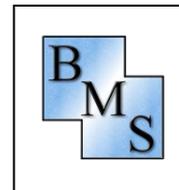




BROADSTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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CHARITY WEEK

A huge thank you for supporting us during our recent Charity Week. The children had lots of fun raising £1129.39 for local charity Monkey World. This was raised from a non-uniform day, a crazy hair day, cake sales and a chocolate tombola. We also sold merchandise from the Monkey World gift shop making another £200.

The children also had an assembly from a representative from Monkey World's Education Department. They enjoyed learning about the work that they do and many brought in donations of blankets and socks, which were gratefully received.

I am sure you will agree this was a fantastic effort by all concerned.

Gemma Dale

CAR PARK

In response to concerns from parents and staff we are trying to find a better way of organising the car park. We have moved some staff cars to the top playground and directed staff to park in specific areas to create more space.

This means we can effectively extend our drop off zone around the corner to the bottom edge adjacent to the playground. This will hopefully stop children having to walk across the car park and have the added bonus of speeding up the time parents have to spend waiting.

From observations, things get snarled up when parents park in the drop off zone. If you need to come into the school please can you park in one of the bays in the middle of the car park. Also, when picking up your children, it will make things much quicker and easier if you park in the bays until you see your child and then proceed to the drop off zone.

We are hoping this new system will make things easier and more importantly safer for all.

As always, please contact me if you have any comments or suggestions.

Mrs Wilks

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

We would like to remind parents that we can only keep prescribed medicines at school. Other medicines such as Strepsils, Halls, Jakemans, paracetamol, calpol sachets etc. must not be carried in pupil's bags. Should your child need to take these medications during the school day they should hand them into the school office before morning registration with a completed 'Request for School to Administer Medication and Also Self-Administration by Pupil' form. All medicine should be in its original packaging with your child's name and form on. The 'Request for School to Administer Medication and Also Self-Administration by Pupil' form can be downloaded from our school website. Please also note that due to storage capacity we are unable to hold medicines such as pain killers etc. on a 'just in case my child needs it' basis.



3rd PHASE OF SCHOOL UNIFORM CONSULTATION

Many thanks for all your feedback and support regarding the proposed changes to our school uniform and logo.

As you are aware, we started the consultation in October last year and we received lots of comments. We followed this up with a survey in December. The next phase of the consultation is to gain feedback on our 'first draft' of uniform.

We have carefully considered the views of parents, pupils, staff and governors and believe that we have found an exciting design, which addresses the wishes, comments and any concerns you raised. We warmly invite you to view this possible uniform in the school entrance from Tuesday 16th until Friday 27th January. This also means that you will be able to see it on 'book



look' evening on the 23rd as you are passing through reception. There will be a box for your comments. We have attached some photos, however, we thought it would be helpful to see the quality of the first proposal first hand.

Our first draft uniform consists of navy blue blazers, white shirts and clip-on sapphire-blue ties for all our pupils, with optional blue jumpers and charcoal grey trousers or tartan kilts. Girls will of course, be able to choose to wear either a skirt or trousers. Currently, it is our plan that the new school uniform will be in place for September 2017. It will be able to be sourced through two local outlets: Bartletts of Wimborne and PMG of Poole and will cost approximately £65 without a jumper. This is comparable to other uniforms nationally.

Naturally we are sensitive to the financial implications of a uniform change and acknowledge that our new school uniform will be slightly more expensive to buy at the outset. However, it will also be more durable, smarter and more contemporary and we know our pupils will be extremely proud to wear it. Most importantly, it will be *uniform* rather than a multitude of variations.

If you are in receipt of the 'Pupil Premium' then you will be able to use your allocated funds to pay for the uniform. If you are not sure if you are eligible for this additional funding, please contact the school and we will be able to point you in the right direction.

We are also looking to offer a second-hand service for items still in good condition.

We are sure you will agree that this new uniform will reflect Broadstone Middle School's high expectations and vision for the future.

Mrs Wilks

3rd PHASE OF SCHOOL UNIFORM CONSULTATION—FAQs

We photographed pupils in the first proposal on Friday so that we could initiate phase 3 of consultation this week. Following this, there appears to be significant speculation on social media. Please find below responses to some of your questions and concerns, which were kindly collated by the PTA for us:

Cost - There are rumours that blazers will be worn, checked skirts and trousers and that these will have to be purchased from a specialist shop and not readily available on the high street or from the supermarkets etc. Parents also didn't realise it would be a whole uniform change, rather than just a jumper or blazer. Parents are stating that BMS is not a private school and the uniform shouldn't be made to look like one or have the costs of one.

The costs were pivotal to our choice. The cost of the uniform is comparable to other schools both locally and nationally. Some items will need to be purchased from a supplier (as is the case now). We are increasing our suppliers so that we have more choice for parents and prices remain competitive.

