



Broadstone Hall Primary School

Newsletter

October 2017

Headteacher's Note

Welcome to the October Newsletter.

Some of you may have noticed that Mathletics and Reading Eggs are no longer functioning and I feel that this deserves an explanation. We are now, like many schools in Stockport and nationally, facing a situation with our budget which means we have to be very careful as to how we spend every penny that comes into school. Those of you who have worked in local government will know all about cuts to services and jobs in this area and, for the first time since 2008, schools are now being directly affected.

These two programs were useful in the fact that they could be used at home but at the same time came with a very expensive annual fee. Added to this, some parents expressed negative comments about having to use them at home. We therefore decided not to renew our contracts with the providers and we are currently seeking alternatives that provide better value for money. We will keep you posted on any progress in this area.
Simon Langley,
Headteacher.

Dates for your Diary:

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

Parents Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent FOB meeting, School Target meeting and the EYFS Reading and Maths meetings. We hope that you found them useful and we are looking forward to seeing more parents at future meetings.

On Friday this week we will be holding our first Open Afternoon in the Hall from 2:30 to 3:15pm. This is a chance to see some of the different work that has been going on from Y1-Y6 and speak to some of the pupils about the activities that they have been taking part in. We will also have Mr. Owen present to show you our website and School Spider app; Miss Young from FOB will also be there and our school councillors and radio presenters from Y6 will be on hand as well to show you what they do and give out copies of our school newspaper.

Parents Evenings

These will take place on Thursday 16/11/17 and Tuesday 21/11/17 from 3:30 to 7:30pm, Nursery from 1pm. As usual, appointments will be available to book on our School Spider app after the half term holidays. Please take this opportunity to come and speak to your child's teacher about their progress.

Lost Property

Lost Property is building up again and we will aim to have it all out for inspection this week at the end of the day so that any items can be reclaimed before the half term holidays.

High School Places

If you have a Y6 child don't forget that you must apply for a High School place by the end of the half term holiday.

Christmas Concerts and Fire Regulations

We have been informed that our audience limit for public performances in the Hall is 200 people. This presents us with a serious issue as all phases of the school are now so large that it is impossible for us to accommodate all parents and family members that want to come to a performance at once. EYFS contains 121 pupils, KS1, 150 pupils and KS2, 270 pupils. In recent years, at the KS1 evening performances, the Hall has been so overcrowded that the situation was not safe if an emergency evacuation had been required.

As your children's safety is our top priority and fire regulations have to be followed by law, we have no choice but to radically change the format of our Christmas performances.

Therefore, the KS1 performances will both take place during the **afternoons**. On Wednesday 13/12/17, the performance at 2pm will be for parents of Year 1 pupils only and on Thursday 14/12/17 at 2pm the performance will be for Year 2 parents only.

KS2 performances this year will just include pupils who are in the dance and music clubs as well as those who play recorder or are in the school choir. There will be a ticket only performance at 6:30pm on Monday 11/12/17 and an afternoon performance at 2pm on Tuesday 12/12/17.

Early Years performances will follow the usual format of a "Pears" and "Apples" performance on the 8/12/17 and 11/12/17 respectively. **These changes have been made with the safety of your children as our top priority.**