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Presence of God"

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Dear Parents



Effectiveness of Leadership

Well done to Year 6

I would like to express my admiration to the Year 6 children and staff for their calm approach to what can be a stressful time for children. As I said in previous weeks, children are measured by many different standards. We at Brockenhurst are interested in the whole child and want every child to achieve their potential. There is no doubt that this week the children showed that they were fully prepared and attacked all the tests. No matter what the outcome I can safely say every child gave their all and I am exceptionally proud of them.

Following on from my last newsletter, I would like to remind you that staffing for Year groups will be set fully after the half term break and parents will be informed before the school reports are sent to parents. Thank you.



Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Hooke Court Visit

Year 4 have had an amazing time at Hooke Court on their residential visit this week learning about Romans. Thank you to Miss Stuttle and her support team for enabling these exciting few days. On the way to Hooke Court the group visited Maiden Castle in Dorchester and had a guided tour of the Roman House. Whilst at Maiden Castle the group were observed by a retired Hampshire Head Teacher who sent us a very complimentary email yesterday:

"The groups were well organised and you could see they were relaxed and happy by the way they walked (I was about 600m above them from the car park). As they passed me, the lead teacher said, 'Sorry to disturb your peace', not knowing I was making notes about their learning journey or that I could possibly have been a teacher myself!

The children were delightful - many saying 'good afternoon' or 'hello' (all without prompting).

Congratulations and please pass on my praise to your children and staff.

The route up the castle top was carefully chosen - the children arrived at the top of the first rampart and then looked down unexpectedly into the first deep ditch system. I heard them saying 'wow' and 'oohhh' as they took in the view. I always think it is a wonderful moment when the teacher anticipates exactly the children's reaction, because it is the only reaction, and the teacher has led the child to this moment deliberately because it is good to experience such moments. There were two more such moments up that path still to come - and all dug with deer antlers! Such concepts seem impossible to me."



Miss Ashness

Miss Ashness will not be with us for the next 2 weeks. Mrs Hudson and the team will continue as normal in her absence.. We wish her a speedy recovery.



Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

Be Dog and Horse Wise

Please remind your children that, as tempting as it is for children to pet and embrace dogs or horses at the school gate, it is never wise to pet a dog or horse without its adult owner there. You can never know how an animal will react when approached even if you know them well. Please teach your child never to put their faces down towards the dog's face. There have been many incidents in the media regarding accidents with dogs, so please take care. Injuries from ponies and horses are possible too, especially at the moment as the mares are currently foaling. Not only is there a possibility of biting and kicking, but also treading a heavy hoof on delicate toes. So please always ask the adult in charge, and learn how to stay safe.

It is lovely to be pet friendly, but please ask every time, and do not touch if the adult owner is not there.

Sun Safe

We have signed up for Sun Safe Schools Accreditation. We have agreed a policy and have put in place measures to ensure our children have shade during the school day if outside at play. Please may we ask you to read the letter and policy, sign the attached response form and return it to school.

You can help us by sending your child into school with a sun hat and sun-cream to protect them from the harmful UV rays that are prevalent between 11.00am to 3.00pm when the children are often at play outside. Thank you.

Walk to school week

Hopefully your children have brought home a small booklet with stickers for 'Walk to School' week next week. We are aware many of you walk, cycle or scoot in already. Please continue to do so. For those of you who drive; why not allow a little more time and park further away with a walk in. Please share the Green Cross Code which is in the booklet with your children as a reminder.



Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

Parent Information Evenings

We will be hosting two parent information sessions after half term. One will be based around supporting your child with reading, the other will be based around Safeguarding (including e-safety). These evenings will start at 7.00pm and refreshments will be served on arrival. The format will be presentation with open questioning and examples. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

Bella Tromba

"I just wanted to write and say a huge thank you for hosting us for our workshop yesterday. It was a such a wonderful experience to see your young brass players performing alongside us and to see such keen faces smiling back at us. In fact we found the whole school a really positive place." Jo Harris, Trumpet player with Bella Tromba.

Yours sincerely

John Littlewood

Head Teacher



Pause for thought.....

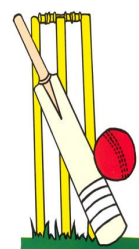
1 Corinthians 13—LOVE

- 4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;
- 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, Is not provoked, thinks no evil;
- 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;
- 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.



Children (5-8 years) can take part in a brand new national programme called **All Stars Cricket** to learn new skills, meet new friends and play cricket. It runs for 8 weeks during the summer term and they can you get their own kit bag with a bat, rucksack, ball, bottle, cap and personal-ised t-shirt. To register or find out more:

www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars



Parent View—Ofsted website. Your Opinion Counts!

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

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.

Dates for your diary for Summer term 2017:

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

Information Regarding SATs for KS1/2 & Phonic testing

The dates for the tests are as follows:
Phonics (KS1) Week commencing 12th June 2017
KS1 Testing Period—w/c 22nd May 2017

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
15/05/17		15 th		16 th		17 th		18 th		19 th
Week 4	3.30pm Q & A Meeting for Y5 Parents re: Swanage Sept 2017 Walk to School Week		Walk to School Week		Walk to School Week		Walk to School Week		7.00-11.00pm PTA Quiz Night Walk to School Week	
22/05/17		22 nd		23 rd		24 th		25 th		26 th
Week 5	Governors Week Year 5 Harold Hillier Gardens		Governors Week New YR Parents meeting 7.00-8.30pm		Governors Week 1.20pm Piano Assem- bly		Governors Week YR Farmer Palmers TBC pm. Y6 Sailing		INSET No children in school	
Half term holiday—Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2017										
05/06/17		5 th		6 th		7 th		8 th		9 th
Week 1					KS1 Visit to Marwell Zoo		Y5 Southampton Sports Centre		YR Moors Valley TBC	
12/06/17		12 th		13 th		14 th		15 th		16 th
Week 2							Y5 to Verderers, Lynd- hurst		Fathers Day (09:00) Worship 10:00-10:30 DEN DAY	
19/06/17		19 th		20 th		21 st		22 nd		23 rd
Week 3							YR Visit TBC			
26/06/17		26 th		27 th		28 th		29 th		30 th
Week 4							YR Puttles Bridge TBC		KS2 Production Rehearsal at Village Hall  PTA Fete	
03/07/17		3 rd		4 th		5 th		6 th		7 th
Week 5	Sports Day (if fine weather) KS2 Production (Eve)				Y6 Induction Day Highcliffe KS2 Production (Eve)		Sports Day (Reserve)		Reports to parents	
10/07/17		10 th		11 th		12 th		13 th		14 th
Week 6			Y6 Induction Day Priestlands						Moving Up morning 09:00-10:00	
17/07/17		17 th		18 th		19 th		20 th		21 st
Week 7	Y6 Leavers Service Winchester				Achievement Celebration Time/Venue—TBC				Worship 10:00-10:30 Leavers Service at St Saviour’s church	
24/07/17		24 th		25 th		26 th		27 th		28 th
Week 8	INSET No children in school		INSET No children in school							

Please note:

The dates for the academic year 2017/2018 with INSET Days are now online :

<http://www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=44>