Dear Parents

Effectiveness of Leadership

Grandparents’ Day with Harvest Service
It was wonderful to see so many grandparents last Friday. We had just short of 100 visitors. To see the children taking such great care of them and sharing their pride in the school and their work was beautiful. Our Harvest Service at the church had a very different feel with the Grandparents sat amongst us. All the children brought offerings and as a school we should feel very proud of our support to the New Forest Basics Bank.

Crossing Patrol
Thank you to the PTA and all the parents who joined us on Monday morning to look at what actions we can take to safeguard our children during the interim period whilst conversations with Hampshire Transport and County council take place over a solution. High Vis jackets and parental presence supporting children crossing is making a significant difference in reassuring both parents and children that they are being supported in crossing what is a very busy road. We have attached the guide sent out earlier in the week to help refresh expectations in taking simple steps to keep the area clear. Last Friday Mrs Wallis took Sam (Y5) and Annabel (Y6) to the Junior Road Safety Officer Training in Botley. The children have come back to school with some amazing ideas of how to encourage the children to be aware of their own road safety. We are going to join the rest of the Hampshire County school children in having a ‘Time to Shine Day’ on Thursday 19th October. The children should come into school wearing bright colours (luminescent, if possible). As part of the focused discussion during the day classes will have their own fashion shows to review visibility and what the drivers see.

Open Door Policy
As you will all be aware I operate an open door policy in that I am always available for discussion. I am available informally at the pupil school entrance both before and after school on most days and reply to messages for meetings within 24 hours on average. I am always here for your children and all discussions no matter what they are about are important to us. Social media is an excellent tool for informing and helping each other but not the best method for discussion. If you would like to contact me via email, please do so through the adminoffice@brockenhurst-primary.hants.sch.uk as all communications are forwarded to me.

Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Maths Mufti (Home Clothes) Day and Maths Olympics—Friday 13th October
Maths Olympics and Maths Mufti is fast approaching. The day is raising money for Mathletics, which is an online resource for Maths homework, helping children with their Maths and letting them compete and play games in Maths. We would ask the children to pay £2.00 each for wearing home clothes on the day. Maths Olympics is a team event where teams have to answer as many Maths questions as they can in the given time. Children run around an area to collect questions and take them back to their teams for them all to have a go at answering them.

We need a number volunteers to help for the day; if you are available to help then could you let the office know. The timings are Years R, 1 & 2, 9:00-10:00am; Years 3 & 4, 11:00-midday; Years 5 & 6, 1:15-2:15pm. Once the children have finished the mathletics there will be an assembly celebrating the results. It should be a brilliant day. Thank you for your support.

Parents Evenings
As the Parents evenings are the week following half term the ‘sign up’ sheets will be available from Monday 16th October in the school foyer at the front of the school.

£107.50 raised for Macmillan.
Thank you.
Personal Development, Behaviour and

‘Time to Shine Day’ on Thursday 19th October
Please send your child to school in something bright, luminescent to our Be Bright Be Seen day.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

Shoebox appeal
This week you will have received a leaflet about the New Forest Rotary Club having their annual Christmas Shoebox appeal for the Honeypot Children’s Charity: www.honeypot.org.uk. This is a most worthwhile charity and we would love to beat the number of shoeboxes we had a couple of years ago of 83 boxes. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

John Littlewood
Head Teacher

Pause for thought…..
You are free to choose, but you are not free from the consequences of your choice.

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.

A CONCERT GIVEN BY
BOURNEMOUTH MALE VOICE CHOIR &
THE FRIDAY GIRLS
SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER
7.00PM
ST. SAVIOURS’ CHURCH

Brockenhurst CE Primary School
are looking for
Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants
Term time only 12.00 – 1.15pm daily. If you are only able to do a couple of days a week but are still interested in the position, please ask for details in the school office.

SCHOOL CROSSING
Following our meeting we are still working closely with the PTA and Governors to look at ways to make our zebra crossing safer. We are continuing to question the issue with Hampshire County Council regarding the absence of a school crossing patrol and will feedback any developments to you.

In the meantime we do need all at making the crossing safer. Whilst Hampshire County Council will be looking at the paintwork and condition of the crossing, we need to ensure we are using it properly.

Initially, we would ask all parents/carers to adhere to the key points below. We need to adopt a ‘Safe Crossing Principle’ across school to ensure the safety of all those using the crossing. We need to promote this for ourselves and for our children.

Please follow these FIVE key points:
1. Do not stand and chat near the crossing
2. Ensure your children stay with you at all times (especially when on bikes & scooters)
3. Do not park along Sway Road, (between the bus stop & Woodpeckers) – to keep clear sight lines
4. Do not use or enter the school car park – even for turning around
5. Do not run across the zebra crossing

Can you help?
When we can’t act ourselves as School Crossing Patrols, we can make the crossing more visible and prominent. By having volunteers available in the morning and afternoon, wearing high visibility clothing, we can make the crossing more evident and obvious to passing drivers. We can also look at putting cones out along the side of the road with key messages.

If you have a high vis jacket and vest and are able to help please let the school office know (adminoffice@brockenhurst-primaryhants.sch.uk) or PTA (brockpmastrya@gmail.com)

Let’s work together to make the crossing a safer place.
Dates for your diary:

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

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

[www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=44](http://www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=44)

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**Monday 23rd to 27th October—Half term**

Monday 30th October INSET Day—No children in school

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**INSET Day Thursday 21st December**

Christmas Holiday Friday 22nd December and returning to school on Thursday 4th January 2018