



Northenden Community School

Determination Ambition Equality

ATTENDANCE

Education is not a privilege. It is a fundamental human right guaranteed for all without discrimination and it is a legal requirement. Therefore everyone at Northenden Community School has to ensure all our children are able to enjoy that right every day. Education plays an important role in reducing poverty and promoting democracy, peace, tolerance, development and economic growth.

It is imperative that your child attends school every day to enjoy learning without disruption and prevent gaps from developing in their knowledge. Our children have the right to socialise and build connections. Please support us in ensuring your child attends school everyday. If you have any concerns or worries regarding attendance, please speak to a member of staff as we would be happy to help.



BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will run from Mon 9th to Thurs 12th March 3.20pm to 3.45pm in the school library. We will be accepting either contactless payments or cash (but no change given). Thanks to all for the books bought last year. Our rewards enabled us to buy these books to enjoy in our reading areas.

We hope we can buy even more this year!



MARCH IS READING MONTH

On Friday 6th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite character from a book or wear their pyjamas. The day will begin with an assembly and the children will get the chance to have a story read to them by a different teacher. They will also receive a book token to spend at the Book Fair the following week.



Tues March 31st is our 'Read into it' Fair. The children have identified their passions e.g. baking, animals or football and over the next few weeks we want them to 'read into it' both at home and at school. They can use books, magazines or blogs to learn something new. They will then present what they have learnt at our 'Read into it' Fair, after school in the hall. Everyone is invited to come along to see what they've found out.

FRIENDS OF NCS PTA

We hope as many children as possible are able to attend the School Disco on Friday 27th March. Nurs/ Rec & KS1 - 5.30pm - 6.30pm and KS2 - 6.45pm - 7.45pm. Not only do the children have a great time but it helps raise much needed funds for our school. Thank you to all the parents and carers who volunteer their time to make this event possible it really is appreciated. Please email friends@northenden.manchester.sch.uk if you would like to support this event. Please make your way to ParentPay to buy your disco tickets.



PARENT CONSULTATION

Don't forget parents evening!

Next week is our parent and carer consultation evenings. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to celebrate their achievements so far and discuss their areas for development. Your child's books will be available for you to look through before the meeting. On arrival, you will be asked to complete a parental questionnaire. It is really important to hear your views, so please take the time to respond. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues 3rd & Thurs 5th March - Parent/ Carer Consultation evening

Friday 6th March - World Book Day - Character costumes or PJs

Mon 9th to Thurs 12th March - Scholastic Book Fair in the library
3.20pm - 3.45pm. Bring your book tokens with you.

Friday 27th March - PTA Disco - More info to follow

Tuesday 31st March - 'Read Into It' Fair - After school in the hall -
Everyone is invited to attend

Thursday 2nd April - Last day of Spring 2

Monday 20th April - School re-opens for Summer 1

All key dates for the whole school and each class can be found on our [Website Calendar](#) and on the 'reachmoreparents' app calendar. Please also read your child's Year Group Newsletter, which can be found on the Year Group page of the website.



MOBO AWARDS

Our Key Stage 2 children were excited to record themselves singing 'Optimistic' today, which will be played alongside 40 other schools from across the city at the MOBO awards at the end of March. They sounded fantastic! The MOBOs (Music of Black Origin) awards are being held in Manchester for the first time and we are proud to be part of this cultural event.



JEWELLERY

The only jewellery that is allowed in school are stud earrings and a watch, which is not a Smart watch. All other forms of jewellery; long earrings, bracelets, rings are prohibited. This is both for Health & Safety reasons but also to prevent children losing their belongings unnecessarily.

Please support us by ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform every day.



HEALTHY SNACKS & WATER

Children in Early Years & KS1 are offered fresh fruit or vegetables provided by the government. If your child chooses to bring their own snack to school, this must be a healthy snack. Crisps, chocolate and sugary sweets are not to be brought into school.



For more information and ideas please visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/>

We would also like to remind you to send your child to school with their own water bottle. Being hydrated is essentially giving their brains the fuel they need to operate at peak performance. As we will hopefully be experiencing some warmer weather, please try to remember to include re-filling your child's water bottle into your morning routine.



SEND COFFEE MORNING

We will be holding another coffee morning in the after school club room on Thursday 26th March after drop off in the morning. This time we will be sharing information about Northenden's pathway to SEND. Mrs Brooks will be delivering a short presentation giving an overview of how the needs of our children with SEND are met and you will be able to ask any questions about the process. Anyone is welcome to attend. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available. We hope you can make it.



E-SAFETY

The following websites can help you review and understand the online content your child is accessing and help you make decisions on whether or not the content is appropriate for your child. They also have links and tips on how to change safety settings so that you can safeguard your child effectively.

1. <https://www.common sense media.org/>



2. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>



3. <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

