



"We Enjoy and Excel In the Presence of God"

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Dear Parents



Effectiveness of Leadership

Why do we try?

Since returning from the festive break I have had many discussions with the children about the bigger picture. Why do we try? What if we get it wrong? What if I am not good enough? These are all questions that are raised. In days gone by it would have been 'because I say so!'. Now we want to create independent, resilient learners. Setting learning in a real context with practical application allows children to make links, to challenge each other in a safe and supportive Christian community. When asking your child what did you do today? Take a moment to ask them. How will you use what you have learnt today? The more they think the greater the links become and the stronger their resilience to future problems.



Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment

It is **World Book Day** on Thursday 1st March. The school kitchen will be having a themed lunch, please see attached sheet for more information. We would also like the **children to dress up as their favourite book character**.



Sport Relief—please check the newsletters for further information.



Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

Holidays in term time

I am aware holidays during the school breaks are expensive; as school staff we have the exact same problem. Approval of holidays will not be granted, it is not a personal issue, it is school policy. You can read the policy on the school website:

[www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/parents information/policies](http://www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/parents%20information/policies)

If your child misses 10 sessions (5 days) a fine is issued per child per parent. As a school we do not receive any of the money and it does involve additional administration time. If you do take your child out of school they miss key learning and we do not set holiday work or catch up activities.

Crossing

We are linking with the emergency services to engage HCC Transport Department in reviewing our crossing. In the meantime please park respectfully and keep drivers lines of sight clear. Outside drop off and collection times, the road is clear and drivers have clarity of uninterrupted vision around the crossing, this means that the road is not necessarily classed as high risk. We are also linking with the School Travel and Walk once a Week (WoW) Schemes to see where we can help to keep our children safe. More news to follow.

Water bottles in school

Please send your child into school with a refillable water bottle. We have an increasing number of children who are forgetting their bottles. We have three water machines round the school, please help us to ensure your child is hydrated. Research has shown that children who keep hydrated are more able to sustain learning and reduces headaches, so we try and encourage the children to drink water as often as possible.



Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

Thank you once again to the PTA for arranging the Toy and Book sale, and the cake sale. The PTA are engaged with the school and planning towards a sensory garden for the children. It will be a wonderful addition to school resources and a very exciting prospect.

Yours sincerely

John Littlewood

Head Teacher

Pause for thought.....

*Worry is a total waste of time; it doesn't change anything.
All it does is steal your joy and keeps you very busy doing
nothing.*

Dates for your diary:

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

Half Term Holiday Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2018 Children return to school on Monday 19th February				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd Y3 Swimming
26th	27th	28th Y3 Seacity Museum	March 1st World Book Day	2nd Y3 Swimming
5th	6th	7th	8th	9th 9.00-11.00am Mothers in school Day Y3 Swimming
12th	13th	14th	15th West End in schools— Shakespeare's Hamlet	16th Y3 Swimming
19th	20th Parents evenings	21st 9:00 Brass Assembly Parents evenings	22nd 9:00 Guitar Assembly 10:00 Piano Assembly	23rd Y3 Swimming
26th	27th Whole School Visit to Winchester Science Museum and Planetarium	28th 9.00 Y4 Listen to Me Assembly—Samba	29th 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				

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.**

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
1 MARCH 2018

**Pippi Longstocking's
theme day
lunch**



FUN FACT!

In Sweden, did you know that Lingonberry jam is used instead of ketchup with meatballs, pancakes and porridge. It is however rarely used to make jam sandwiches!

FOOD TO FLOURISH

WORLD BOOK DAY MENU

Villa Villakulla's Meatballs
Beef meatballs in gravy
or
Vegetarian meat free balls in a tomato sauce
Served with pasta or potatoes

The Strongest Girl in the World's
Medley of green vegetables

Pippi's Pepparkakor
Swedish heart shaped cookies

The Little Red-Gold Pear Tree
Pear sponge

Become a Volunteer Car Driver

for Hampshire County Council



Do you enjoy driving and want to work with people?
Do you want to help your local community?

About the role:

Volunteers use their own cars to transport a wide variety of clients including older people, people with learning and physical disabilities, children, parents & families.

Thousands of journeys take place each month to a variety of venues both within and outside of Hampshire. Destinations are wide-ranging but include day centres for adults, schools and respite centres for children.

Volunteers are reimbursed a mileage rate.

Full training is provided

Requirements:

- Good driving skills and your own car
- Enjoy working with people
- Good communication and listening skills

Drivers will be asked to complete

- A Criminal Record Check (DBS)
- An Occupational Health Form
- An on the road driving assessment in your own car (expenses for which are reimbursed).

For more information please contact:

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