

Important Diary Dates

June

3rd June—Inset Day
 4th June—School Re-Opens for children
 13th June—EYFS Sports Day
 14th June—Nursery Assembly
 14th June—Sports Day
 18th June—Photographs
 27th June—RSE Day
 28th June—Year 1 Class Assembly
 28th June—KS1 and KS2 Sports Day—rearranged

July

5th July—Year 3 Class Assembly
 6th July—Year 6 Trip
 12th July—Pupil Reports to Parents
 12th July—Year 2 Trip
 17th—EYFS Garden Party
 19th July—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly—School closes for the Summer holidays!

Weekly Attendance

91.3%! :-)

In the role of Headteacher you often have to make difficult decisions... Sports Days and weather forecasts are one of them! Thank you for your understanding regarding the decision around KS1 and KS2 Sports Day— at the moment it's raining heavily so I think the correct decision was made. As shared previously, we have a reserve date of the Friday 28th June where I am sure the warm British summer will arrive for good!

I have been working a lot on attendance this week and reviewing the way we engage with parents to improve attendance. As you can see from the figure below we have slipped a little and we need to consider why that is. We have a duty to ensure every pupil has access to full time education to which they are entitled and therefore maximise the educational opportunities available. And as parents you have a legal duty to ensure your child attends education. That being said, as a school we recognise that attendance is a matter for the whole school community, as such we look to build strong relationships with families to ensure pupils have the support in place to attend school and identify reasons for poor attendance. This is something we are working on and I will update you in due course.


Something else we are reviewing and developing, is the approach to educational visits and enrichment activities. From September we will start to build a year round educational visits and enrichment calendar of events. This will ensure that you as parents know what is coming up through the year in advance and as a school we can carefully map out the opportunities we promise to our children. This summer term we are really struggling to book transport to fit in all the trips we want to (we will keep you updated) and as parents I know that you have seen the increased in costs based on increased prices from our providers. I am very conscious of both these factors and will work on a strategy to improve the offer next year.

I hope you have a lovely, and dry(!) weekend!

PTA AGM

Thank you to the parents who attended the PTA AGM on Wednesday. I thought it was really positive meeting with some good actions and plans going forward. Most importantly, I got a sense that what was discussed would really benefit the children – which is what it's all about! The PTA does still need support going forward, therefore if you would like to be a member or even make yourself known as a 'designated helper' then please let the school know and we can put you in touch with the PTA. We would really like it if we had some parents from Nursery and Reception enlisted so if this is something you could offer— please do get in touch!

Updates from the Office....

- Please inform the school office when your child is absent . 
- Just so you are aware. If your child accrues 5 unauthorised absences then statutory action (a Penalty Notice) may be taken. Please do not book family holidays during term time.
- Please remember to order your child's lunch on School Hub.
- Please provide appointment letters/emails/texts when your child has an appointment during school time

Letters sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

- ⇒ Weather Watch
- ⇒ Parent Survery
- ⇒ KS1 and KS2 Sports Day
- ⇒ Music offer

Mobile Phones

There is a lot in the press at the moment about children and smart phones. This week I have come across a very useful website that I hope as parents you find useful:

[The Parent's Guide to Mobile Phone Health & Safety for kids \(premier-education.com\)](http://The Parent's Guide to Mobile Phone Health & Safety for kids (premier-education.com))

Nationally half of all 7-year olds have mobile phones so it is something we all need to be aware of when keeping our children safe online. The website has some really useful top tips including: setting boundaries, parental controls and teaching children about phone mobile phone security.

Year 5 and 6 Football

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 5 and 6 football team to a tournament at the Hough End pitches. I was so impressed by level of football played– Pep Guardiola would have been proud. Well done to all the boys who took part, their team spirit and togetherness shone through. Thank you to Mr Mallinson for organising the team and accompanying the children.

EYFS Sports Day

Wow wow wow! What a fabulous morning was had by all at Nursery and Reception Sports Day. The energy from the children, staff and parents (!) was fabulous to see as was the real mix of activities from beat the goalie, space hoppers, egg and spoon, parachute and dance! Thank you to everyone that could attend and making it a very special event! A big thank you also to our EYFS team for pulling it all together!

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery have had a very busy week, ending with their class assembly on Friday. They were celebrating their daddies ahead of Father's day on Sunday. Nursery you make it so much fun with your great singing and funky dance moves. Well done everyone!

Year 1 have had a brilliant week and have worked particularly hard in phonics. We have enjoyed learning about the history of flight and looked at fascinating facts about Amelia Earhart. We have also been exploring using a 100 square and recognising and understanding numbers to 100.

Year 2 we've been writing non-chronological reports about sea creatures. Inspired by the non-fiction texts we read last term we decided to try our own non-fiction writing! We started off by analyzing other non-chronological reports to spot any must have features we can use in our own. Once we decided what we wanted to include we researched up to three different sea creatures and discovered some fun facts such as jellyfish having no central brain or starfish being able to re-grow their limbs!

In year 3, we have been writing our own adventure stories using the fantastic Anthony Browne book- 'The Tunnel' as inspiration. We have been using our brilliant imaginations to think about where a tunnel would take us and what might happen! In art, we have been continuing with our sketching unit and learning how to shade and create tone in our pictures.

Year 4 have completed their Multiplication Tables Check! The class have worked so hard over the year and have become wonderfully confident as a result. They have practiced tirelessly using TTRS at home and in school, and I am very proud of all of their efforts. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting your children with this. We have also begun exploring travel writing, and will be working on writing a travel brochure to persuade people to visit our very own Northenden!

Year 5 have been exploring different recipes for bolognese sauce. We have begun to make suggestions for adapting a basic recipe, giving reasons for the changes. In English this week, we have read the narrative poem The Highwayman and have been looking at the use of metaphors to describe the opening scene. We have explored this poem in our reading comprehension lessons, and have compared the themes in the poem with those in The Lady of Shallot.

Year 6, in Science, continued their work on electricity by investigating what happened when you added more batteries to a circuit. In History, we looked at the reasons for World War II starting. We are all looking forward to learning more about the period of time and how it affected Manchester.

CLUBS

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