



# Broadstone Hall Primary School

## Newsletter

December 2017

### Headteacher's Note

Seasons Greetings to each and every one of you from Broadstone Hall Primary School!

I hope that at some stage in the last two weeks you have been able to attend and enjoy one of our six Christmas performances. I thought that the standard of the shows was excellent and I really enjoyed watching and being a part of some of them.

I was particularly impressed by the enthusiasm of the children, and also the time and dedication that some of the staff have taken in making sure that the performances were as good as they could be. I would like to thank Mrs. Ainscough, Mrs. Worsley, Mrs. Wager and Kerry in particular for making sure that the shows ran smoothly and were of the highest standard.

I also have to thank parents and relatives for their patience at the KS2 Evening Performance as they were entering the building. We have to be very strict about numbers in the Hall now that we are so big. It would be very easy to go over the fire safety limit and, as I am sure you know, the safety of the children has to be paramount.

I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

School will be open again at 8:55am on Wednesday 3rd January 2018 & Breakfast Club at 8:00am.

Simon Langley,  
Headteacher

### Progress Data 2017

We are very proud to say that, according to the BBC website, we are one of the four Stockport Primary Schools (out of 83 in total) who have progress data in Reading, Writing and Maths, that is above the National average. This is a clear indicator that our school is doing a good job of educating your children and I would like to congratulate all the staff for reaching this achievement and all of you, for supporting us.

### Start of the Day

The vast majority of our pupils arrive at school on time and ready to learn and we appreciate this fact. Our attendance data has been on or above the 95% mark, which is the Ofsted expectation, for many years and we thank you for it. Please can all parents and carers ensure that your child is on the playground by 8:55am every day so that they do not miss any vital learning time.

### Website Update

We are due to have a website update in the near future. We have noticed, for example, that due to the current set up of the website pages, they can be very hard to read on a phone screen and this is one of the things we are aiming to improve. If you have any suggestions about our website, please can you pass them on via the School Office.

### Clubs for January

Afterschool clubs for next term go online at Parent Pay from 19/12/17 to 05/01/18. The clubs can be viewed on the website and the School Spider app. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

### Lost Property

Lost property is starting to build up again in the Boathouse. We periodically sort it and return named items to the correct pupils. To help us with this, could you please encourage your children to look after their items of clothing and also ensure that they are named, so that we can easily return lost items. There are now 555 pupils at the school so it becomes increasingly difficult to track items if they do not have names in.

### Winter Surfaces

Our playground surface seems to retain frost and ice longer than the surrounding pavements. So on freezing mornings we send the pupils in by the Reception class corridor to avoid any injuries. Our site staff and sports coaches spend the next two hours salting and scraping the playground so that it is safe. Any patches that are still icy are then coned off to indicate to the pupils that they should not be used as they are still slippery.

### Staff News

At the time of publishing, Mrs. Orndal is yet to have her baby. As soon as we get any news we will inform parents via Twitter, the school website and the School Spider app.

Mrs. Beard is due to have her baby in January next year and will be leaving us to have her maternity leave soon after we get back from Christmas.

Mrs. Tudor-Barry has joined our Y5 team and will be sharing a class with Mrs. Posner from 03/01/18.

Mrs. Fewtrell will continue to teach Mrs. Torkington's class up to February half term, whilst she recovers from illness.