



## Broadmere News

### A Message from Mrs Hall

*To our families and friends,*

Dear parents and carers,

**May I extend a warm welcome to you all as we begin our school year, 2017-18. Working together in partnership with parents and carers is vitally important and we value your support.**

Class teachers will shortly be arranging their 'Meet and Greet' meetings for parents and carers – please make every effort to attend as you will find out about learning and expectations for the year.

We appreciate that at times you may have concerns about your child/children and ask that you make an appointment to see the class teacher or a member of the leadership team to discuss any issues or good news you would like to share with us. It is essential that any problems are discussed calmly and privately as we need to ensure the school remains a safe place for pupils, staff and all other members of the school community. Any abusive or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated.

#### *Our Value of the Month:*

Responsibility – we have started the new academic year with this particular value as we wish to encourage our children to be responsible for their own happiness, learning, possessions, friends and family. We hope our children will enjoy taking on new responsibilities.

#### *Inclusion and Pastoral Leader:*

Miss Jones is now Mrs Strickland as she was married during the summer break – congratulations and best wishes to Mr and Mrs Strickland. Mrs Strickland is our SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) and ensures that we meet the needs of EVERY child at Broadmere. As the Principal and Deputy Principal roles involve leadership across the Multi Academy Trust (Broadmere and New Monument Academies) Mrs Strickland will be your first 'port of call' if you have any concerns regarding your child/ren as she will be in school every day.

#### *Teaching Team:*

I would like to introduce you to our new members of the teaching team:

- Miss van der Heijden is teaching in Year 1
- Mrs Amod is teaching in Year 2
- Mrs Patel is teaching in Year 5

We also welcome a new member to the Admin team – Mrs Worsfold.

We hope that they will be very happy at Broadmere.

Wedding congratulations to Miss Moitas who also was married during the holidays and is now Mrs Hibbs.

### Improvements to the learning environment:

We have continued to improve our school and several projects were undertaken during the Summer holidays to improve fire safety precautions as well as safeguarding. All doors have been replaced with some extra doors added in the library corridor. An additional classroom for Year 6 has been provided and this was decorated to a high standard.

### Attendance:

Our children need to be in school, learning every day. **Please do not** arrange visits or holidays during term time – your child's education is of vital importance and the impact of poor attendance is detrimental to their future success. If a child misses 16 days of school in 1 year they have been **out** of school more than in school! If a child misses 1 day a week for their entire school life – he/she has missed the equivalent of 2 years schooling!

We are aiming for improved attendance this year and I urge all families to work together to achieve a target of 96% attendance. Any child whose attendance falls below 90% is classified by the government as a persistently absent student and I (as well as some of our governors) will meet with the parents to discuss ways of improving their child/ren's attendance.

Looking forward to an exciting year together!

Mrs Judy Hall

## Diary Dates

### September

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

NSPCC Stay Safe Assembly KS1 & KS2

NSPCC Workshops Years 5 & 6 only

Scholastic Book Fair (3.20pm – 4.20pm)

### October

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 4)

End of term – Normal finish

Half term

Back to School