



Headteacher's Note

The second term of 2018-19 is nearly over and it has been busy as usual.

We have been taking part in various competitions including the Stockport Public Speaking Competition, where some of our Y6 pupils spoke very well.

Our Y6 football team, who are Stockport Champions, got as far as the North of England Finals in the Road to Wembley Competition.

This is the furthest that any of our football teams have ever got in this competition. I would like to congratulate the team, thank the parents for their support and thank Kelly Miller for coaching them all the way through the various rounds that they have attended.

They will be playing at Stockport County this coming Saturday, during the half time break and the club have been kind enough to give us tickets for most of the pupils in the school who wish to attend.

Both of our basketball teams made it to the Stockport Finals and the A team were very unlucky to lose in the final to Pownall Green. We hope that you all have a great Easter Holiday and we will see you again on Tuesday 23rd of April.

A full dates list for next half term will be available on the website at the start of summer term.

Simon Langley,
Headteacher

Play Ground Improvements

You may have noticed that things have been changing on the playground recently to improve the facilities for the children. Despite the difficult financial circumstances in education at the moment, we have been able to access grants from the National Lottery Fund, additional funds from the DfE and the School Sports Grant to pay for playground improvements.

The three muddy areas are being resurfaced with rubber mulch made from recycled tyres, new markings will appear on the playground for games lessons/playtimes and the shelters paid for by FOB donations are being painted by "Good Gym," a local charity run by one of our parents.

I would like to thank them for their support in making the playground a much better area for our children.

Independence and Responsibility

As the pupils move through the school, there is an expectation from us that they become more independent and responsible learners. We feel that it is important for the pupils to develop organisational skills, so that they become responsible for making sure that they have the right equipment for school each day. This becomes a national requirement when the pupils are in Y6, as the editing and improving work that they carry out for their writing assessment has to be completed by themselves, **not** the teachers.

We would really appreciate it if you could support your children to become more independent in this way by helping them to remember their lunch box, reading bag, PE. Kit, reply slips etc. and we thank you for your support.

Litter and Recycling

I would like to draw your attention to the fantastic work being carried out by a small group of boys in Y5 LMC, who are picking up litter along the Bollington Road path way every week, independently of the school.

This is a fantastic example of how young people can make a direct impact on their environment for the better, by spending some of their own time to clean it up. Well done boys!

Traffic Around School

Since the appointment of Mrs. White as our School Crossing Patrol Officer, parking around the site seems to have improved and the number of complaints we have received about parents' parking have reduced. However, can I ask again that all parents continue to park in a caring, respectful and co-operative manner outside the school grounds.

School Uniform

Lost property continues to build up in the Boat House. Recently, all named items of clothing were returned to the pupils, but we still have two boxes full of unnamed items. We will try to put the lost property out this week after school if the weather is good so that parents can look through it.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended parents evening over the last couple of weeks. We hope that you found the information that you received on how to help your child meet the next steps in their learning useful. All the teachers really appreciate your continued support in this area.