



Broadstone Hall Primary School

Newsletter

February 2018

Headteacher's Note

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2018. Once again, it has been a very busy half term with lots of events taking place. Our children continue to perform very well in Stockport Sports events. We are now the Stockport Gymnastics Champions, Tri-Golf Champions and we will be sending a team to the Stockport Basketball Finals! We therefore stand a good chance of sending three teams to the Greater Manchester Games in March. In other news, we are holding an Open Afternoon on 16/02/18 in the Hall at 2:30pm. This is an opportunity for you to see the academic work that has been going on at school in the different year groups since October. We will, however, only be able to show selected students work and therefore you won't necessarily be able to see your child's individual work, at this time. There will instead be opportunities for you to do this during Parents' Evenings next half term. We are hoping that the School Library will be open again soon. We are undertaking some restructuring work in the holidays to make it separate from the Computer Suite. A full Dates List for next half term is available on the school website. Please continue to follow us on Twitter, the school website and the School Spider app for the latest updates of what is going on. Simon Langley, Headteacher

Governor Election

We are very pleased that four parents have put themselves forward for the position of Parent Governor. All families at the school should have received a ballot paper with the candidates names and personal statements attached.

Voting closes at 3:30pm on 16/02/18 and then the ballot papers will be counted to see who has won the election. If you still wish to vote, please ensure that your completed ballot paper is in the ballot box outside the office by 3:30pm on 16/02/18.

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on 01/03/18 and as usual, we will be combining it with our Reading Open Morning from 9:00 – 10:00am. This will start in the Hall and it will be an opportunity for you to see what kind of reading work your children undertake in their classrooms.

We believe that reading is the corner stone of the curriculum and a firm grasp of reading skills is the gateway to understanding in all other curriculum areas, so its place in children's educational development can not be undervalued.

Pupils can dress up as their favourite book character if they wish. We hope that you will be able to join us on the day.

Mrs. Ham-Halket

Mrs. Ham-Halket will be leaving us on 16/02/18 to spend more time with her children and develop her new coffee making business. I would personally like to thank her for all the hard work and effort that she has put into supporting the school over many years, both at school and in her own time.

Broadstone Babies

The school would like to send our congratulations to Mrs. Orndal and her new baby, Ethan Alexander and Mrs. Beard on the arrival of her baby boy, Jaxon Thomas.

Parking At School

Parking at school continues to be an issue and every week some parents raise their concerns with this matter to me.

We are working closely with the Council to make the area around school safer at the start and the end of the day and the Council are going to take further steps to make the area around school safer for your children and yourselves.

In the meantime, I am courteously asking you to be caring, respectful and co-operative parkers near school.

Please could I also remind parents that the school car park is for **staff only**.

Social Media Issues

We have already had three issues to deal with around the use of social media at the school this half term. Our Social Media Policy, which has been adopted by all of our cluster schools, is available on the website for you to read as a guide. The BBC has some useful resources for children on its website at <https://www.bbc.com/ownit>.

These were shown to KS2 pupils during an assembly on World Internet Awareness Day last week and I would recommend that all parents spend some time looking at them.

School Uniform

Can I remind parents to please ensure that all children's clothing is named, then we can easily return it to the correct child.

We are aiming to return all named items by the end of half term and display all other items at the end of school on Thursday 15/02, if the weather is good. Unnamed items cannot be kept indefinitely.

Can I also reiterate that earrings are categorically not allowed to be worn in school.

Children wearing earrings will not be allowed to take part in swimming, P.E., lunch time play or break times.