Welcome:

Dear Parents,

As half term rapidly approaches, along with spring, it is time for Mr Harvey to look to pastures new. He is leaving us today after 8 years but will still be in the village, at Streets from Wednesday to Friday. He has been a great member of the team and has stepped in on residential and activities, enjoying pushing children to try something new.

David Groves, who you may have seen over the last 2 days will be replacing Ken. He has been in the village for many years and supported the school when his son attended. He will be a familiar face at the gate each day so please stop and say hello. We have been lucky in finding a local replacement and are proud to support employment within our community.

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Reasons to Celebrate:

• Last week it was a very wet and muddy team that completed the Y5/6 Cross Country races at Gang Warily. With 20 schools in attendance all the Brockenhurst teams did very well with the Y5 girls and boys coming 3rd and 4th overall. We now have 2 girls going through to the County qualifiers – good luck girls!

• This week two teams went to the Priestlands Quicksticks tournament. Brockenhurst excelled, with Y3 coming second overall and Y4 taking first place. It was noticed how well behaved the children were and they showed great sportsmanship.

• All our year groups have had a fantastic time learning to skateboard and scooter in the past couple of weeks. It is a great way to be active and skateboarding is now part of the 2020 Olympics!

• KS1 were lucky enough to get up close with several birds of prey this week with a visit from a local falconer. They met Willow the Barn Owl, Edmond the Eagle Owl and Mystic the Gyr Falcon. KS2 will have the same opportunity to meet the birds later in the year. Join us on Twitter @BrockenhurstPri to see some photographs and keep up to date with all the latest news.

School Notices:

• Thank you to all those of you who have already signed up for Parents Evening slots on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February via our school website. If you have not done so already the booking forms can be found at: https://www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Parents +Evening+Bookings&pid=90

• As you are aware we are still without a crossing patrol person. We are running out of time to find a candidate before the funding for this position is withdrawn. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this permanent, term-time only job of 10 hours a week more information can be found at: https://careers.newjob.org.uk/HCC/job/Brockenhurst-School-Crossing-Patrol-Sway-Road%2C-Brockenhurst-HCC11847-
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• Some of our Y5 girls have organised a charity Cake Sale. This will be held at the school gate at pick up time next Wednesday, 12th February. Please bring your spare change to support a worthy cause and the girl’s initiative.

• May we remind you that as head lice can be a recurring problem in schools, regularly checking your child’s hair and treating if necessary will help to eliminate these pests. Please also ensure that your child’s hair is tied up on a daily basis.

Important Dates:

Mon 10th Feb All years Dance Festival (1-3pm)
Thur 13th Feb Y1/2 trip to Southampton Art Gallery
Thur 13th Feb Y4 to Ballard for “Singing in the Rain”
Fri 14th Feb Inset Day
17th-21st Feb Half-term holiday
Fri 28th Feb PTA Disco
Fri 6th March PTA Quiz night
Fri 27th Mar YR to Little Flames
6th-17th April Easter Holidays
Mon 20th April Inset Day
11th-14th May Y6 SATS week
18-21st May Y6 Bikeability week
25-29th May Half-term holiday
Mon 1st June Inset Day
Wed 10th Jun Y1/2 & Y5/6 Fire Safety
Fri 12th Jun Year Group photos
Thur 2nd July Sports Day TBC
Fri 3rd July PTA Fete

Pause For Thought:

Dreams come a size too big so that we can grow into them – Josie Bisset

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