

## Important Diary Dates

### April

25th April— Year 3 2nd Climbing session at Depot Climbing  
30th April— Open classroom (EYFS and KS1) for parents

### May

2nd May—Year 3 3rd Climbing session at Depot Climbing  
6th May—Bank Holiday  
13th May—SATS Start  
24th May—School closes for Half term

### June

3rd June—Inset Day  
4th June—School Re-Opens for children  
18th June—Photographs

## Weekly Attendance

**92%**

School aim 96% or above

Well, what can I say? It has been wonderful to actually spend a full week at Northenden and live and breath the school throughout the day. I am so happy to have officially started our new journey and I can't wait to see what the future holds. I have said it before, but there is something very special about NCS and the community for which it serves.

Speaking about the future, in a couple of weeks we are holding a School Vision workshop with stakeholders from across the community. We have invited governors, a parent group, pupils and all the staff to share their thoughts and ambitions for Northenden Community School. As soon as this work is done I will of course share it with everyone and it is only then can we write a strategy and action plan for this to come into fruition.

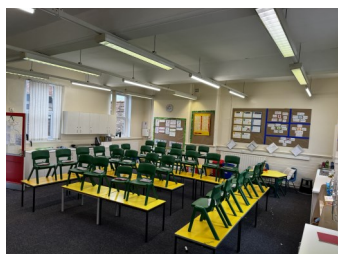
As a Headteacher and most importantly a person, my priorities for education has always been putting the children first. I firmly believe that school should be a place of love, fun and compassion where children can feel confident to achieve their true potential. Having been in school this week I can see that value is shared by you as parents and the staff so we have a great foundation to build on. I have been into all the classes this week, spent lots of time on the playground and met quite a lot of parents on the school gate. Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome— I really do appreciate it.

Thank you for everyone's support with the building work and the classroom changes. For a variety of reasons the work had to happened at some speed. The Reception children have moved across and appear to have slotted in really nicely into the main building while also using their outside space as normal. We have tried our best to communicate as fully as possible with parents but due the speed of the work this has been quite challengingly. Going forward I will endeavour to share fully and in good time all the information you need as parents of the children. If you are unsure about anything please either speak to myself, Mrs Gray or your class teacher.

Just a reminder you are all more than welcome to pop in at the end of of the day on the 30th April to come and see the work that has been done. I hope everyone has a lovely weekend!

Mr Marks

## Our 'new' classrooms



## Updates from the Office....

- ⇒ When a child comes into school through the office if they are either late or have been to an appointment you **MUST** sign them in with a reason. Please also sign them out if they leave during the school day.
- ⇒ **Parents please can we remind you that you MUST inform the office if your child is unwell and not attending school.**
- ⇒ Please remember to book your child's school dinner on the school hub website

95%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

**BE SMART BE THERE!**

Percentages based on 190 academic days

### From the community

Please scan the code below for information from:



**Wythenshawe Children's Centre and Family Hub Newsletter**  
April to June 2024

### Letters sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

⇒ Letter from Mr Marks regarding Reception classroom



### Communication

I am currently reviewing methods of communication between school and parents. Open and convenient communication in a school is vital so it is important to get this right. I am currently reviewing our methods to communicate injuries and First Aid as I know receiving a text message is not always ideal. I am exploring other avenues such as online forms and slips so watch this space. Communication will also be a theme of a parental survey so please keep your eyes peeled for that-coming soon!



### Vacancy

(No not for a Headteacher!) We are hoping to recruit some new Lunchtime Organisers. The hours would be 11.45am-1.00pm (with some flexibility) term time only. If this is something yourself or someone you know might be interested in please contact the school office for further information.



### Health and Safety (!)

Having only been here a week, there are just a few observations that I think we can improve for the safety of our children. Please can children not wear high boots or shoes with heels (including heels with flashing lights).

Also, please can I ask that as children leave the school at the end of the day that they remain with their parents as they come through the car park. In the past week I have noticed a few children running off through the car park sometimes on scooters. I will also mention this in assembly next week.

One last thing... please discourage your children to play on school equipment before and at the end of the school day. Teachers are not in a position to supervise this and we would not be covered on insurance for any accidents.

### In the classroom this week.....

#### Reception

This week in reception we have been finding out amazing facts about bees. Lots of children in our class have not tried honey so we are going to have a go at spreading on toast on Friday. We are also making an Early Years Outdoor Bee Garden where bees can stop and recharge before taking care of all the flowers on our beautiful planet.

#### Year 1

Year 1 have had an amazing first week of our summer term and have settled in really well to our new classroom!

They have been very excited about our new space and have had fun coming up with different ideas of how we can use our space.

#### Year 2

Year 2 have been settling into our new classroom and getting stuck into our new topics! The class have taken all the changes in their stride and have made a fabulous start to the new half term.

#### Year 3

Year 3 had a wonderful time at the Depot climbing wall this afternoon. We were so proud of the children pushing themselves out of their comfort zone and having a wonderful time!

#### Year 4

I have been really impressed with how well Y4 have taken their excellent knowledge of fractions and applied it to new learning about decimals. They have shown real confidence and have clearly enjoyed their Maths work this week. In addition, they have been working really hard to prepare for the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check and it's been lovely to see everyone's TTRS heatmaps turning green!

#### Year 5

In English we have started to look at biographies - we then spent some time planning questions to ask Mrs Warrilow so that we can practise writing biographies. We were very busy on Monday afternoon finishing putting together our books with mechanical parts - we are very proud of the results and cannot wait to share them with Year 1 soon.

#### Year 6

In Science this week, Year 6 were learning about Newton's Theory of Colour. After experimenting with shining torches onto prisms to demonstrate it, we made colour wheels to help us understand

### CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
Year 1 & 2	Wednesday	Multisport
Year 3 & 4	Thursday	Multisport
Year 5 & 6	Friday	Multisport