



Broadstone Hall Primary School

Newsletter

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Headteacher's Note

The second term of 2016-17 is virtually over but I feel that the school is moving forward.

This year the pupils are really responding positively to the editing and improving work that they are starting to complete in their writing.

The children are taking more responsibility for refining and developing their work and at our recent Ofsted inspection, they were able to tell the inspector how they were doing this by using the correct grammar, punctuation and vocabulary content for English in each year groups.

The inspector also listened to some pupils read and he was not only impressed with their decoding skills, but their ability to answer comprehension based questions about the texts they had read.

These aspects of learning are developing because our teachers are ensuring that the knowledge necessary and the processes required to make improvements are being used every day in the work that the pupils complete. Similar

improvements were also seen in the maths lessons and curriculum being taught. I would like to thank all the parents who came to our reading morning on World Book Day to find out how reading is taught. We are planning to hold a maths morning in the summer term for parents.

Simon Langley,
Headteacher

Ofsted Inspection

As you may be aware, Ofsted visited us last week for a Section 8, one day inspection. The inspector was very pleased with what he saw at school and was very impressed with the response to the online parent questionnaire from our school community, the results of which have now been posted on the website. He was also very impressed with the behaviour that he witnessed during lessons, at playtime and when he was speaking to various pupils of different ages.

Until the report is verified by quality control at Ofsted, we cannot share the result with you but the report should be available after the Easter holidays which we will publish on the school website.

Greater Manchester Games

Mr. McAlpine, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Duggan took our boy swimmers and mixed basketball team to the Greater Manchester Games last week which was a fantastic event.

The swimmers performed well at the Manchester Aquatics Centre and two of the pupils won their individual events.

The basketballers also did well, winning enough games to get to the semi finals and coming fourth over all. The children all had a great time and were a credit to the school.

Consent Forms

If your child is attending a trip or is chosen to represent the school at an event, please could you ensure that return slips come back to the office as soon as possible thank you.

FOB Leadership

After many years of successfully leading FOB, Bernie Sproson has had to step down from the position. Without strong leadership it will be very difficult for FOB to continue and this organisation, which puts together several events a year and raises thousands of pounds for school, will stop. If there was ever a time that FOB needed more regular supporters, it is now! Please let the office know if you can help out in any way.

Dogs on the School Grounds

Please can I remind parents that no dogs are allowed on the school grounds and this fact is clearly marked on both of the school entrances. If you are picking children up with a dog, please wait outside the Bollington Rd entrance.

School Uniform

We have moved the lost property store to the Boat House so it is easier for you to access. When we did this, all named items of clothing were returned to the pupils, but we still have 3 boxes full of unnamed items that we will have to recycled over Easter. We will try to put the lost property out this week after school at least once so that parents can look through it.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended parents evening over the last couple of weeks. We had plenty of questionnaires completed which was ironic as Ofsted rang next day! However, we will be looking through the written comments and taking actions based on these.