In the first proposal, there is still the ability to source much of the uniform through the high street (shirts, socks, trousers, shoes). We have never talked about a partial uniform change so I am unsure of where this confusion has arisen.

The first proposal is a direct response to feedback. This is what stakeholders have said they would like. As with any consultation, you will always get views on completely different ends of the spectrum and we appreciate that we will not please everyone. However, we have taken on board people's comments and have created a proposal based on the majority view.

Will there be some sort of funding available to assist, particularly to families with lower incomes?

Absolutely. If you are, or ever have been in receipt of free school meals then your allocated additional funding will actually cover the full cost of the uniform.

Will the uniform be phased and will the new Year 8 children have to wear the new uniform, bearing in mind they will only be there for a year and it's a big cost outlay to purchase all new uniform.

We need to look at what options we can put in place for the current year 7 pupils. There will be a slightly different expectation for this cohort but the specifics are not decided at this point, only when we agree the uniform will we look at this aspect of roll out.

Will the girls have a trouser option?

Of course.

Will wearing ties be optional?

Overwhelmingly people wanted ties – if we decide to have a tie it will be compulsory.

Blazers - an expensive outlay. Is this instead of a jumper or as well as, and are the pupils expected to wear this instead of a coat, or underneath their winter coat? If so, bigger coats will need to be purchased for the blazer to fit under.

Blazers would be compulsory and jumpers would be optional in this first proposal. I would always encourage children to wear coats in the cold weather. The reason we have taken a year to consult is that parents can be thinking ahead.

3rd PHASE OF SCHOOL UNIFORM CONSULTATION—FAQs Contd/.....

The main issue has been the lack of communication from the school with regards to proposals and as such there is much speculation, which of course could be completely off the mark. There has been little parent consultation to date, prior to what looks like a final decision being made in the near future, or having been made already.

We consulted in October. We surveyed in December. It's now January and we are consulting again, this time with a first proposal. No decision has been made. This is the first attempt at expressing what stakeholders have said – we have to start somewhere.

Parents would like to see the proposed new uniform on the Book Look evening, together with costs, options and where it can be purchased from.

Phase 3 of consultation starts tomorrow and runs for 2 weeks. It was purposely planned to coincide with the Book Look evening. We have not made a firm decision, this is only the first proposal, so costs and options are not confirmed at this point. A rough pricing guide is available.

Government guidelines regarding School uniform (2013) have been posted. Has the school adhered to this?

This is the guidance we are working to; this is a good thing for parents to be aware of. It is non-statutory guidance but believe it gives us a clear direction. We are more than compliant with the guidance and going forward, we will monitor using this too.

If you have any questions please contact the school directly. We can answer you with the right information.

What Are My Rights?

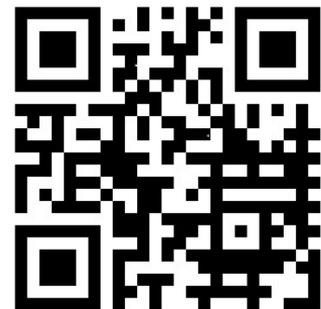
Please find details of a website provided to school (www.lawstuff.org.uk). The site is for young people aged between 10 and 21 years of age to help them understand and access their legal rights. The website covers topics such as:

Police and Law	Online Safety
Children's Services	My Rights
Education	Sex Health and Drugs
Not from the UK	Abuse and Bullying
Home and Family	At what age can I?

Hope this will be of help, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss matters.

Jane Tomlinson

Welfare Lead



SCHOOL BUS 462 TO MERLEY

As a result of declining numbers on the school buses from Merley it has been decided to combine the 465 and the 25 into a single route. This change will happen after the half term break on Monday 20 February. The route and timetable of the combined service will be as the current 462 but the service will be renumbered 425. Therefore, the only change for pupils currently travelling on the 462 will be the route number. Pupils currently using the 25 will need to check the timetable for their most appropriate bus stop.

Pupils with passes for the 462 or the 25 will be able to continue to use them on the 425 route.



Last week, Year 6 had a visit from the staff at The Junction gym to kick start their new topic 'Waist not, want not'. With enthusiasm, the pupils quickly warmed-up and took part in a range of fitness exercises led by the instructors. As they carried out their workout, they learnt new facts about nutrition, muscle groups and facts. All pupils (and staff) had a thoroughly enjoyable morning and were suitably excited about their new topic, where they will learn about the body and design and make a healthy snack bar.

Miss Swann

E SAFETY ALERT

Just to make you fully aware our school has been made aware of an app which is currently being used by some older children in other schools. The app is called Yellow and has been likened to a dating app for teenagers. Obviously this is causing some issues.

If you have any issues or concerns, please feel free to contact the school.

