



Broadstone Hall Primary School

Newsletter

September 2017

Headteacher's Note

On behalf of all the staff at Broadstone Hall Primary School, I would like to welcome you back to the start of the new academic year. It was great to see all the pupils return after the summer holidays with such a positive attitude.

We have had the dining room repainted cream but there are plans to add some pupils artwork to the walls in the near future. We have also rebuilt the outdoor stage area and the planters and benches will be replaced soon.

There will be lots of exciting learning opportunities and activities coming up this year for children in all year groups. We are also hoping to run all our usual events for parents and carers.

We will be holding a Parents' Meeting on Monday 9th October to share data and information about the school with you, but also to ask your opinion about what the school could do to improve.

We hope that this year the excellent support that you give to our school will carry on as we continue to make Broadstone Hall a caring, respectful and co-operative learning community.

Dates for your Diary:

There is a full list of dates on the reverse of this sheet and on the school website.

School Uniform

It was really encouraging to see all of the children return to school wearing the correct uniforms and looking smart. Please could you ensure that every item of clothing has your children's names in, which will make it easier for us to return to them. Lost property will be kept in the Boat House as it was last year.

I would like to remind parents and carers that **earrings are not allowed in school** and pupils must take any earrings out before they come to school in the morning. This ruling was made with regard to Health and Safety for children in school and was decided by the Governing Body in 2013 and still applies.

Also, I would like to point out that gel nails and nail varnish are not allowed in school either.

Communication

You should have recently received a letter asking you to indicate if you still wish to receive paper copies of any correspondence from school. If you have not returned the slip, we will assume that you are able to access communication via, twitter, School Spider and our school website.

Mobile Phones

The school does **not** allow children to bring mobile phones to school **unless** they regularly walk home on their own. There is no other reason why children would need to have a phone in school and if they are not handed in at the Office, they are at risk from damage and theft. If your child fits into the category above, please fill in a Permission Form at the Office.

Website Update

This week we will be working hard to ensure that all the information on the school website is up to date for this year. Each year group will have its own page with a range of activities that you can do at home with your children. We will also have a new updated timetable and curriculum long term plan for each year on the site very soon. Please make the website one of your favourites and encourage your children to log on regularly. We would also like as many parents as possible to follow our School Spider app, which can be downloaded from the website as this is our main communication source.

Progress Data

The Department for Education recently published progress data figures between KS1 and KS2 made by children who completed Y6 in 2017. Our Y6 progress scores were as follows:

Reading 2.3 (Reading National 0.0)

Writing 1.8 (Writing National 0.0)

Maths 2.0 (Maths National 0.0)

These results put us in the DfE "above average" national progress bracket, which is something to be very proud of.

Crossing Patrol Vacancy

Our school currently has a vacancy for a crossing patrol worker, which has been advertised on the school website.

We were told last week that the post had been filled but sadly, this is not the case.

If you know anyone who is interested in this post, please ask them to respond to the advert on the council website as soon as possible.