

# Broadstone Hall Primary School Newsletter

September 2019



#### Headteacher's Note

On behalf of all the staff at Broadstone Hall Primary School, I would like to welcome you back to the start of the new academic year. This year we would like more parents to become active members of our PTA, known as Friends of Broadstone or FOB. Please come to the next meeting on Tuesday 12/11/19 at 6:30pm if you can and help to make a positive impact in our school community. This year, we have introduced new menus at the school Breakfast Club and during lunchtimes.

Broadstone Hall post learning hub, "The HUB," has also opened and is providing top quality wrap around care for our pupils.

Yoga lessons will now form a part of our school curriculum in Key Stage 2 and all pupils will have the opportunity to take part in these over the year. These sessions will be taught by Mrs. Wager, who is a qualified children's Yoga teacher. I would like to thank FOB for providing the yoga mats to make these sessions possible.

Also we have achieved the Stockport Gold Standard for involvement in sporting competitions in 2018-19. And finally, I would like to remind parents to try and avoid taking holidays in term time this year, as absences can have a detrimental impact on your child's learning.

Simon Langley, Headteacher

#### **Core Learning Values**

This year we are introducing four Core Learning Values across our curriculum. These values are Resilience, Independence, Co-operation and Confidence. If you would like to learn more about the curriculum, our school performance and these learning values, please come to a repeat of the 23/09/19 evening Parents' meeting, at 9:00am in the Hall on Wednesday 09/10/19 straight after drop off.

#### **Additional Funding**

If your child has been adopted from Local Authority Care, they may be entitled to additional funding. If you would like to speak to someone about this in confidence, please contact Mrs. Whitlow, our Family Liaison Worker or Mrs. Rogers, our Deputy Headteacher, via the School Office.

## **Medication in School**

If your child regularly has medicine in school, it is your duty to make sure that it is kept in date and this **includes inhalers for asthma.** This is laid out in the Stockport Medical Conditions Schools Policy.

If this applies to you, can you please check that the medication we have in school is in date, thank you.

#### **Mobile Phones**

The school does **not** allow children to bring mobile phones to school **unless** they regularly walk home on their own. There is no other reason why children would need to have a phone in school and if they are not handed in to staff, they are at risk from damage and theft. If your child fits into the category above, please fill in a Mobile Phone Permission Form at the Office.

#### Communication

Our school community of pupils and staff now number over 600 and this does not include figures for parents. It is no longer economically or environmentally viable to send letters out to all of you for every event that we hold. Our main sources of communication are now the school website, the School Spider app, e-mail and for 2019-20, we have also provided a full set of dates for the whole year with all major events listed so that you know about them well in advance. If you do need paper copies of communications, please let the office know so that you are kept in the loop.

#### **Earrings in School**

In 2013, the Governing Body made the decision that earrings were not allowed to be worn in school and a reminder of this policy has been on the website ever since. Can you please ensure that your children do not come to school with earrings in.

### **Entrance to School**

School starts at 8:55am and pupils from Y1-Y6 should be on the playground by this time via the Bollington Rd entrance. Children in Nursery and Reception should come through the main entrance onto the Early Years playground by this time.

## **School Uniform**

Please ensure that every item of clothing has your child's names in, which will make it easier for us to return them. Lost property containers in the Boat House are already full however, so we are encouraging children to be responsible for their own belongings.