



Broadstone Hall Primary School

Newsletter

February 2020

Headteacher's Note

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to our first newsletter of 2020.
Once again it has been a busy month as our children continue to perform very well at Stockport Sports events.

We have taken part in several football tournaments in January and our girls football team along with our Y1 and Y2 football teams are all through to the final rounds of their competitions.

We sent our basketball team to compete at the Stockport Basketball Finals and they narrowly missed out on winning the tournament by **one point** to Didsbury Rd.

We are also through to the Stockport finals of the Curling competition as one of our teams won the recent tournament held at The Heatons School.

This is what I feel Broadstone Hall, as a school, really excels at; giving pupils the opportunity to compete, perform and achieve at a local level outside the normal school environment.

We do try and ensure that as many pupils as possible can be involved in these opportunities but often numbers are limited by the organisers.

Please continue to follow us on the school website and the school spider app.
Simon Langley,
Headteacher.

Security at School

If you are entering school via the **front** (Nursery) Main gate after 9:15am or before 3:00pm please make sure you are buzzed through by the Office **but do not let anybody else come in with you.**

This may sound a little harsh but last week a bike was stolen by a stranger "tailgating" on the back of somebody else. The following day the same person tried to access school in the same way by following close behind a parent but they were recognised and ran away.

Due to this incident we have increased security vetting at the school but we need your help to make sure that unknown adults do not enter the school site without being checked first.

Additionally, at the start and end of the day, please do not try and enter the **school building** whilst the children are coming into or leaving the building. If you need to speak to somebody at school please come to the Office first or speak to the member of staff who is on the **back** (Big playground) gate who should be able to help or pass on any messages.

There are around 532 pupils either leaving or entering the school at these times and although we know the vast majority of parents and childminders by sight, it is sometimes hard to spot a stranger.

If somebody different is coming to either drop off or pick up your child, please let the Office know in advance so we can tell the class teacher.

In these ways, we can all help to make the school even safer for your children.

Thank you for your co-operation with these issues.

Calendar Dates for 2021

The Calendar dates for the next academic year have just been published on our school website. Please make sure that you refer to them before booking any holidays as our INSET days may impact on certain weeks. We have tried to ensure that there are as few split weeks as possible but there is only so much scope to be able to do this within the template that we are given from the Local Authority.

Healthy Snacks in School

Currently all children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are given free fruit every day by the Local Authority. However this does not continue into Key Stage 2. We would like to encourage pupils from Year 3 onwards if bringing a snack for break time in the morning, for it to be a healthy, fruit based snack. At the moment we are having to remind one or two pupils that crisps and chocolate are not suitable for snacks at this time. I would also like to remind parents that nuts are not allowed in school due to the high risk this would cause to some of our children with significant nut allergies.

Corona Virus

There are currently no children or members of staff at the school who have the Corona Virus. We have sent the messages from the Local Authority out about this illness to our school community simply as guidance.

Operation Encompass

We are now an Operation Encompass School which means that the Police will share any information with us that may involve our parents or children. Further details are available on the school website.