

Broadstone Hall Primary School

Newsletter

July 2016

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School Spider App



We are in the process of launching our School Spider App, which is available for all parents with smartphones. School Spider is a short version of our website. Logins and passwords will be issued in September. This app can still be used to keep in touch with school dates. and news items. To download, simply go to your smartphone app store, download School Spider, then sync it to Broadstone Hall Primary School. Features include News and Calendar which show future events along with copies of letters sent out to children.

Dates for your Diary

01+02/09/16 Staff Training days.

05/09/16: School will be open from 8:55 am, breakfast club from 8:00 am.

Safeguarding

At the beginning and end of the school day, please ensure parents/carers wait outside on the playground. For safeguarding reasons, parents/ unauthorised visitors are not allowed in the school building.

Dinner Money September 2016

Dinner Money will remain at £2.10 per day £10.50 per week, paid in advance via www.ParentPay.com

September 2016 Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool club letters will be sent out towards the end of the week. A copy of the letter will also be on our School Spider App.

Afterschool clubs will start the first week back in September. Places can only be booked via

www.ParentPay.com or see the office if you are eligible for a free place.

Stockport Family Worker

We now have a Stockport Family worker, Nicole Turner, who is working with school to provide help and support or advice to parents. If you would like her to contact you, please call Louise Whitlow at school.

Reminder of Bell Time

8:55am. We are experiencing many children coming through the office; from September all children will have to enter school via their own playground. Children will not be allowed in via the office, unless the gate is locked.

School Uniform

In September, the uniform code of black shoes will be expected of all pupils as usual. P.E. kit is white shirt, black shorts and trainers for outdoor games. Also, I would like to remind parents and carers that if they want to have their children's ears pierced, this is the time to get it done as earrings are not allowed in school.

School Holiday List 2016/2017

Inset Days

Thursday 1st September 2016 Friday 2nd September 2016 Monday 31st October 2016 Monday 27 February 2017 Friday 7th July 2017

Main Term Dates

Autumn Term 2016

Thu 1st September to Fri 23rd December Spring Term 2017

Mon 9th January to Fri 31st March

Summer Term 2017

Tue 18th April to Fri 26th May

Half -Term Holidays

Autumn Term 2016
Mon 24th Oct to Fri 28th Oct
Spring Term 2017
Mon 20th Feb to Fri 24th Feb

Summer Term 2017

Mon 29th May to Fri 9th June **Public Holidays**

Good Friday 14th April 2017 May Day 1st May 2017 Easter Monday 17th April 2017 Spring Bank Holiday 29th May 2017



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Headteachers Note

Last week I attended four events at school, the music and dance performance, the traffic calming proposal meeting, the drama production and the Y6 Prom. I am struck by, not only the fantastic team work and sense of well being that is shared by the children and staff, but the sense of community that is demonstrated by the attendance at these events. Within this newsletter I have highlighted our academic outcomes for this year which have been mixed, but by which we are judged. However, what also makes a successful school is the way in which we develop our pupils (and your children) through shared experiences, as we have witnessed in recent weeks and how we celebrate them as a school community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has contributed to our community this year; parents, teachers, staff, governors and most importantly the children. Have a great summer. Simon Langley, Headteacher.

Staff Changes for 2016

This summer, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Mitchell, who has taught in YR at the school for 10 years! I would like to thank her for all her efforts and we are looking forward to working with her again when she takes on her new role as Curate at St Elizabeth's church. Hopefully, the children will be able to visit her and find out about the history of our local church. We will be welcoming Mrs Keane back to school as a Y2 teacher and Miss Healey, who will be teaching in Y1 during Mrs Torkington's maternity leave.

New Reports Format

You will have noticed that the new end of year reports came out this week. They are designed to be more user friendly and focus on what parents and carers really want to know about. For the first time, all year groups from Y1-Y6 now have reports based on end of year expectations, rather than the old numerical levels. Please do not feel too disappointed if your child has not met end of year expectations in some areas this year. Pupils' attainment is based on the 2014 Curriculum which is deliberately intended to have more challenging outcomes for each year group than in the past.

Staff Car Park

Parents, please do not use the staff car park.

Parking around School

Please could parents be considerate when dropping children off and collecting from school. Please consider local residents and please do not compromise the safety of our children.

Charity Total for 2016

As you may know, this year we have been raising money for the diabetes charity, JDRF. Each year group has held a themed fund raising event and we have added donations from other events over the year. We have currently raised £2,517 for this charity and the school council would like to thank everybody for taking part and donating so generously.

School Data For 2016

Our school data outcomes for the end of this year have been more varied than in previous years and this is due to a range of factors. There have been more rigorous and challenging tests for pupils in Y2 and Y6 and they have clearly had an impact on our overall performance. Early years data has improved on last year with 69% of children achieving a "good level of development," a rise of 2% over last year. The Y1 phonics test results have also improved to 83% of pupils meeting the standard. In KS1, pupils have performed well in reading, but less so in writing and maths as the new end of year expectations have proved hard for some pupils to achieve. In KS2, the government's floor standard of 65% of pupils meeting the end of year expectations were met in writing, reading and punctuation, grammar and spelling, but not in maths (usually our strongest subject). Again the rise in expected standards has been a key factor in this change. However, we now have a clear bench mark from which to develop and steps are already in place to make the necessary improvements. I would also like to thank all the pupils and staff who worked so hard to do their best towards meeting the new standards this year.