



"We Enjoy and Excel In the Presence of God"

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Dear Parents



Effectiveness of Leadership

Happy New Year to you all.

Over the festive period much family time and reflection has taken place.

Whilst I wait at the gate in the morning greeting children I have loved hearing about all the adventures over the holidays. It appears all children made it to the 'nice' list and received something that they have been enjoying. Many have been disappointed by the lack of snow but we live in hope; on that note please be aware of the emergency school closures procedure:

If for any reason the school may be closed please check the following: the school website at www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk; Solent Radio/Wave 102; Hampshire County Council Website on school closures.

Parent View

As you will be aware we operate an open door policy and I pride myself on being at the gate as often as possible and in many cases twice a day. This eases communication and makes access to the school smoother for those who do not like to come into the building. Being a new year I would really value an update on how the school is performing. Online there is a parent view questionnaire with 10 questions that takes a matter of minutes to complete. Each parent can complete the questionnaire and it is anonymous. If we get over 60 responses as a school we can genuinely act on the summary and look at ways to improve and analyse the impact of improvements already made.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Road safety—is your child wearing their High Vis jacket?

Following the recent sad news from a local Bournemouth school before Christmas where a five year old boy pedestrian was killed on his way home from school, the local Bournemouth business community have provided the Winton school children and others with high vis jackets.

We have noticed that less than 10% of our children are wearing the jackets which were donated by our PTA and we would like to remind parents that the high vis jackets are such a visual way of making your child seen. We do not want an incident like the one in Bournemouth to make people more aware. Please ensure your child is safe.



In addition to the paragraph above, parent drivers have been observed making 3 point turns in their cars in an unsafe manner at the front of the school during drop off and pick up. Please ensure safe driving and parking at all times.

Over the coming weeks we are working with road safety teams, local emergency services and Hampshire transport to look at road safety and the crossing in Sway Road. We will also be looking at our school travel plan and encouraging families to walk to school once a week with the WoW initiative. There will be a contingency from the WoW initiative and the Travel planning team at the forthcoming parents evenings to update you on what is happening in school.



Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Parents evenings

Our forthcoming parents' evenings will be on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st March. Class days and times will be confirmed on our newsletter in due course.

School communication from classes

As you are aware all classes blog on a regular basis. Each year group uses the blog in a different way, but all reflect on learning and notify you directly of future events. If you do not subscribe to the school news app I would highly recommend that you do so. You will receive all blogs but the blog title should clearly identify its intended audience.

Year 3 started swimming

Year 3 have started their swimming sessions. They leave at lunchtime and arrive back for the end of the school day. Please ensure your Year 3 child has their swimming equipment and a warm coat to wear for the return journey. Mr Wilcox is attending as an additional swimming coach and Mr Littlewood will be teaching Year 5.



Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

Puppies in school

On Monday 22nd January one of our parents, Caroline Bentley, will be bringing in her dog's puppies to allow the children to meet them, discuss animal care and how to interact with unknown animals. The puppies will be penned in the hall and classes will come to visit one at a time. Once the children are in the hall they will be split into two groups and Mrs Bentley and I will allow the children to meet the puppies, ensuring both children and dogs are safe and unstressed. If your child cannot or does not want to touch or meet the puppies could you let the office know and we will keep a list to ensure your decision is upheld.

To pen the puppies in the hall we need a pen and padded buffers. Caroline has padded buffers and we are wondering if someone would be able to loan us a pen for the day to save Caroline having to dismantle hers from home.



Water Bottles

I would like to remind you to send your child in to school with a water bottle. We have three water machines round the school so the children are able to fill their bottles during the day. Research has shown that children who keep hydrated are more able to sustain learning, so we do try and encourage the children to drink water as often as possible.

