Dear Parents

Welcome back. What a great summer we have had. We even saw the sun on a regular basis (just like 1976 apparently). The children look fantastic in their uniforms with shiny shoes and beaming smiles. They are eager to learn and full of stories about adventures had over the summer.

I was lucky enough to attend Rev Smarts inauguration at St. Jude's in Portsmouth this week and the coach full of Brockenhurst representatives reminded me of the strong community in which we live. We are the church village school but also an active member of the community and proud to be so.

It is this community that has stood together and helped facilitate our crossing refurbishment. It is this community that has directed ‘The Marden Charitable Trust’ to work with us and fund a new crossing patrol person for the next 3 years. Through the Parish Council and PTA the trust has chosen to fund us £5,500 support each year for the next 3 years! A true community gesture to safeguard our children and wider community. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to the trust.

Details of the post will be coming out this week. If you are interested the hours would be 8:15 – 9am and 3 – 3:45pm term time only. The perfect job if you have a family.

Best wishes

J Littlewood
Head Teacher

Collection times for your child’s year group:
- **Year R** 3.05pm - YR door in YR playground
- **Year 1** 3.10pm - Main pupil entrance
- **Year 2** 3.10pm - Top of YR playground
- **Year 3** 3.15pm - Outside Y3
- **Year 4** 3.15pm - Outside Y4
- **Year 5** 3.15pm - Outside Y5
- **Year 6** 3.15pm - Main pupil entrance

- Please note that blue Permanent Collection Arrangement slips for your child need to be renewed every September. Please drop into the school office to fill this in.
- We still have some places available for musical instrument lessons for the 2018-19 academic year. If your child is in Years 3-6 and interested in learning to play the piano, guitar, or a brass instrument please contact the school office for further details.
- If anyone has any board games that they are able to donate to the Board Game after school club run by Miss Lever please bring them into the school office where they will be gratefully received. Thank you.
- Unfortunately, our KS2 Hockey club is not able to run this term due to problems with the venue. However New Forest Hockey Club are running a satellite club at Arnewood School every Monday 6-7pm for Year 5 upwards; £3 per session. Please contact Tim Merrick for more information: t.merrick@arnewood.hants.sch.uk
- Healthy Snacks Reminder - please do make sure that your child only brings a healthy snack to school for break time.
- If you would like to help in school with running club, the library or as a general helper please let the school know. Upon full DBS checks we would love to welcome you to our team of helpers.
**Reasons to Celebrate:**

Our new intake in YR are loving exploring their new environment and are gaining confidence every day.

Our Y6 pupils have pushed beyond their comfort zone and taken part in a variety of outdoor adventures this week. They have been kayaking, coasteering, climbing and studying the beautiful Swanage coastline.

We took a talented, enthusiastic Y3/4 tennis team to a team tennis tournament at Pennington on Wednesday. The children praised and encouraged each other throughout the tournament. After several games and plenty of volleys we finished second out of 8 teams. I was mostly impressed with the maturity and respect our children showed throughout the tournament.

**SCHOOL NEWS APP...**
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**Important Dates:**

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**Pause for Thought:**

You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child

Dr Seuss

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**PTA NEWS:**

The PTA holds its Annual General Meeting at the end of September and we would really like your support. As you are aware the current Chairperson and Treasurer are stepping down after 5 years and we are really keen to hand-over the reins to other parents. Please do come along to our meeting and see what the PTA is all about.

In the meantime, if you are interested in finding out more about the PTA or understanding what is involved with being on the Committee, please contact Bronya (Year 5 Mum).

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We are looking to hold an informal coffee morning shortly for our new Year R parents and any other parents to come and have a chat and get to know one another, date to be confirmed next week.

Thank you for your support ~ best wishes ~ bronya

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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.