

# **Broadstone Hall Primary School Newsletter**

March 2018

#### Headteacher's Note

The second term of 2017-18 is nearly over and it has been busy, if short.

The pupils are continuing to develop their 'editing and improving' skills as they move forward up the school and this is evident in the writing and wider curriculum books that I have been looking at recently. The children are taking more responsibility for improving and developing their work and our teachers are ensuring that the knowledge

necessary and the processes required to do this are being used every day in the classroom.

We have also had a busy time taking part in various competitions including the **Stockport Public Speaking** Competition, where some of our Y6 pupils put forward an excellent argument about the value of humour in our lives.

Our KS2 Gymnastic team, performed well at the Greater Manchester Games, coming third overall and our Y6 football teams also played well at the Stockport County 6-a-side tournament. The Bteam made it to the semi finals and the A-team made it through but unfortunately lost in the final. Our Y3 footballers won a tournament held at Sports City last week, coming first

We hope that you all have a great Easter holiday. A full dates list for next half term is overleaf & is also available on the website calendar.

out of a total of 16 teams.

Simon Langley, Headteacher

# **Pupil Independence**

As the pupils move through the school, there is an expectation from us that they become more independent learners. 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 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.

Therefore, 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.

# World Book Day

It was a real shame that the original date for World Book Day coincided with a snow day where we were forced to close the school. I know that many children and staff had already dressed up for the day when the news came that school was closed.

Therefore we will be running World Book Day this Thursday so that the children have the opportunity to dress up and parents can come and see what kind of reading activities take place in the classes at the school. This will start in the hall at 9am. We hope that you can join us this time round and we hope that the weather will be more favourable!

This also means that the date for the X Factor competition will move to the final Friday of next half term.

### **Easter Egg Artwork**

I would like to make a special mention to all the pupils who entered eggs into the Easter competition this year. The theme was famous artists and I was absolutely astounded, not only by the quality of the art work presented, but by the knowledge that the children (and parents) had about the work of famous artists. I would like to thank Miss. Biggs for organising the competition. There are some pictures of the eggs on our Twitter feed.

# **Traffic Calming**

Councillor Tom Grundy, who is a member of our Governing Board, has confirmed that new pencil bollards will be placed outside the school in April to prevent drivers parking in a dangerous manner near the front of the school. Can I ask again that all parents 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 three 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' Evenings 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.