



# Broadstone Hall Primary School

## Newsletter

May 2017

### Headteacher's Note

Dear Parents and Carers, I would like to raise a very important issue in this newsletter which has caused some controversy on social media; Breakfast Club charges.

This is part of a wider national issue; the funding of LA maintained schools and I feel that I have to address it after some of the criticism I have heard.

Due to raised costs and diminishing funds, our school budget will steadily descend into a negative position in the next few years, unless we make significant savings and reduce expenditure. For example, we have just raised lettings fees for the School Hall, to bring them in line with our cluster schools as currently they are actually costing the school money. Unlike many smaller schools in Stockport who are already in a negative funding situation, we are not yet in the position where we will need to make support staff redundant in order to balance the books.

We are unlikely to be in this situation in the short term, but we can no longer continue to run our extra curricular services at a loss. The decision to raise charges was not taken lightly by myself and the Governing Board, but if there is a significant negative impact on Breakfast Club numbers, we will review this change. Yours sincerely,

Simon Langley,  
Headteacher

### Ofsted Inspection

I am delighted to announce that Broadstone Hall continues to be a "Good" school, according to Ofsted.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, parents, governors and most importantly, the children for working hard to make this so.

It may seem that, as we were also a good school in 2012, we have not moved forward. However, educational expectations have risen significantly in the last five years and with the introduction of a more academically challenging curriculum, testing regime and assessment system, it is much more difficult to be a good school in 2017!

The inspector was impressed with the efforts that staff and children were making at the school to improve teaching and learning, standards and attainment. The inspector could also see that the school had made significant progress in improving behaviour support at the school. The full report is now available on our website.

### National Assessments

We are now entering the time of year where our Y1, Y2 and Y6 pupils will be taking their assessments and tests. Y1 will take the Phonics Test in June, Y2 will carry out their tests which help teachers make their judgements for the end of KS1. The Y6 tests will start on 08/05/17 and are more formal in their structure.

We are making our best efforts to help the children feel relaxed, positive and confident during this time.

You can help your children and the school to do well by making sure that they are in school on time and well rested during this period.

### FOB Events

Without strong membership, it will be very difficult for FOB to continue in its present form and this organisation, which puts together several events a year and raises thousands of pounds for school, will not be able to continue. FOB needs more regular supporters now! Please come to the FOB meeting on 10/05/17 at 7pm if you can, where plans for the Fun Afternoon and the Summer Party will be organised.

### Parking Outside School

I am pleased to say that with the introduction of bollards and the parking posters, parking has clearly improved on Bollington Rd. Please can parents remember not to park on the markings at the front of the school, thank you.

### 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 overflowing with items that will have to be recycled over the Whitsun Holiday. We will try to put the lost property out after school at least once before then, so that parents can look through it.

### Dates for the Summer Term

As usual, our Summer Term will be very busy! There is an attached list on the back of this newsletter. We have put reserve Sports Day dates in place in an attempt to ensure that these events go ahead this year.