Dear Parents

**Effectiveness of Leadership**

**Parents’ Evenings**
It was so lovely to see and hear so many positive interactions between teachers and parents. Looking around school it is obvious that everyone is working so hard and the books and displays look amazing.

**Your opinion matters!**
Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us both online and with paper surveys. It is a huge help in action planning for the future and reflecting on our strengths and areas for development. Remember you can add or change your opinion at any point throughout the year.

**Website**
Some parents have expressed concern in the lack of function with the RSS links. In all stress tests on various devices it is working. Can I remind anyone with issues to remove and then reinstall links to refresh them. Then simply set the app for pings/notifications.

**Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment**

**KS1/KS2 SATs Information Meeting—Monday 14th November 3.30pm**
Mrs Edwards and Miss Ashness invite you to attend the above meeting for information on this year’s SATs tests. Please join them in the hall at the end of the school day.

**Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare**

**Forgotten Kit**
We seem to have an increased number of children who come to the office to contact parents because they have forgotten kit/books/lunch. Please can you ensure you child comes to school with all they require to keep the office ladies free to deal with more pressing issues first thing in the morning.

**Cycle helmets**
On my way to school recently, I saw a child of less than 4 years old on the back of a bicycle. Unfortunately she was not wearing a cycle helmet, please, for the sake of others and the safety of your child/ren, ensure that if you do bring them to school on a bicycle that they wear the correct safety helmets.

**Sickness/Diarrhoea**
Apparently there is a nasty sickness bug going around, please can you ensure you keep your child off school for 48 hours after the last onset of symptoms. Thank you for keeping us all well during the winter period.
Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

Armistice Day
All our children have paused for thought today to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice that we might have the freedoms we enjoy today. Year 5/6 walked to the memorial in the village and we joined the community in marking the silence. Following on from Anzac and our New Zealand visitors we are in the process of working with the High Commission to establish a link with Waiouru School. We hope to 'Skype' with them in the New Year.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal
Thank you to the families who have sent in boxes for the appeal and well done Mrs Pepin and Year 3 and Year 6! 62 shoe boxes were handed over this morning to be distributed to those children who will only receive one present this year. We are blessed to have so much and as the festive time approaches to give to those less fortunate and thinking of them is important.

Yours sincerely
John Littlewood
Head Teacher

Parent View—Ofsted website. Your Opinion Counts!
https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views

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.

Dates for your diary:

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

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Monday 19th December to 3rd January 2017—Christmas Break
Tuesday 3rd January—INSET Day, no children in school
Wednesday 4th January 2017—children back to school

Pause for thought.....
In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders fields!

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields
Brockenhurst Community MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) reminder

Please give your support to the Brockenhurst MUGA. This will be a valuable resource to the whole community, but especially for children, particularly once they are old enough to be in the village without their parents!

Please support the planning application, a short letter of support is very valuable;
http://publicaccess.newforestnpa.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=NFNP_DCAPR_157768

The closing date for letters of support is 25th November

Please support the application for funding awards from AVIVA: you can give us 10 votes in the voting process which will increase our chances of success. It takes only a few minutes;
https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/16-1732

The deadline for AVIVA funding votes is 18th November, so please vote before this date!

Please see the MUGA website page for further information and details of how you can support, and fundraise for this valuable asset;
http://brockenhurstvillage.org.uk/muga/

Thank you.
The MUGA team

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Parent Support & Information Sessions

These new sessions offer parents and carers of children and young people with autism and associated difficulties the chance to meet others and gain expert support and advice in an informal, friendly setting.

2016/17 sessions

19th November
10:30 – 12:30
Developing good eating habits & guidance on nutrition
by Rachel Cain, School Nurse

9th December
10:30 – 12:30
Advocacy & Local Authority services & benefits
by Information & Advice Service

20th January
10:30 – 12:30
Signalong session for parents
the basics of using Signalong and 50 core word signs

24th February
10:30 – 12:30
Attention Autism Intervention
teaching attention, communication & social interaction skills

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