



"We Enjoy and Excel In the
Presence of God"

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Newsletter 1 - 8th September 2017

Dear Parents



Effectiveness of Leadership

What an amazing start to the new school year. The classrooms are bright and interactive, promoting lots of questions from the children on the topics to come. I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you had a restful summer with lots of quality family time. I find the time away always helps clear your mind and ground you to the core values of family and how precious life is. Last year was an eventful first year as Head Teacher with many highs and challenges along the way. To see the children in church on the last day was probably the proudest moment. To know that we have shaped those young lives and prepared them for the next step is why we are here. Many teachers are leaving the profession and some schools are in crisis. However, we are very lucky to be oversubscribed and filled with staff who do the job with passion and positivity.

Within our assemblies we will be looking at our new Christian values of being hopeful, thankful and loving. In our school setting we have much to be thankful for. With the support of the church we will continue to develop your children's, body, mind and soul. No child will have limits put upon them and no question is a silly question. We all learn together as one learning family.

Data Collection

In the coming weeks you will receive an addressed envelope from your child which contains a [Data Collection sheet and various consent forms](#). Please [check the details, update, then sign and return](#) all relevant paperwork. It is essential that all details we hold on file are up to date. Thank you for your assistance with this important process and we would request the completion and return of [all the sheets by Wednesday 27th September](#).



Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment

New staff

We welcome Miss Alana Blick, our new Year 1 Teacher, Mrs Clare Morris our Year 3 job share and Miss Kamila Klejny our Year 6 1:1 TA. These new staff members come highly recommended and we wish them all every possible success with us. Last year we were lucky enough to take on Mrs Hudson and Mr Wilcox who are now fully established within the school. We are very lucky in having staff who support our vision.

Open Mornings

We will be holding two open mornings on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th October from 9.00-11.00am for prospective parents who will hopefully chose to send their children here in 2018-19. All parents will sign in at the office and be escorted around by myself. We also have some spaces in the present Year 1. If you know of anybody who is eligible and would like to see the school in action please encourage them to attend.

Extended School Provision—Extra Curricular Activities/Clubs

All clubs except hockey and Rooted will start next week. Year 6 will be in Swanage but clubs will all be covered and run as planned. Any changes will be placed on the website as soon as possible and will ping to the school news app. All clubs are well subscribed and there is something on offer for everyone.

I would also like to remind you that breakfast club and afterschool club via New Forest Child Care are available and are well established within the school. Even if you only want to use on an occasional basis I would encourage you to register your children to allow for sudden changes in plans/work commitments. I am very aware that plans often change with little notice.



Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

Children's Medical details

Please inform the office of any medical details that need updating. If your child takes medication, you will need to complete a new medical consent form for the coming academic year, please ask the school office for the relevant form. This includes all children who have allergies and need antihistamines or Epi-pens. All medicines must be brought into school and collected by a parent and should not be sent via your child.

Keeping your child safe at all times - Collecting your child from school

Please inform us at school, via telephone or email, if you want another person to collect your child. In order to keep your child safe we will not hand over any child to anyone for any reason, unless informed otherwise. Your child's teacher will be given an **Orange Slip** with the relevant 'pick-up' details on it. Please don't be upset or angry if a member of staff refuses to hand over another person's child to you at your suggestion as we must have all requests of this nature, from the child's parent in writing. If you wish your Year 6 child to walk home from school alone (or with anyone else i.e. an older sibling for example), please put this in writing.

Reminder School Times: Morning gates open 8.30–8.40am Afternoon gates open 3.00-3.30pm

Children should be in school ready for registration at 8.45am. Children who are in school after this time will be marked in the register as 'late for registration'.

Parking

Please may I remind parents that the car park to the side of the school is for STAFF USE ONLY. The entry via the Culverley Close entrance is for staff and emergency vehicles only and not for parent use; if you wish to bring bicycles on to the site, please either use the main gate entry or the gates at the back of the school as cars have been scratched with parents and children using this route for access. Also, please **do not park in the disabled bay**.

Please may I ask you to respect the highways code during both morning drop off and afternoon pick up times and take care not to park in front of residents driveways, on the corner of roadways or in the bus stop area. Your children's safety is always our first priority.

Water Bottles

Please send your child into school with a filled water bottle. We have three water machines around the school so children are able to refill their bottles during the day. Research has shown that children who keep hydrated are more able to sustain concentration during learning, so we do try and encourage the children to drink water as often as possible throughout the day.

Transporting children for school events

We have a large number of wonderful parents who help transport children to visits or sports events. It is HCC and School policy that we have your written agreement for children to be transported by another parent; we also need volunteer drivers to sign a declaration to inform us that they will provide us with a copy of their car insurance and driving licence; you would also need to hold a current DBS certificate. Please ask in the school office for the appropriate letter. Thank you.



Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural



Rooted—Our Church Club (KS2)

Kay Pead and Mary the curate from St. Nicholas Church have established a growing club on a Monday lunchtime in the Summer house. Rooted is a club for those children who would like to know more about the Christian faith. We want to explore together more about God and his amazing love for us through fun games, stories, craft & activities. If you would like your child to attend please encourage them to do so from Monday 25th September. For more information, please contact Kay Pead:

candybrockchurch@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely

John Littlewood
Head Teacher

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.

Pause for thought.....

Always remember you are braver than you believe,
stronger than you seem; smarter than you think

Brockenhurst CE Primary School

are looking for

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants

Term time only 12.00 –1.15pm daily

Please ask for details in the school office.

Join us in the school hall
for Coffee
in aid of Macmillan
Thursday 28th September
9:00-10:00am.
All donations gratefully received.

Thank you!

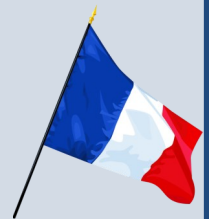


French Twinning with St Joseph School in Pont St Martin—are you interested?

We will be joined by children and staff from St Joseph's school in **November, this year.** If you would like to be a host family for two of the children from the school, please could you let the school office know.

We have a wonderful relationship with the school and are anticipating on paying a return visit with Year 5 and 6 children **in June 2018.**

We are one of very few schools who offer this amazing cultural experience and we feel the benefits far outweigh any issues.



Please contact Mrs Wallis via: adminoffice@brockenhurst-primary.hants.sch.uk for further information.

Dates for your diary:

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11th	12th Y6 Residential to Swanage	13th Y6 Residential to Swanage	14th Y6 Residential to Swanage	15th Y6 Residential to Swanage
18th	19th SATs Meeting with Y2 & Y6 Parents 3.30pm	20th	21st Y5 visit to Hurst Castle	22nd
25th	26th Data Collection Sheets to be returned **	27th	28th 9.00-10.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning	29th Grandparents in school 10.00am Harvest Service at St Saviour's church
October 2nd	3rd 7.00pm Priestlands Open Evening	4th	5th 5.30-8.00pm Highcliffe Open Evening	6th 9.15am Priestlands Open Morning
9th 9.00-11.00am New Parents Open Morning (YR 2018)	10th 9.00-11.00am New Parents Open Morning (YR 2018)	11th	12th	13th
16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
Monday 23rd to 27th October—Half term Monday 30th October INSET Day—No children in school				

For the 2017-2018 school terms and inset days please check our school website :

www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=44