



Broadstone Hall Primary School

Newsletter

November 2018

Headteacher's Note

Welcome to the November Newsletter.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and children who attended the Lantern Parade on Remembrance Sunday. The parade was very well attended and the children were a credit to the school. We have also celebrated Remembrance Day with a moving visit from some WW2 veterans who shared their stories with the children. We have taken part in an art project called "Dream Boxes" which links to the 100 years anniversary of the end of WW1 and this will be on display in Stockport Art Gallery until February next year. Please go along and see it if you can.

This week we are celebrating 100 years of the RAF by having a Flight Day on Tuesday 27/11/18. The children will be taking part in flight based lessons and assemblies and dressing up on the day.

I would also like to say a big thank you to all the children who bought poppies and associated gifts for the poppy appeal, we sold out of everything!

Dates for your Diary:

There is a full list of Christmas dates on the website and this will be posted again on the School Spider app.

Staff Changes

This month we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs. Tudor-Barry, who will be leaving us as Mrs. Orndal is returning from her Maternity Leave.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent Parents Evenings, we hope that you found them useful. We received some very positive feedback from the 140 surveys that were filled in; thank you to those parents who did so.

Emergency Contacts

Please can you ensure that if you change your address or phone number, this is passed onto the Office. We have had some recent issues when trying to contact parents who we do not have up to date information for.

Attendance Figures

I am pleased to say that our attendance data has gone above 96% for the first time in over a year. This is the acceptable level for school attendance figures as set by Ofsted and the DfE. Thank you for your co-operation in improving this figure.

Scooters and Bicycles

Please can parents ensure that their children put their bikes and scooters away at the start of the day and walk them off the playground at the end of the day. Last week, a child was knocked down by another child, who was scooting round the playground and they received a nasty cut to the head. Such accidents can be avoided if children do not ride around on the playground at the start or end of the day.

Christmas Events

As happened last year, **the KS1 performances will both take place during the afternoons.** This information was originally included on the October newsletter so that parents had time to book off these dates well in advance. Tickets are currently being distributed.

The Christmas Fair takes place on Friday 7th of December between 6 and 8pm. If you can help in any way please contact the School Office.

Lunchtime Meals

If you wish to change your child over from packed lunches to school meals or visa versa, please can you inform the Office in writing with two weeks notice so this change can be processed.

We have also noticed that a number of children on packed lunches are throwing all or part of their lunches away, so that they can play for longer at lunchtime. We are now checking lunchboxes as, if children do not have adequate food intake at lunchtime, they will struggle to engage in afternoon lessons. We will be delivering some lessons and assemblies on the importance of correct nutrition but, if parents could reinforce this message at home, it would be very useful.

Parents Code of Conduct

Due to a rise in the number of incidents at Stockport Schools in which a small minority of parents have become violent or abusive, the Local Authority have produced a Code of Conduct for parents. This has been approved by our Governing Board and is in the policies section of our website for you to read. Thank you.