



## APRIL 2025 - SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER

# Northenden Community School

Determination Ambition Equality

### THE POWER OF KINDNESS

All Parents and Carers are invited to come and share in our celebration of 'The Power of Kindness.' after school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, in the school hall.

Over the half term, we will be reading poems relating to kindness. Our celebration will be a chance to see the

children's written responses and art work

relating to these poems. All children will get to see the work displayed, including those children who attend our after school club. We hope as many people as possible can make it.



### WRAPAROUND CARE

This half term our Morning and After School Club will be starting earlier and finishing later to provide more flexibility for our families. From this week, our Morning club will open at 7.30am and our after school club will run until 6.00pm.

If you missed the letter from Tracey Beardsall last term, please follow this [link](#) for more information.

### FUNDRAISING UPDATES



Thanks to all the families who bought books at our recent Book Fair, the school has earned £974.84 in rewards to spend on new books for the children to enjoy in school, which is great! We will make sure we share our recent purchases when they arrive on [reachmoreparents](#).

It was wonderful to see so many children at our PTA disco. Thank you to our fabulous volunteers who made this event possible. Together, we raised £432, whilst your Asda cash pots raised £183. All of this money will be of real benefit to the school. Thank you! Save the date for our next PTA event, the Summer Fayre on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July!

### PARENT WORKSHOP

Manchester City Council are running a workshop dedicated to helping parents understand the risks their children face in their online lives and the practical things parents can do to help. Please register for this hour-long workshop on Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> June in which Katherine Howard, Head of Engagement and Education at Smoothwall will provide you with lots of valuable insights and tools. Follow the link to register [Register here](#)



### NURSERY 2025

We still have some places available in our Nursery for September 2025. If you have any friends or family who are looking for a Nursery place, please recommend Northenden Community School to them. If they would like any information or want to come and visit our Early Years department they can phone 0161 998 4825 or email [admin@northenden.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@northenden.manchester.sch.uk)



### LETTERS AND EMAILS

This term we will only be using

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to send letters and emails to our families.

We will continue to use ParentPay for all payments.

If you have any difficulties receiving emails, please get in touch with Sophie in the school office.

Over the summer term, we will be using the app more frequently to share and celebrate events which are happening in school.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April** - RSE consultation meeting. Look out for a video of the session if you were unable to attend.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 6 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Parents and Carers are invited to attend our celebration of 'The Power of Kindness' after school in the hall.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - School closes for May Half Term Break

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - INSET day - School Closed

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** - School reopens for Summer 2



All key dates for the whole school and each class can be found on our [Website Calendar](#) and on the [reachmoreparents](#) app.

## THANK YOU & GOOD LUCK

At the end of last half term, we said a fond farewell and thank you to Eryll Haworth, who has been a care taker at Northenden for many years and Helen Joyce, Teaching Assistant, who most of you will know from your child's time in Nursery. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Eryll and Helen for the incredibly positive contribution they have both made to school life at NCS. They will both be missed and we wish them all the best for the future.

## BEHAVIOUR POLICY

As we continue to develop the behaviour policy at NCS, you may hear children talking about the Restorative Approach, which is a way of working with conflict that puts the focus on repairing the harm that has been done. It is an approach to conflict resolution that includes all of the parties involved. One of the most important lessons children learn at Primary School is how to get along with others and therefore the restorative approach is an essential part of learning to do this. If you would like to know more, please click the link which will take you to an introductory video made by the

## RESTORATIVE APPROACH

Anti-Bullying Alliance, which explains why the restorative approach is so effective.

[Introduction to Restorative Approaches](#)



## ATTENDANCE

Our Whole School attendance target is 96%.  
Our Whole School Attendance from September is 95.1%. Let's work together to get to 96% this term.  
Classroom doors open at 8.45am - 8.55am  
To give your child the best start to the school day, they need to be in school on time so they can arrive with their friends and start the day together. This is the most supportive way you can help your child to feel calm, settled and ready to learn. Each class begins their morning with 'Time for connection', which is a really important part of the day. If your child arrives late to school, they must be brought through the main office by a parent/ carer and signed in on the screen.



## EXTENDING THE SCHOOL DAY

Please remember, from next half term the school day will start at 8.45am and end at 3.20pm, to ensure the school meets the Department of Education's minimum requirement of 32.5 hours per week. Thank you to those who contributed to the consultation. The majority of the responses were positive, and we appreciate your support. We also understand the concerns raised by some families regarding the length of the school day and how it may affect the children. Please be assured that the additional time spent in school will be carefully planned to support children's development in an age-appropriate and engaging way.

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Each classes curriculum overview can be found on the year group's webpage. Please visit the 'Learning' section of our school website to see what your child will be covering this half term.