Many thanks, Jane Tomlinson

Welfare Lead

FACILITIES AT BMS

The school has a floodlit MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) which is available for hire out of school hours. We also have two football pitches, (5-a-side and 11-a-side), and a school hall. For further information please contact Miss S Parkin, Trust Business Manager by phone 01202 642774 or email schooloffice@broadstonemiddle.poole.sch.uk

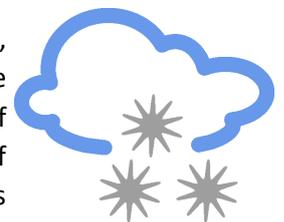
END-OF-DAY ARRANGEMENTS

We appreciate end-of-day arrangements may change unexpectedly, particularly in icy, cold or wet weather or when an after-school club or match has been cancelled on the day. When this happens pupils often become worried as they are unsure of the end of day arrangements. As the school office is a busy place, particularly towards the end of the day, it would help us enormously if you and your child know what to do when this happens, e.g. 'meet in the usual place', 'walk home as usual', 'stay at school and I will pick you up if it is raining' etc.. Alternatively, if your child has a mobile phone, perhaps you could agree with them that a you will send them a text so that they receive the message as soon as they leave school.

Should the agreed arrangements *not* apply on a particular bad weather or club cancellation day could you please call the school upon receipt of the text with alternative arrangements for your child and we will get a message to them before the end of the school day.

We will of course always endeavour to get messages to pupils.

Thank you, School Office



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS!!

We started 2017 off with a new rotation of UBC classes as pupils continue to immerse themselves in something completely different on Wednesday afternoons. Our University of Broadstone Curriculum offers pupils an opportunity to get involved in a wide range of activities. Here are just a few of some of the great projects that I caught on film:

Miss de Looze



A CALL FOR MORE FOSTER CARERS TO PROVIDE CARE AND A HOME FOR CHILDREN IN POOLE

More foster carers are needed in Poole to provide a safe and loving environment for children and young people in the area.

The Fostering team at Borough of Poole work with local residents to provide foster placements for children ranging from the very young to those in their teens.

Over ninety foster carers, including couples, same sex couples and single people, are already fostering in the area, but more are needed as some retire or move out of the area.

Cllr Mike White, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Children, Families and Capital Projects, Borough of Poole said: *"There is a constant need for foster carers in the area and while we have a large group of existing and committed foster carers, we need more people to come forward to ensure we can cater for the demand. Fostering is a vital service not just for the Borough but more importantly for the children, who need carers to provide vital support and care at what is a critical time in their young lives."*

Children placed with foster carers may require short or long term care and each and every child is different in their demands and needs.

Kevin Jones, Head of Children and Young People's Social Care, Borough of Poole, said: *"There are many misconceptions out there about fostering, but what we are looking for is people who want to make a difference to a child or young person in need. Whether single or with a partner, any gender or sexual orientation, married, with or without children, we want to hear from people who can provide this vital role."*

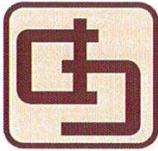
We provide support and advice from the start. We are always there for a foster carer, each step of the way. We also ensure that any children considered for fostering are placed with carers who can meet their needs."

We need a broad range of foster carers to ensure we have the right placement for each and every child."

The Fostering team at Borough of Poole provides advice, information and support throughout the recruitment and placement process. They are on hand to speak to anyone who might want more information, or who are already committed to becoming a foster carer and want to apply.

Borough of Poole's Fostering team is also keen to hear from potential carers in full or part time employment. *"There's often a misconception that having a job is a barrier to being considered as a foster Carer. In fact, we work with and support many carers in employment. It's much more about the ability and commitment of the person to care for a child in foster care than anything else,"* said Kevin Jones.

The campaign to recruit twenty-five new carers has begun! More details can be found at www.poole.gov.uk, by emailing fostering@poole.gov.uk or by telephoning us 01202 714711.



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Dear Parents/Carers

Are you, or do you know someone who is interested in training to become a secondary school teacher?

As a school we have linked up with several other secondary schools in the Southampton, Salisbury and Poole area to form a consortium called 'SUPA', whose goal is to make the south a centre of excellence in the delivery of teacher training. This is really important to us because it means we can choose the very best talent and develop them into teachers. Being able to choose who we train as teachers helps us in delivering the best outcomes for students. We are also part of a well-established consortium of secondary schools in Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset and the "SCITT" also has an excellent reputation for training teachers in this area.

We have vacancies for some of our teacher training courses which are due to start in September 2017 and we would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is. We are looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential. More information about SUPA or SCITT teachers can be found on our website [Corfe Hills - Thinking of Teaching](#)

To find out further information about the exciting teacher training opportunities available we would like to invite you to attend our coffee morning on **Tuesday 24 January 2017 at 10.30am until 12 noon** at Corfe Hills School. There will be an informal presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions and chat with like-minded people.

If you are interested in attending the coffee morning please email adminrequest@corfehills.net.

Yours faithfully

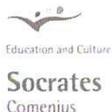
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