Dear Parents

Effectiveness of Leadership

Parent skills audit—what have you got to offer?
When reflecting on our successes in the last information update, I stated that we are exceptionally lucky with the support we receive from parents. We are looking to see if there are any further opportunities to link with businesses or parents who have individual skills. Are you a scientist and can help run investigations? Do you have a restaurant and want to share the foods from around the world? (Y3 will be doing this) Are you a writer or movie maker? Do you link with wellbeing? If you have a skill we may have an opportunity for you to share it. Could you please let the office know via email and they will forward them to myself.

Half way—How are we doing?
You will remember at the start of the year there was a big push from the school to tell us what you think via ParentView. We are now halfway through the year and many changes have happened as a result of feedback. Could you please find the time to complete Parent View (5 minutes) - the link is on page 2 and let us know what you think at the mid point of the year.

Sanctuary and where to turn in times of trouble?
In worship we have been looking at trust and safety. We have been asking the bigger questions of: In times of trouble who do you turn to? When you need space where is your place of sanctuary? The children have reflected well and I was pleased to hear that the children turn to parents, family, friends and God. Interestingly a child thought of a castle as their place of sanctuary...

Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Parents evenings
Our forthcoming Parents’ evenings will be on Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th, and Wednesday 29th March. Class days and times are below.

Please note:
Parents can now book the remaining slots on the website - under the "Parents Information" tab.
www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/page/Default.asp?title=Parents+Evening+Bookings&pid=90

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Shakespeare Day Thursday 23rd March

We are such stuff as dreams are made on, and our little life is rounded with a sleep. —Tempest

‘West End in schools’ will be with us for the day who, along with Miss Ashness and the teachers, have a vast range of exciting activities planned to bring Shakespeare to life. Quotes from the children and activities will be posted on the website and displayed in the school library.
**Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare**

*Walk to School Week*
We have signed up for this year's Road Safety Team's walk to school week. Last year nearly 400 schools in Hampshire took part with 94,000 pupils participating. This year's national event takes place during the week of **Monday 15th to Friday 19th May** and is an excellent way of promoting healthy living, reducing congestion outside schools and teaches essential pedestrian and road safety skills.

In May parents will receive a letter explaining the event and each child will receive a log book, stickers and a certificate if they take part. Please put the date in your diary.

*Autism Awareness Week—27th March 2017*
Please see the attached information on understanding autism and note the following website if of interest to you.  
www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/understanding-autism

**Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural**

*Mother's Day in school on Friday 24th March*
We will be welcoming mums into the school from 9am to 11am on the Friday morning. Once children are settled we will let mums in via the school office to spend an hour in classes. At 10am we will have worship in the hall where we will celebrate mums and their uniqueness. After that children will go to break and refreshments will be served in the hall. At 11am we request that all mums sign out via the school office to allow the children to return to their work.

SHE IS STILL JUMPING!
Unfortunately, due to bad weather Laura's skydive was postponed last week – but she is still due to jump this Sunday.
If you haven't already sponsored her, please do so. All funds are being split between Macmillan and the PTA.
Sponsor forms are at the office, Laura will also be at the gate, or simply go on line: https://mydonate.bt.com/events/laurarosser

**CHEESE, WINE & MURDER! (NEW PTA event)**
*Friday 17th March ~ 7.30pm in the School Hall*
As you will know the PTA raise a huge amount of funds for the school and try to vary the events as much as possible. This is a new event and we would encourage you to get a team together and buy your tickets before they sell out. I will be taking an active part in the evening and hope to live to tell the tale!
Teams are made up of 7-10 people.
Working as a team you have to solve the clues and find the murderer – it’s just like a quiz!
You will mingle around the other guests finding the relevant information to work out who dunnit!
Cheese board included, full bar available (Beer, Lager, Wine, Prosecco etc etc.)
Tickets are £7.50 and available from Bronya/Sarah or Mrs Gale at the school office or you can email us: brockprimarypta@gmail.com

Yours sincerely

**John Littlewood**
Head Teacher

**Pause for thought…..**
*No matter what knocks you down in life, get back up and keep going.*
*Never give up. Great blessings are a result of great perseverance….*

**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.
## Message from the PTA

**The Flying Dinner Lady...**

Our very own dinner lady Laura Rosser is taking to the skies and doing a tandem skydive. Laura is raising money for MacMillan and Brockenhurst Primary School PTA, so please sponsor her! You can donate on-line here: [https://mydonate.bt.com/events/laurarosser](https://mydonate.bt.com/events/laurarosser)

**After School Watercolour Painting Group**

This group, for 4-8 year olds, will start again on Monday 27th February. It meets every Monday 3.30-4.40pm in the Village Hall. All materials are supplied and samples of the children's work is regularly displayed in the Village Hall Exhibition Room.

The cost is £15 for a six week course. Numbers are limited to twelve, so please inform the Village Hall, Tel: 622580 to book your place. You can contact Catherine (622362) or Brenda (622182) for further details.

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## Dates for your diary for Spring term 2017:

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

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Spring Holiday Monday 10th – Friday 21st April 2017

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**Information Regarding SATs for KS1/2 & Phonics testing**

The dates for the tests are as follows:

- **Phonics (KS1)** Week commencing 12th June 2017
- **KS1 Testing Period**—w/c 15th May 2017
- **KS2 Test week**—w/c 8th May 2017.