



NEWSLETTER : ISSUE 3

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Welcome:

Dear Parents

What a wonderful time of year. The changes in colour, sunrises and sunsets really brighten up the soul.

I am pleased to say that all external works to the school have now finished. The improved security at the front door now ensures children cannot let people in whilst they wait and we meet safeguarding guidance. The new fences at the hall and children's kitchen have been brilliant - we can now open the doors and ventilate the rooms during use without compromising the safety of the children. 207 pupils in a hall generate a lot of heat!

It is with sadness that I inform you of the PTA EGM: Thursday 18th October, 3.15pm. The current leads Bronya and Sarah are stepping down and it is time for others to pick up the mantle. Unfortunately, at the AGM only 4 non-committee members attended, meaning we were not quorate and therefore not able to vote. The PTA is invaluable to a school like ours and makes a real difference to the opportunities we can offer the children. To raise the £10,000 they manage each year would require a contribution of £50 per pupil per year! For some parents this may be the preferred option, but for many within our community this is not an option. Please support our pupils and give the PTA your support.

I am pleased to inform you that our twinned school from Pont Saint Martin would like to visit us in February. They would like to bring 33 pupils along with 3 adults. For this to work we would require 17 host families who would offer food and lodgings to 2 pupils each. If you have someone in your house who holds a DBS (or would be prepared to have one) and could support our continental link please let Shelley at the office know before the end of this half term.

Best wishes

J Littlewood, Head Teacher

Reasons to Celebrate:

- Thank you to all who contributed to our Macmillan Cake Sale total of £110.75 plus Gift aid. This is a wonderful charity that we are keen to support every year.
- Maths Olympics and Mufti day raised £209.50 towards our Athletics learning resource. Thank you to Mr Wilcox for organising this and to our parent helpers for their support.
- Last Friday we shared our annual Harvest service. It was so nice to see so many parents in church. The children's singing was superb and Father Francis reminding us how lucky we are and gave a real reason to be thankful.

School Notices:

- Please do not park in the staff car park. In respect to our neighbours we ensure all staff park in a safe manner and at a time that does not cause any danger to children. Park and Stride is available from the Village Hall and from the village car park; and we will soon have a crossing patrol person to support our refurbished crossing.
- Could I also ask that you provide a healthy snack for your children. Some children are taking crisps or small biscuits from their lunch boxes at morning break. We are happy they form part of their lunch, but remind you that morning snacks must be a healthy option.
- We are looking forward to seeing you all at parents evenings next week. On Wednesday 17th October we will not be able to run Multisports, KS2 Running or Creative English due to the hall being in use and teachers being available to parents. As an alternative we would like to offer a film in Y6 to the children who would usually attend those clubs. We appreciate that some of you may collect the children rather than leave them with us.
- Our School Menu will be changing after the half-term holiday and you will shortly be receiving the new menu via book bags. In addition to the Red, Green and Jacket Potato options there will also be a "Street Food" option. Please look out for this additional menu – a copy of all options will also be posted on the school website.
- This year we will again be supporting the New Forest Rotary Club's Honeypot appeal and hope to collect as many Christmas shoeboxes for young local carers and vulnerable children as possible. Look out for the flyer in your child's book bag and please help us achieve an even better total than last year's 51 boxes.

Important Dates:

15 th Oct	Year R Parents Evening
16 th , 17 th Oct	Parents Evening
19 th Oct	YR Parents Evening
22 nd , 26 th Oct	Half-term holiday
1 st Nov	School Photographer
2 nd Nov	Honeypot Christmas box deadline
12 th Nov	YR Parents workshop 3.30pm
16 th Nov	Children in Need –spotty clothes (£1)
19 th Nov	Grandparents / Family Day 9-10.30am
7 th Dec	YR to Little Flames at St Saviours
12 th Dec	KS1 Nativity at St Saviours 6pm
13 th Dec	KS1 Nativity at St Saviours 1.30pm
14 th Dec	Flu vaccinations YR-5
18 th Dec	School Christmas Dinner
20 th Dec	KS2 Carols around the Christmas tree
21 st Dec	Inset Day

Pause For Thought : "Every child is gifted. They just unwrap their packages at different times."

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.