



"We Enjoy and Excel In the
Presence of God"

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Effectiveness of Leadership

Dear Parents

Parent View—Ofsted website. Your Opinion Counts!

People are looking at the Parent View website to form an opinion of our school:

1. The school staff and governors look at it to see where we need to focus our efforts to improve the school for all our children. We have no other way of knowing what the parents, as a whole, think about the school; two governors are elected by the parents but we do not presume to represent the diverse parents of children throughout the school.
2. Ofsted look at it to help form their judgement of the school; they are due to inspect Brockenhurst this academic year, as they aim to inspect all schools every three years. We are currently deemed 'Good' but we want to offer children an 'Outstanding' education; we are striving to offer that and we believe we can.
3. Any parents who are considering sending their children to join us at Brockenhurst, boosting our numbers and our richness, look at it, too.

Currently, only 25 parents have completed the survey. But with more than 200 children in the school (and many more than 300 parents) each of the parents that have gone on to Parent View is representing at least 12 of us! And we all, I'm sure, recognise that people with the most strongly held opinions (good or bad) are most likely to want to share them; you have only to check a review site or social media to see that.

It all means this: just two or three families from each class are providing the opinions on which the school is run and judged! And those opinions are almost certainly not yours; they are certainly not mine. So whether you think this school is great or you think it is far from great, please share your point of view. For example, nine of the 25 people who have already gone online wouldn't recommend this school to anyone else. Do you agree? Do you disagree? Add your weight to the debate, to the information we have to work with and to the impression the world outside has of Brockenhurst school. Please remember you can return to the site and make amendments if your opinion changes at any point.

When they see you at Parents Evening, teachers will ask whether you have had an opportunity to register your opinion and whether you would like help to do so. Governors will be present to help you log on if you'd like to do so (or to arrange a time to help you at a later date). We will also try to go one step better. Instead of relying on the Parent View as a whole, we will have paper copies to complete there and then so that we can find out what parents in different classes think. Opinions about many areas are likely to differ from Reception to Year 6.

It will all be kept anonymous, of course, whether you go online or complete a paper copy. We will keep you updated on what the Parent View of Brockenhurst looks like. We will tell you what we are doing to improve not only the major areas of concern but every area of concern, be it progress, homework, behaviour or something else.

As parents, we can be a huge asset to this school. Five minutes of our time spent on giving our opinion (to people who want to hear it for once!) will help all our children in many, many ways. Please go online now, or wait for some assistance at Parents Evening and then look out for the updates on what you said and what we are doing about it.

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

Thank you
Dr Emma Stack,
Parent and Governor



Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment

I would like to congratulate everyone for a fantastic start to the school year. The support of the governors, staff, children and parents has been invaluable and I look forward to the rest of the Autumn Term. Thank you!

Parent Helpers/Volunteers

We have a huge number of parent helpers and volunteers who come into school. I would like to thank you all for sharing your time and helping us with reading, golden time clubs, sports and school visits. I would also like to thank the PTA for their continued support.

KS1/KS2 SATs Information Meeting—Monday 7th November 3.30pm

Mrs Edwards and Miss Ashness invite you to attend the above meeting for information on this year's SATs tests. Please join them in the hall at the end of the school day.



Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

School car park for staff use only—Reminder

Further to my recent requests, this car parks at the sides of the school are for STAFF USE ONLY. Many staff start the school day from 7.15am onwards, so if you are dropping your child off for morning clubs please use the layby at the front of the school. Thank you, once again, for adhering to this request.

Healthy Snacks & Lunches

I would remind you that we follow the Healthy Schools Agenda and we request that you do not include the following items in your child's lunch: Sweets, Chocolate, etc. Crisps or any packeted savoury snacks high in salt and fat; Fizzy drinks/sugary drinks; Sweet cakes, e.g. sugary cakes, doughnuts. PLEASE NOTE: WE HAVE A NO NUTS POLICY AT OUR SCHOOL AS WE HAVE CHILDREN WHO HAVE SEVERE ALLERGIES TO NUTS. So, please no foods containing nuts, e.g., Peanut butter, Chocolate spread, Cereal bars containing nuts.

We have noticed that children are still bringing highly salted crisps, chocolate bars (Mars, Snickers), and even sweets into school for snacks at break or lunch time. If we find any child with these types of snacks after half term, I am afraid we will take away the items and keep them in the school office for you to collect at the end of the school day. Thank you!



Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

Grandparents Day

What a brilliant turnout of Grandparents today. We received many positive comments from our wonderful visitors, thank you to everyone who attended. We even had some from Australia!

Yours sincerely

John Littlewood
Head Teacher



Reminder: Christmas Shoeboxes for the Honey Pot Appeal

Each year parents have packed Christmas shoeboxes for the New Forest Rotary. The first year we managed over 80 boxes, can we do this again? Each box will be given to a young carer or a vulnerable child aged 7 to 9 years.

Closing date is Friday 4th November.
For further information, please ask the school office.

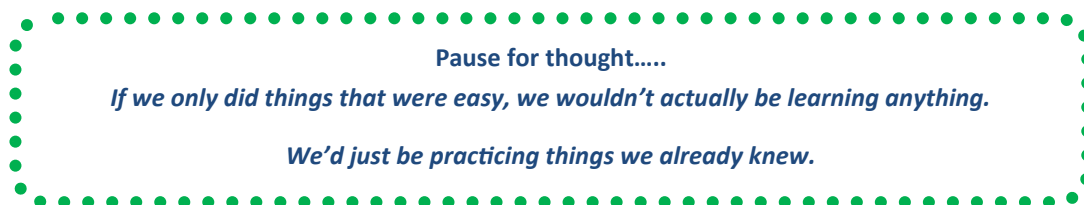


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Vision

At Brockenhurst CE Primary School our vision is to 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
Monday 24th to 28th October—Half term				
31st Pumpkin Competition Please see PTA newsletter Parents evening YR 3.10-6.50pm Y1 3.30-5.50pm Y2 3.30-6.00pm Y3 3.30-6.10pm Y4 3.30-6.20pm Y5 3.30-6.20pm Y6 3.30-6.50pm	November 1st	2nd Parents evening Y1 4.00-6.50pm Y2 3.30-5.50pm Y3 3.30-6.00pm	3rd Parents evening Y4 3.30-6.10pm Y5 3.30-6.10pm Y6 3.30-5.20pm	4th
7th 3.30pm Information Meeting for parents of children taking KS1 and KS2 SATS	8th 	9th	10th	11th
14th	15th	16th AM Flu Vaccinations for Y1, 2, 3.	17th	18th Children in Need Day— Home clothes £1.00 PTA Children's disco
21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th
28th	29th	30th	December 1st	2nd
5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
12th KS1 Nativity this week	13th KS1 Nativity	14th Christmas Lunch KS1 Nativity	15th PTA Christmas treat for the children	16th KS2 Carols round the tree in the school hall
Monday 19th December to 3rd January 2017—Christmas Break				