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Polite notice to all parents and carers

When collecting children at the end of the day, please do not park in the bus stop. This causes obstruction in Park Lane and makes crossing children over the road dangerous.

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a belated Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a lovely and relaxing break. The pupils have come back raring to go and all set for the challenges ahead. This term promises to be as busy and exciting as last term with Y5 and Y6 starting new topics. KS3 also continue with their studies and start preparations for the high school.

Y6 have started their SATs booster classes and it is great to see so many of them arriving at 8.00am or staying behind to ensure they do their very best in May. We had a good turnout at the recent SATs information evening but Miss Cox is sending a letter out inviting any parents who missed it to attend another session in the afternoon.

Later in the term pupils will be receiving progress reports and there will be a parents evening to follow. Continuing in partnership with you is crucial in ensuring we achieve the very best outcomes for all of our pupils and your support and feedback is very much welcomed.

Preparations for James Bateman converting to academy are well under way and we are expecting conversion to take place on 1st April 2019. You will receive more information nearer the time. As I explained during the consultation period very little will change in terms of the day to day running of the school but should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

- Mrs T Price

Important Dates for Your Diary

Mock SATS Week -
28th January - 31st January

Years 3-8 Disco -
6th February

Parent Evening-
12th February

Young Voices@ MEN -
14th February

Non-Uniform in aid of Year 8 prom -
15th February

Half Term -
18th February - 22nd February

Inset day -
25th February

Year 7/8 Netball @ JBJH -
27th February

Year 7/8 Netball @ Endon -
6th March

Year 7A/8A Moorland Tournament
@ Cheadle -
14th March

Mock SATS week -
18th March - 22nd March



FUTSAL Champions

Our Year 7 boys FUTSAL team are the Staffordshire Moorlands champions 2018/19.

They played at Fenton manor on the 11th December 2018 and were undefeated, only conceding 1 goal. Well done!



Job Vacancy

Data Officer
15 hours per week
Permanent position

Please contact the school for any further information

Job Vacancy

Cleaner
10 1/2 hours per week
Permanent position

Please contact the school for any further information

School Terms Holiday Dates 2019

Spring Term 2019:

Pupils & Staff return - Monday 7th January
Half Term Holiday: 18th February - 22nd February
Inset Day - Monday 25th February
Easter Holiday: 15th April - 26th April
Easter Sunday: 21 April

Summer Term 2019:

Pupils & Staff return - Monday 29th April
May Day: Monday 6th May
Half Term Holiday: 27th May - 31st May
Staff & Pupils return - Tuesday 4th June
Inset day - 22nd
Summer Holiday: 23rd July - 30th August

Second SATS Parents Evening

We are aware that people were unable to attend the SATs evening after school, so we would like to offer the presentation again at a time that may be more convenient. It will consist of all the same information that was given at the after school event. The meeting will be on the 25th January 2019 at 2:15pm, we hope that you will be able to join us. A letter has been sent out detailing this event.

- Miss F Cox

Food for Thought

Snacks - aim for 100cal just twice a day! Half the sugar children have comes from snacks and sugary drinks.

Here in the catering department at James Bateman Middle School we follow the government guidelines of offering snacks which are less than 100 calories. Fresh fruit and veg are always a great choice for a snack. But sometimes children want other types of snacks especially those in wrappers! Fruit malt loaves are always popular here especially banana flavoured Soreen loaves!

All of the drinks that we provide also meet all government guidelines, we have a great selection of flavours of drinks available in the canteen at break and at lunch. This week we introduced a new apple flavoured Radnor Fizz which has gone down a treat! All of the Radnor drinks range counts as one of your five a day for each bottle.

- Mrs K Sheldon, Catering Manager

James Bateman Middle School

As of the 1st April 2019, we will be part of the Creative Learning Partnership Trust.

This is a multi-academy trust comprising of 5 schools plus a teaching school. All of the information was shared during the consultation process last year. We are very excited about becoming part of this successful trust. Further information can be found at <http://www.creativelrng.com/>

- Mrs T Price