



Broadstone Hall Primary School

Newsletter

May 2019

Headteacher's Note

Dear Parents and Carers,
The first half of the summer term is nearly over and it has been full of a variety of events and activities for our children.

Our school continues to do well in Stockport sporting events including Y3 football, girls football and Tri Golf competitions.

Our Y6 pupils have completed the SATs tests and have shown a fantastic attitude towards what is an increasingly demanding process. Results will be available in early July.

Our School Library is now functioning once more, under the leadership of Mrs. Orndal (and some parent helpers) who hosted each class for a refresher visit on how the library system works.

Our main playground area has had a major facelift with new surfaces, markings and shelters all being completed by the end of the Easter Holidays. Thank you to FOB for providing funds to complete this update and to "Good Gym" for helping with the painting of the shelters. Our Special Educational Needs Staff have been praised by the Local Authority for their excellent professional standards and practice and also their selfless duty of care towards our pupils with significant needs.

We hope that you enjoy the half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday 10th June
Yours sincerely,
Simon Langley,
Headteacher

Companion Dog

As you may be aware, we now have a companion dog who comes to visit the school once or twice a week. It is owned by Mrs. Gallagher and is under close supervision at all times.

The value of pet 'therapy' is widely accepted as a powerful aid to stimulation and communication. Studies have shown that the presence of companion animals can improve the well-being of children and lower the rate of anxiety, simply by making the environment happier, more enjoyable and less forbidding.

We have sent a letter to parents via School Spider and the school website and there is an LA approved risk assessment for the companion dog on the information section of the website, under School Policies.

National Assessments

We are now entering the time of year where our Y1, Y2 and Y6 pupils take their assessments and tests. Y1 will take the Phonics test in June, Y2 will carry out their tests which help teachers make their judgements for the end of KS1 this week.

The Y6 tests were carried out last week and the children have worked really hard, but they still have writing assessments to complete in June.

As usual, we are making our best efforts to help the children feel relaxed, positive and confident during this time. For example, many Y6 children and staff have enjoyed yoga sessions, led by Mrs. Wager each morning.

You can help your children to do well by making sure that they are in school on time and well rested during this period.

FOB Events

Each year, we hold several summer events for our school community, which many parents come to and enjoy. We now thankfully have 2 parents who are going to share the role of FOB Chairwoman— introductions will be made via School Spider & the website shortly. However, we still need voluntary support from parents, for these events to take place. All funds raised benefit all the children at school.

Please leave your contact details at the Office if you can help at any of our summer events this year. Thank-you.

Lateness

Can parents please remember that the bell for the start of school goes at 8:55am and lessons start promptly at 9am. There are an increasing number of children arriving at the main entrance after this time.

School Kits

Please can parents make sure that children have the correct kits in school on the right days so that children can join in games, swimming and Forest School activities with the rest of the children in their class or group. Can I also remind parents that earrings are not allowed in school.

Summer Dates List

As usual, our summer term will be very busy so a Dates List will be put on the website this week. We have put Reserve Sports Day dates in place in an attempt to ensure that these events go ahead this year, but please remember, if the conditions are too slippery or wet for the events to take place, they will have to be cancelled in the interest of the safety of your children.