



## NEWSLETTER : ISSUE 13

26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### Welcome:

Dear Parents,

I hope this traditional newsletter finds you all safe and well.

We have continued to work hard to improve our outside areas - making space for the pre-school and ensuring the children can have as much usable space as possible outside.

We are working hard on our plans for September and I hope to share them with you in the next update. We have a full complement of staff and the team goes from strength to strength. Things will initially have to be a little different, but we will do our best to include all pupils within the guidelines given by the DfE.

New YR transitions are not happening due to COVID-19 and 'bubbles' remaining safe. We will be adjusting their start in September to allow them time to settle. Independent information will be sent direct to those parents affected.

We will be independently running Breakfast/Before School and After School provision with the same times as normal. How to book and costings will be included in the next update.

We will not, due to COVID-19, be running any before or afterschool clubs (netball, multisport etc) in the Autumn term. We will keep this under review for the Spring.

If you have any questions please contact me direct: [j.littlewood@brockenhurst-primary.sch.uk](mailto:j.littlewood@brockenhurst-primary.sch.uk)

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### Reasons to Celebrate:

• We are extremely proud of all our children working both in school and online. We have all been spending as much time as possible outside making the most of the beautiful weather and our lovely setting; this week Y6 have learnt how to play Street Cricket. We have been bringing more children together from home and at school by hosting class Zoom meetings. On Zoom today Y2 caught up on all their news including how many teeth everyone has lost in the last few weeks and also enjoyed a scavenger hunt. Y6, Y5, Y4 & Y3 have all taken part in class quizzes.

• We are excited to announce that for the second year running our school has been awarded the Platinum sports award. The School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

### School Notices:

- Brockenhurst Preschool are doing a fantastic job (particularly during these most challenging of times) fundraising for the move to a new home on the school site. To guarantee the move £60,000 is the final target; with all the efforts so far an amazing £50,000 has been raised. Last week much fun was had with an online Family Fun Quiz Night. Any contribution via the Preschool fundraising page, however small, will be very much appreciated. Please dig deep to help the final push to reach the target and ensure a secure home for the Preschool that is sustainable for the future, so that they may keep providing affordable, inclusive early years education: <http://brockpreschool.co.uk/fundraising/>
- Watch this space in the next newsletter for news on how to book places at our on-site, independent Breakfast/Before and After School clubs from September. The hours will be the same as previously offered by New Forest Childcare, with costs no more expensive and no registration fee.
- We are delighted to say that we have been working together with Personal Best Education to access Bikeability for our current Y6 bubbles. Once we have final approval that this can go ahead we will contact Y6 parents directly with further details of how this will work with social distancing in place.
- If your child is in Y3-6 and would like to have peripatetic music lessons next year please let the office know (if you have not done so already). The commitment is for the whole academic year at a cost of £280, to be paid in termly instalments. Hampshire Music Service also offer termly instrument hire if this should be of use. Please note that for those already having instrument lessons, this year's fees will need to be paid before any lessons can be booked for the next academic year. Individual music lessons are currently being carried out online with HMS teachers - if you have not yet accessed the service, please contact the office for further assistance.

### Important Dates:

w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Bikeability (in bubbles) TBC
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last Day of Summer Term
<b>TERM DATES:</b>	<b>2020-21:</b>
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Inset Day
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Inset Day
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	First Day of Autumn Term
26 <sup>rd</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Inset Day
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Children return to school
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec – 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Christmas Holiday
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Inset Day
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last Day of Spring Term
19 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term
31 <sup>st</sup> May- 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Half Term
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Inset Day
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Last Day of Term

### Pause For Thought :

"Love Wins"

– Charlie Mackesy and his characters the Boy and the Mole