EARLY SEPTEMBER



Monday 30 th August	School Closed – Public Holiday
Tuesday 1 st September	School Closed – Staff Training Day
Wednesday 2 nd September	School opens for the 2015 – 2016 academic year
Thursday 3 rd September, 6.15pm	Year 6 parents' meeting (Isle of Man)
Thursday 3 rd September, 7.15pm	Year 6 parents' meeting (Secondary admissions)
Wednesday 9 th September, 6.30pm	Welcome / Curriculum meeting for parents (all classes)
Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th September	Year 6 residential visit to the Isle of Man

St Hilda's Catholic Church (Kenworthy Lane) will be having an **International Day** on Saturday of this week. All families are welcome to attend from 12noon onwards (let yourselves be known on arrival). The programme for the day is published on the notice board outside the church. Please note that the children will not, as originally planned, be singing at this event.

YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS

As we always do at this time of year, we are pleased to share with you our Year 6 National Curriculum test (SATs) results. The class have worked very hard to achieve this results, with many children having made three levels progress since Year 2. Very well done, everyone!



	Absent	Level 4+	Level 5+	Level 6
Reading	0%	90%	59%	0%
Writing	0%	90%	48%	0%
Grammar/Spelling	0%	90%	76%	10%
Mathematics	0%	93%	66%	7%
Science	0%	97%	59%	0%



YEAR 6 LEAVERS

On Friday, we say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 pupils, many of whom have been with us since nursery. This year, the children are moving to 11 different high schools, grammar schools and academies.

Parrs Wood High School	8	Sale High School	3
Manchester Health Academy	6	Altrincham Grammar School for Boys	1
The Kingsway School	2	Sale Grammar School	1
Knutsford Academy	2	William Hulme's Grammar School	1
Cheadle Hulme School	1	Trinity High School	1
The Barlow RC High School	2		

Year 6 are now looking forward to their leavers' assembly and presentation on Friday morning. Year 6 parents are reminded to join us for this at 9.15am. Following Year 6's 'review' of their memories and interpretation of life at Northenden, there will be a presentation to each child. For quite a few of our Year 6 parents, Friday will be the last time they see their child appear in an assembly at this school. To these families, we say "farewell" and thank you for your support. We wish you and your child all the best for the future.



MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS PRIMARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR AWARD

We are pleased to announce that our school has received the **Primary School of the Year** award as part of the Manchester Evening News Schools Awards 2015. I would like to congratulate the whole school community on receiving this award. It is in recognition of the efforts of everyone at school, of wonderful team work and of the children's achievements. This is great news for the school and a very unexpected but lovely end to this challenging year. Well done, everyone!

Congratulations and thank you to everyone (staff, governors, pupils, parents and volunteers) who has contributed to the work and achievements of the school this year and in making this, despite some obstacles, another successful year for the school. As Headteacher, I am very proud to be part of such a great staff team and to work and spend time with the many lovely, hard-working and talented children we have at our school. Thank you for your support.



SPORTING SUCCESS



We would like to congratulate all of those children who have taken part in after-school sports and team events this year. We are proud of everyone, regardless of their results, for their good team work and fair play. We particularly want to say well done to our cheerleaders who, having won a category award in March, were invited to take part in the opening of the Sainsbury's School Games last Tuesday at the Eastlands Athletics Stadium. At the same time, our football team were playing against other schools in the Manchester Health Academy annual tournament supported by the Manchester United Foundation and won the competition for the second year running. We would like to thank Mrs Moran, Mrs Johnston, Mrs Whittle, Mr Arkell and Mr Kay for all their support for the various teams and events during the year.

DINNER MONEY and MILK MONEY

Looking ahead to September, the cost of school meals will remain at **£2.25 per meal**, that is **£11.25 per week**. The cost of milk will increase to **£7.00 per term**. Please do not forget that dinner money, milk money and fees for all other activities should always be paid in advance. It is our policy now to refuse to provide a school meals where there are outstanding arrears to be paid.



PLEASE PAY ALL OUTSTANDING DEBTS TO THE SCHOOL BY THE END OF THIS WEEK, THANK YOU.

SCOOTERS AND BICYCLES – PLEASE TAKE HOME



Please make sure that your children take home their scooters and bicycles for the holidays. These should be taken home every night as we often have intruders on the premises who come into the grounds and play with the scooters and bicycles that remain there overnight. Scooters left during the holidays risk being damaged or stolen.

ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY FOR 2014 – 2015

Our class attendance for the year up to 3rd July 2015 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	95.9%	130½	3	10	2	1	44
Reception	97.8%	114½	7	22	1	0	87
Year 1	96.9%	156	5	19	1	1	84
Year 2	97.6%	124	5	20	0	0	173
Year 3	97.4%	131	3	21	1	0	115
Year 4	97.9%	109½	5	25	0	0	84
Year 5	96.6%	175½	2	19	0	0	214
Year 6	96.9%	159	3	16	1	1	104
All	97.2%	1100	33	152	6	3	905



97.2%

We have achieved our target. Well done everyone, particularly to Year 4 with nearly 98% attendance and 25 children with more than 97% attendance. Same again next year please!

From 1st September 2015, any absence of less than 90% (rather than 85% as it is now) will now be considered as PERSISTENT. This is a change in the Government's rules

SUMMER BUILDING WORK

We are glad to say that there will be no work carried out on the school roof this summer (the next phase is planned for next summer)! However, we are having a new heating boiler to replace our existing installation which is now over 40 years old. We are also having some new playground markings and games boundaries installed and a new outdoor canopy for our Early Years Unit. In addition, we hope that refurbishments to the building adjacent to the school, known as "The House", will be ready for September, giving us additional space for the teaching of small groups and cookery.