Dear Parents

**Effectiveness of Leadership**

**INSET 30th October – No children in school**
May I take this opportunity to remind you that we have a Safeguarding/Health & Safety training day and look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 31st October. We hope you have a restful half term.

**Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment**

**Mufti for Mathletics**
What a great day was had by all; mixing maths and sport was a brilliant idea from Mr Wilcox. The children had lots of fun and in the process raised lots of money. With the support of the PTA and Y5 sponsored event every child now has access to 'Mathletics' both at home and at school.

**Parents Evening**
On the first week back there will be parents’ evenings. These have been advertised and are bookable through the school website or school office if you cannot access. We look forward to sharing your children’s work with you and discussing their progress and next steps in learning.

**Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare**

**Time to Shine - 'Be bright and be seen’**
How lovely it was to see so many bright outfits and smiley faces. The children looked even more radiant than usual. The PTA have kindly donated hi-vis jackets to every child in the school. A real commitment to ensuring that our children are seen. We would expect that the children wear them daily upon their return after half-term. May we suggest with over 200 on site you write your child’s name on the label then we can ensure if found it is returned to them.

**Headlice and Threadworm**
Please be aware that we have a number of children with Headlice and Threadworm. Over the half term perhaps you could check you child for either or both. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your nearest pharmacy.

**Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural**

**100 Yrs memorial at St Nicholas...**
*Message from Ros Dennison:* “This photograph below clearly demonstrates the dignity of the Brockenhurst CE Primary School pupils as they quietly observe the 2 minutes silence. With great respect they played an essential role in all the proceedings at the Passchendaele Service of Remembrance and thank you for this.

Today at the Sunday morning service I was told by an elderly resident how good it was to see young pupils there at St Nicholas Church and how smart and well behaved they were.

To all please give our sincere thanks.”

**Cheese and Wine**
An excellent evening was had by all and Team Brockenhurst (staff and governors) came second which was not to shabby a result.
As always the event was well prepared and the bar fully stocked. My thanks go to the PTA from staff and children for the tireless work they do in funding events and equipment that enhance the children’s learning.

**Shoebox appeal—Reminder**
The New Forest Rotary Club are having their annual Christmas Shoebox appeal for the Honeypot Children’s Charity: [www.honeypot.org.uk](http://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*

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**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.

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**PTA UPDATE...**

Thank you to those who made it to our AGM and have volunteered to help the PTA. We will be issuing more details of our fantastic results from last year and plans for this year in due course. In the meantime, the PTA elves have already been busy planning for the festive season. So please make a note of the following dates:

**Friday 27th October – Fireworks at Brockenhurst Football Club**
Great evening hosted at the football club – with excellent fireworks display! The PTA have a stall selling glow/LED products.

**Friday 3rd November – Fireworks at Sway Primary School**
We have teamed up with Friends of St Luke’s School Sway (FOSLSS) to help sell tickets for their event. Our PTA will benefit from the tickets we sell – so please see Bronya and buy some tickets! Again this is a great annual event!

**Saturday 25th November – Christmas Fair & Market**
This will be another fantastic day at Brockenhurst Village Hall. We have a bumper package of treats to suit everyone! Stalls, Games, Santa’s Grotto, Hog Roast, Tea & Cake, Mulled Wine, Bar, Face Painting etc. This is certainly one not to miss!

**Friday 1st December – Bag2School**
Please have a good clear out and keep your unwanted clothing, bags, bedding etc. The more we collect, the more we are paid!

**Friday 8th December – Christmas Fun Evening, Brookley Road**
Another fun evening in the village with lots going on. Again the PTA will be present – so please come and see us!

**Christmas Trees:**
Once again we will be selling top quality Nordman Fir trees – at a great price! Order forms will be coming out shortly and we will even deliver your tree (within Brockenhurst village).

There will be other events as well including the usual Nativity, Carols and a visit from the big man himself! We will also be hosting a disco or fun evening for the children during next term. As always, these events do not run themselves. We need your help! So please make sure you volunteer a slot at some of the events and help the PTA raise funds for our school!

Thank you and we hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Best wishes

The PTA
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

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