



23rd April 2019

IMPORTANT APPEAL
Leadership of Friends of Broadstone, “FOB”

FOB are planning to have a meeting on Wednesday 08/05/19 at 7pm to organise groups of volunteers who will take responsibility for ensuring that our summer events go ahead. If you can help in any way, please come along to offer your support.

After two years of successfully leading FOB, Heather Young has stepped down from the position. She has carried this role out in a very selfless manner, whilst having a full time role at the school, and I would like to thank her for all her efforts during this time. Heather has led FOB to raise several thousand pounds in the last two years – which has had significant impact on every child’s enjoyment and learning in school.

Some of you may remember that Bernie Sproson had this role for some years prior to 2017, being associated with the school as a mid-day assistant and a grandmother of a child who attended the Broadstone. This means that the role of FOB chairperson has been carried out by a member of staff for over the last 4 years.

I would like to point out that there is a tireless group of parents, who give up their time to help with the wide range of FOB events, and I would like to thank them for their amazing support. However, they are a small group and none of them are able to take on the role of FOB Chairperson at this moment in time.

Our current list of FOB assistants is around 20 parents and it is rare for us to have more than 10 parents come to the meetings that are held each term, yet there are 541 pupils at the school. All of these children get the opportunity to enjoy FOB events like Secret Santa or the Fun Afternoon and receive the benefits of the resources that FOB purchase for the school, such as the dining room tables or the outdoor shelters on the playground.

FOB needs either someone who has the time and energy to take up the responsibility of being Chairperson, or a group of parents who will take turns to organise the well-structured and established events that FOB run each year, so that they can continue and the school community can benefit from them.

Without strong leadership, it will be very difficult for FOB to carry on and this organisation, which puts together several events a year and raises thousands of pounds for school, will stop. If there was ever a time that FOB needed more regular supporters, it is now!

At the moment, some parents and staff have agreed to organise the very popular summer garden party, but if no volunteers step forward the annual Friday Fun Afternoon which happens each summer term, will not take place.

Yours sincerely,
Simon Langley,

Headteacher