Illness

In December we sent a message to parents with advice from Hampshire County Council regarding information and advice for parents and carers if your child is unwell. To help you decide if and when your child should remain off school, a simple guide has been produced for a number of the most common illnesses, which can be found at '[Should your child go to school](#)'. Alternatively, this guide is attached as a flyer, which you may wish to keep to hand for easy reference

Please note a Change of Menu on Thursday 18th January

Red: Fish Fingers and Chips

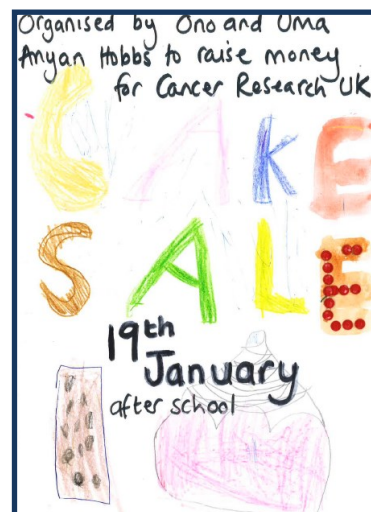
Green: Vegetable Goujons and Chips



Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale run by Uma and Ono to fundraise for Cancer Research. Please support this worthwhile charity by sending your child to school with money in a named envelope on Friday 19th January so your child can buy a cake. The sale will be outside Year 6 at the end of the school day.



Forest School Roundhouse

As discussed with the children last year and the PTA we are still aiming to place a natural roundhouse in the wooded area by the field in addition to the sensory garden. Despite this being within our boundaries and unseen it still needs full planning approval. Therefore there will be a delay in breaking ground this term. We are still aiming to start and ideally complete the build within this academic year.

BBC in school on Tuesday 16th January

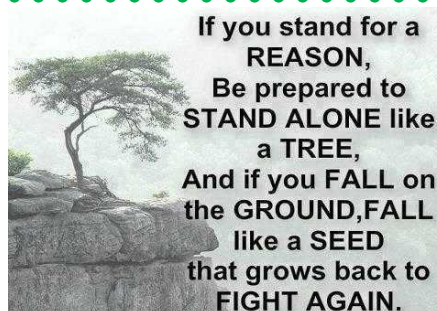
I would like to inform you that there will be a BBC film crew in school on Tuesday afternoon who will be filming with Sarah and Martyn Brisdon on a story for 'Rip off Britain: Food' about wheelchair access and toilets in restaurants. Presenter, Gloria Hunniford, and a small crew will be filming Erica and Hadley, their parents and other children taking part in the Boccia session after school on Tuesday. All parents of children involved in the Boccia After School Club have been informed.

Yours sincerely

John Littlewood

Head Teacher

Pause for thought.....



Parent View

We need to know your views on our school they are very important to us. Please don't forget to log on to the Parentview:
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Vision

At Brockenhurst CE Primary School our vision is to inspire, sustain and develop high quality teaching and learning; with excellent behaviours and safety for all, founded on Christian values.

Dates for your diary:

PLEASE NOTE DATES AND TIMES OF EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15th	16th	17th	18th	19th Y3 Swimming
22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th Y3 Swimming
29th	30th	31st	February 1st	2nd Y3 Swimming
5th	6th	7th	8th	9th Y3 Swimming
Half Term Holiday Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2018 Children return to school on Monday 19th February				

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19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd Y3 Swimming
26	27	28	March 1st	2nd Y3 Swimming
5th	6th	7th	8th	9th 9.00-11.00am Mothers in school Day Y3 Swimming
12th	13th West End in schools TBC	14th	15th	16th Y3 Swimming
19th	20th Parents evenings	21st 9:00 Brass Assembly Parents evenings	22nd 09:00 Guitar Assembly 10:00 Piano Assembly	23rd Y3 Swimming
26th	27th	28th 9.00 Y4 Listen to Me Assembly—Samba	29th Easter Service 10:00 Easter Service (Maundy Thursday)	30th Good Friday
Easter Holiday Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April Children return to school Monday 16th April				

Baby to Child Resuscitation Course

Saturday 24th February 2018 at Careys Manor Hotel, Brockenhurst

9.30-11.30am

Further information: www.babyresuscitation.co.uk
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