



NEWSLETTER : ISSUE 12

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Welcome:

Dear Parents,

I have been lucky enough to be part of Brockenhurst and the community for the last 10 years. It astounds me how a small village pulls together to create such a thriving community when others are struggling to maintain a sense of identity. With such a sense of community spirit and belonging I urge you to join the fight to keep Brockenhurst Pre-school alive. The future of the village is in the quality education and community support of our young people. We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to support our local families and children in accessing regular, all-day, outstanding childcare. To make the move successful the pre-school needs over £60,000. Many fundraising activities are planned (see attached) and we look forward to seeing many of you at these events. However, you can also support the move by donating an amount on the Totalgiving website where you can gift aid to increase the donation and make your money go further:

<https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/charity/brockenhurst-pre-school>

Following a successful PTA Quiz last Friday it was commented on by many of the parents that the school looks great with the new lockers and Chromebooks. The children are very lucky to have all they need provided for them daily. As a school we constantly strive to increase both our digital awareness and wider education. We hope the investment in these areas continues to move the school forward.



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Reasons to Celebrate:

- Yesterday Y5 enjoyed a trip to New Forest Wildlife park to support their current topic of animals and their habitats. After an interesting morning they attended a workshop which focused in greater depth on wolves.
- After a postponement due to the bad weather last week, two of our Y5 girls attended the County cross-country competition this week. Well done Sophie and Charlotte.
- Last week Brockenhurst took a Y3/4 team to Aqua Splash at Ringwood School. This was a fun event involving various obstacle races in the water. A great time was had by all.
- Home netball matches were played yesterday against Milford Primary. Brockenhurst A team won 13-10 and the B-team were valiant in their defeat 13-3.
- At Priestlands this week two Brock teams competed in the Y3/4 Netball tournament. Both teams did very well: our A-team achieved 2nd place and the B-team took 3rd.
- Today we have been having fun dressing up as sports people for Sport Relief. The children learnt a special song in assembly and have also had some quiet reflection time - thinking about those people who live difficult lives in the UK and around the world and are supported by Sport Relief. Thank you for your donations of £1, we will let you know how much we have raised in the next newsletter.
- We saw some wonderful costumes for World Book Day last week. Each class studied a Julia Donaldson book during the day and £103 was raised. An extra thank you to those people who gave more than the suggested donation of £1.

School Notices:

- As you are aware we are following all Public Health England and Department for Education guidance on the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). We are working with our suppliers to provide soap that is less harsh and soft hand towels for the children to use at regular intervals during the day. All surfaces and handles are cleaned daily. The school kitchen routinely follow stringent hygiene regulations and in addition are now sanitising lunch tables before as well as after use.
- To prevent the spread of coronavirus the decision has been taken to cancel all non-essential gatherings when children are on site. This includes Mothers/family representative day which was originally planned for Monday 23rd March. We have welcomed approximately 100 additional people into school on this occasion in previous years and look forward to doing so again at a point in the future when the risk level has reduced.
- Sing-along to The Sound of Music (with Prosecco bar) is a fun, fund-raising event for the Brockenhurst Pre-school move which will be held on Friday 27th March. Please support the Friday Girls who are organising the evening; bring your friends and help to raise as much money as possible!
- Our school follows HCC policy when approving any Leave of Absence application. Holidays in term time are not authorised. Ten unauthorised sessions of absence (a morning or afternoon is one session) in any 10 week period results in a penalty notice being issued to each parent, for each child. The school does not receive this money as it is collected by HCC. If a previous penalty notice has not prevented a further application for Leave of Absence a referral can be made directly to the Attendance Legal Panel rather than a further Penalty Notice being issued.

Important Dates:

Mon 23rd Mar	Mothers/Family Representatives Day CANCELLED
Wed 25th Mar	Brass Assembly CANCELLED
Fri 27th Mar	Guitar assembly CANCELLED
Fri 27th Mar	YR to Little Flames (children only)
Wed 1st April	Piano assembly CANCELLED
Thur 2nd April	Easter Service (children only)
Fri 3rd April	Drama club assembly 8.50am CANCELLED
6th-17th April	Easter Holidays
Mon 20th April	Inset Day
11th-14th May	Y6 SATS week
18-21st May	Y6 Bikeability week
18th-22nd May	Walk to School week
25-29th May	Half-term holiday
Mon 1st June	Inset Day
Thur 4th June	KS2 Bird of Prey visit
Wed 10th Jun	Y1/2 & Y5/6 Fire Safety
Fri 12th Jun	Year Group photos
Thurs 2nd July	Sports Day TBC
Fri 3rd July	PTA Fete

Pause For Thought :

The difference between try and triumph is a little "umph." – Marvin Phillips