



## NEWSLETTER : ISSUE 9

18th January 2019

### Welcome:

Dear Parents,

In the light of broadening the curriculum and linking skills with knowledge we have taken a different approach to our curriculum maps this term. New overviews will be coming out and will be on the website shortly. You will see homework is linked to the class focus and supports a skills/knowledge approach. Times tables, reading and spellings are of course lifelong skills that will continue to run in conjunction with our new approach.

Best wishes

J Littlewood, Head Teacher

Introducing the "The Marvellous Mindful Me" Club which starts on Tuesday after school after the half-term holiday:

Would you like to help your child to:

- Learn more about how to manage big feelings?
- Know how to deal with tricky thoughts?
- Increase their self-confidence?
- Foster kindness in their relationships?
- Improve their attention span?

The club will run in school, from the 26th of February, 3.15-4.15. Please see the booking form sent with this newsletter for more details.

### School Notices:

• As you will have noticed we now have Mrs Alison Locke in place as our school Crossing Patrol Officer. We are very pleased that she is on hand to help make crossing the road safer for all of us. I would once again like to thank the PTA, Parish Council and Marden Trust for making this happen

• As Reading Club has been cancelled for the Spring term due to lack of interest, Mrs Lindsey is now offering a KS2 "Scratch" Coding Club. This will be lesson based so that children can learn to create their own programs. This Club will start on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January (3.15-4.15pm) and costs £10 for the remainder of the Spring Term. If you would like to register your child for a place please book via the school website in the usual way. Payment can be made via the school's online payment system or alternatively at the school office by cash or cheque.

• We have some spaces available for peripatetic brass lessons. If your child is in KS2 and interested in learning the trumpet, cornet, baritone horn or another brass instrument please contact the school office for more details.

• You will shortly be able to book Parents Evening slots on the school website in the usual way – we will send out an email to let you know when the system is live.

### Reasons to Celebrate:

• Y1/2 Athletics at Priestlands: Brockenhurst finished 3rd out of 9 teams. The pupils were attempting new events that they had never done before. The usual attributes of Brockenhurst students shone through: our children showed grit, encouragement and enjoyment in competing. Next week Y3/4 Athletics....

• Y5 trip to Snowtrax: Y5 went on an adventure as part of their Literacy and Geography topic of Shackleton and the Polar Regions. They were adventurous attempting challenges and experiencing what it is like in adverse conditions. There was an abundance of falls, bumps and laughter. This was a memorable trip that had children wanting to visit again. The frost covered forest on the way helped set the scene.



### Important Dates:

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| <b>18<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>   | Y3 Swim programme begins                                  |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>   | Y5 parents meet in Y6 re residential trip (3.20pm)        |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>   | Y5 visit Highcliffe School to watch performance of Joseph |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>    | PTA Quiz Night  |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>   | Parents Evening (3.30-6.20pm)                             |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>   | Parents Evening (3.30-6.50pm)                             |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>   | Inset Day   |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>   | Half-Term Holidays  |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b> | Red Nose Day  |

### Pause For Thought :

A parent took the time to write to us at Christmas and we would like to share an extract with you:

*"Our experience of your school is of one that is inclusive to both pupils and parents, responsive to the respective needs, open and transparent with really comprehensive lines and methods of communication."*