



## NEWSLETTER : ISSUE 9

8th January 2021

### Welcome:

Dear Parents and Friends of Brockenhurst CE Primary,

I would like to start by thanking my staff and the children for their exceptional resilience and adaptation this week. On Monday after some changes over Christmas we welcomed everyone back and it was all smiles. At 8pm on Monday we as a nation were informed that in 12 hours schools would be shut and overnight all those staff at home needed to alter what they are doing and change learning to a hybrid approach. No head teacher would ever put such pressure on a system and I am eternally grateful for the positive approach from staff, pupils, parents and governors in making it work.

Learning is happening both on site and at home. Staff are working full time on site and will respond to enquiries when they can. Work is posted with video messages daily and there will be an opportunity once a week for the children to meet as a whole class with the teacher to maintain contact. All live streaming chat will be turned off as it cannot be monitored during the day. Your positive emails and comments over the week are very much appreciated and shared with staff. We are in this together and will make it work.

I am pleased to say that last term the PTA raised £4500 and we will also be receiving £1500 from Christmas tree sales at Setley Ridge. £6000 in a pandemic is phenomenal and every penny goes towards supporting the children.

During this lockdown we will be replacing the children's kitchen in preparation for a full return. Fencing the forest school area in preparation for pigs and developing the grounds where tree maintenance has happened and undergrowth cleared.

If you have any questions or comments please email me directly as I do not have a class to teach daily.

J Littlewood, Head Teacher

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### PTA and fund raising:

• The **Bag2School** collection is still going ahead on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January. So if you are having a big clear out while at home, please drop your unused clothes to the car park on Tuesday morning. Any bag can be used to collect donations, it does not need to be a specific Bag2School sack. When visiting the school car park, please remember your mask and respect social distancing.

• If you would like to try out some new recipes in 2021 there are a few copies of the **PTA Brock Cookbook** remaining. These are £10 each and available at Village Veg and the village Co-op store. 100% of the profits are going to the school children's kitchen project.

### School Notices:

• We are pleased to let you know that following the parent governor election last term Mrs Lucy Ladd has been appointed as your new Parent Governor. Many of you will already know Lucy as she has two children at the school and is joint Chair of the PTA. We look forward to working with Lucy during her four year term in office.

• As during the previous lockdown, Hampshire Music Service will continue to offer instrumental music lessons online to those pupils already receiving peripatetic music lessons in school. Pupils are able to log in to the music service and liaise directly with their music teacher to request a weekly online live lesson. Music is a real strength at our school so we are delighted that there will be no disruption to this at this time.

• If you have made any future bookings for Badger's Rest Breakfast or After School Club you are able to amend and cancel these via your Scopay account. Changes can be made via Scopay up to 5 days before any booking. If you had bookings made for sessions this week that you have not been able to take up, these have been cancelled for you and your account credited. We are currently only able to take bookings for children of critical workers during lockdown.

• If you know of anyone struggling at this time, please let them know about the Food Rescue Kitchen - Feed the Need. Surplus waste food is being redistributed and transformed into meals for those in need. Brockenhurst Village Hall have kindly provided the use of their kitchen to Jane Girling who is running this initiative - join the FB group for more info:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1010822746049146>

A final reminder that **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January** is the deadline for YR applications for 2021-22. For more information on how to apply visit; [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)

### Important Dates:

Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Bag 2 School
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
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term

### Pause For Thought

If you are positive, you'll see opportunities instead of obstacles. Widad Akrawi