



NEWSLETTER : ISSUE 8

20th December 2018

Welcome:

Dear Parents,

What a term it has been. So many exciting events and busy learning. The nativity was amazing! All the children looked superb, they had learnt their lines perfectly and projected to the audience even without a microphone. I am very proud of the children and the staff. They always go the extra mile. Carols Around The Tree has a lot to live up to but the rehearsal sessions sound fantastic.

Over the well-earned break filled with festive fun for family and friends I would ask that you think about whether you would like to become a parent governor - information on the process is under School Notices. I would like to thank Kit Sturgess for all his hard work as a parent governor over the past few years.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a healthy and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 7th January.

J Littlewood, Head Teacher

Reasons to Celebrate:

- You raised £128 for Save The Children on Christmas Jumper Day – thank you.
- Y5/6 Gymnasts performed a technical routine to The Greatest Showman at Priestlands School last week, which secured 3rd place. This week the Y3/4 Gym team performed to the Pirates of the Caribbean, putting a great show.

Important Dates:

21 st Dec	Inset Day
7 th Jan	Spring Term begins (No Clubs Week 1)
10 th Jan	Y5 trip
14 th Jan	Spring Clubs begin (Week 2)
17 th Jan	YR Vision & Hearing/Height & Weight (School Nurse)
18 th Jan	Y3 Swim programme begins
15 th Feb	Inset Day
18 th Feb	Half-term holiday

Pause For Thought:

"Joy is the simplest and best expression of gratitude"

School Notices:

- There are a few places left for our Spring term clubs – if you would like to book a place for your child please do so via the school website. Thank you to all those who have already paid for bookings. If you have made a booking but not yet made payment please be aware that this is due today. Payments can be made in the usual way by cash or cheque at the school office or via the online payment system.

- Following a review of the Adventure Play Area the monkey bars on the left hand side will now only be available to KS2 during the school day. We respectfully remind you that if children are on the apparatus after school, you are responsible for their safety.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor which we need to fill as soon as possible. Brockenhurst CE Primary school has always aimed for a partnership with parents which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

The governing body's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training. Governing body meetings are normally held in the evenings.

If you feel you can help in this capacity please complete the attached application form which will need to be completed and returned to the school by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 8th January. You should also look at the information for prospective governors on the [Hampshire County Council website](#). You will find video, e-learning and written information on the site and all of these will provide you with further details about the role.

Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to an identity check.

If there is more than one application for the vacancy, we will hold an election and you will be sent a voting paper in due course.