



NEWSLETTER : ISSUE 5

6th November 2020

Welcome:

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. I trust you and your families had the opportunity to enjoy a restful break despite the weather not being too kind to us.

The children have again been wonderful in their return to school. It is lovely to see so many happy, smiling faces every day. Thank you to everyone for your understanding and compliance with the request for all adults to wear face masks on site. We are all constantly striving to make our environment as safe as we can, whilst keeping the school day as normal and stimulating as possible for all of our children.

As mentioned in the last newsletter we have an opportunity for a new Parent Governor to join the team. We have extended the deadline to give as many people as possible the opportunity to consider this rewarding position within our school community. It requires a commitment of two, approximately 2 hour, meetings per half term. These are held in the evening.

If you are interested in applying for the role please complete the attached application form and return, preferably via email to:

govern@brockenhurst-primary.hants.sch.uk by Friday 13th November 2020

As good ventilation is now more important than ever, please ensure the children have enough layers for a slightly colder classroom. In these exceptional times we are happy for children to wear their red school PE hoodies over their usual school jumper if they are cold. Black leggings may also be worn under skirts for extra warmth if necessary. All children also require a fully waterproof coat for break and lunch times.

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Reasons to Celebrate:

I am delighted to share with you that our plans to improve the field and forest area of the school as an engaging learning environment are making progress. These areas are being cleared in preparation for a new start in the New Year.

As part of this we are looking to provide a home for two pigs within the woods. They would have a permanent house and be safely away from the children. We will use composting and school waste to help feed the pigs; giving us an opportunity to talk about our environmental impact and life in the New Forest. If you have any questions or suggestions please email me direct.

School Notices:

- From Monday 9th November Badger's Rest Breakfast Club will run from 7.30am at no additional cost. Breakfast will be served between 7.30-8am. From 8-8.25am the children will be able to play and enjoy themselves. They will then be escorted to the school hall ready for the start of the school day. This is to help ensure a smooth handover of the building to the Pre-School.

- Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where active members of the local community join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. Brockenhurst needs 6 volunteers to be able to offer this service to the community. If you are interested in applying for a position on the team, you will need to be able to volunteer for 2 hours per month. All training and equipment will be provided. Please contact the school office if you are interested in pursuing this opportunity.

- Tempest photography have visited our school today to take individual photographs of the children. Proof photographs will be sent to us by Tempest and you will receive these in due course once a 72 hour quarantine on the photographs has passed. After which you will be able to order either online or via the school; instructions will be included with your proof. The final products will be delivered to school and distributed to you via the classrooms in the usual way. Due to current restrictions on the crossing of bubbles no sibling photographs were possible this year.

Important Dates:

21st Dec	Christmas Holiday
Fri 12th Feb	Inset Day
15th - 19th Feb	Half Term
Thur 1st April	Last Day of Spring Term
19th April	First Day of Summer Term
31st May-4th Jun	Half Term
7th June	Inset Day
23rd July	Last day of term

Pause For Thought :

"When you go home, tell them of us and say, for their tomorrow we gave our today" - Rudyard Kipling