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
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.
Pause for thought.....

*If we only did things that were easy, we wouldn’t actually be learning anything.*

*We’d just be practicing things we already knew.*

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**Dates for your diary:**

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

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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 |
| 19th |
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| December 1st |
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| 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 |

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Monday 19th December to 3rd January 2017—Christmas Break