



NEWSLETTER : ISSUE 6

20th November 2020

Welcome:

Dear Parents and friends of the school

Welcome to winter. The frost is on the forest and the school looks amazing, almost magical in the mornings. I think those who arrive for breakfast club at Badger's Rest probably see it at its best.

Staff and children continue to smile and deal with the daily challenges of maintaining a rounded education where there is time to talk, be active and be challenged. I am incredibly proud of all of them. True resilience and caring in action. I have been lucky enough on 3 evenings this week to be part of 3 Zooms: PTA, Children & Curriculum governors and a YR Phonics demonstration. In every meeting we have talked about how the school is doing a great job in maintaining normality and shared the many strengths that our unique location allows.

Forest school, pigs, new play apparatus in YR and the children's kitchen redevelopment are all projects with intent that continue to run alongside daily life. In the new year they will be implemented and we hope to share all of these things with you. We are adding a virtual tour to our website, so even if you cannot come into the building you will be able to see these areas and the impact they have on the children.

If you have any questions please as always email me direct.

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Reasons to Celebrate:

• We are lucky enough to have two Christmas Tree initiatives raising money for our school this December. The PTA will be accepting orders until Wednesday 25th November for delivery on Friday 4th December; and Setley Ridge Garden Centre will also be supporting our school with the sale of Christmas trees (see attached leaflet for further details on how to reserve your tree).



Badger Class 2020
(Lymington Times 20th November)

School Notices:

• School photograph orders from Tempest photography need to be placed online, or by return to school, by Friday 27th November so that the orders can be received before the end of term.

• Your child will be bringing Parent Governor ballot papers home next week. Full instructions will be included on how to cast your vote for the latest parent representative on the school's Governing body. These have been prepared in advance to allow for the appropriate non-contact time.

• Please may we remind you that morning playtime snacks must be a healthy and nut-free option e.g. fruit or vegetables. We have seen a recent increase in unhealthy snacks being brought into school. Sweets and full size chocolate bars will be returned to parents at the end of the school day.

• We are keen to encourage as much guided reading at home as possible; there is strong evidence that this supports children's progress enormously. This is especially important as we are currently unable to welcome volunteers into school for additional reading sessions.

• We are aiming for all the children to be able to enjoy a school Christmas lunch again this year. This will be a little different to in previous years, as class bubbles will be enjoying their Christmas lunch on different days within the final week of term. Christmas jumpers can also be worn on the appropriate day:

- YR, Y1 & Y2 - Tuesday 15th December
- Y3 & Y4 - Wednesday 16th December
- Y5 & Y6 - Thursday 17th December

• This December we will be collecting for a Reverse Advent Calendar. We are asking for non-perishable food items to be donated at the school office; these will be donated to the local food bank at the end of term. Please see the leaflet sent with this newsletter for more information on the items we can accept.



• To stay updated on the latest news and school events download the free School News app from Google Play or the App Store. Alerts are sent from the school to the app with the latest up to date information.

• We have had one volunteer come forward for the Community Speedwatch initiative. In order for this important community speed programme to progress 6 volunteers are required. You will need to be able to commit 2 hours per month. All training and equipment will be provided. Please contact the school office if you are interested in pursuing this opportunity.

Important Dates:

Tues 15th Dec	YR, Y1, Y2 Christmas lunch
Wed 16th Dec	Y3 & Y4 Christmas lunch
Thurs 17th Dec	Y5 & Y6 Christmas lunch
21st Dec	Christmas Holiday begins
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

A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees – Amelia Earhart

At Brockenhurst CE Primary School our vision is to inspire a love of learning, within a nurturing Christian environment.