



NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 3

11th October 2021

Welcome:

Dear Parents and Friends of Brockenhurst CE Primary and Pre-School

I hope this update finds you safe and well. The sunny weather has certainly lifted the children's spirits and we are making the most of being outside where possible. I am also pleased to say year 5 have been bread making and using the children's kitchen to its full.

In school this half term we have been looking at the school value of being 'ambitious'. We have discussed short term and long term ambitions, looking at how we can set SMART - small, measurable, achievable targets along the way. We have looked at influencers from the past such as Martin Luther King and how some ambitions and goals take a lot longer to reach. The following link sums up what I mean nicely:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZb2NOHPA2A

At present I am looking at the future direction for the school over the next 3 to 5 years. If you have any thoughts on what we do well, should do more or less of, please do email me direct. All ideas are welcome.

It gives me great pleasure to tell you that our site manager **David Groves** was nominated for an award in the Hampshire Education wider contribution category. David was shortlisted and on Thursday evening attended the awards dinner where he was announced as the overall winner in this category. A very proud moment for him, his family and all of us as a school community. I'm sure you'll want to join with the governors and myself in congratulating David on this well-deserved recognition for all he has done at Brockenhurst school. Well done David and a big thank you from us all.

As always please do contact me directly if needed.

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Governor Spotlight:

Y6s interviewed Kevin Plummer, one of our school governors, to introduce him to the rest of our school community. Here is what they found out:

How long have you been a school governor?

6 years. Before that, I worked at a London secondary school for 20 years.

What is your favourite hobby?

Gardening – I have an allotment.

What do you do to help our school?

I help to make sure there is an updated vision for the school, make sure that it is a safe space and I help to make sure money is spent in a practical way.

Tell me a fact about yourself.

I played rugby for 30 years.

Why did you choose to be a governor?

I had just moved to Brockenhurst and always wanted to help people.

What is your responsibility on the governing body?

I am chair of the resources committee and the vice chair of the Governing Body.

Tell us your best joke.

What is brown and sticky? A stick.

School Notices

• The **Parents Evening** booking system is now open on our school website. Please book your appointment if you have not done so already: <https://www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Parents+Evening+Bookings&pid=90>

• **Breakfast and After-School club:** please make sure you book the sessions you require at Badger's Rest as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We have had some sessions that are full and have therefore not been able to accept last minute bookings. Please contact Emma Hodkin on 07445 378433 to check whether there are spaces available before arriving for any sessions that you have not booked in advance. Thank you.

• **Holiday Club** will be running on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of half-term (w/c 25th October). You will need to pay and make your booking via your Scopay account. The cost of £25 per day includes a morning and afternoon snack; children will need to bring their own packed lunch. The day runs from 8am until 5pm, with drop off between 8-8:30am and pickup between 4:30-5pm. Please note holiday club sessions are non-refundable.

• **Secondary school application deadline** for Y6 parents: The deadline for Y7 applications is: **31st October 2021**. Further information: www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/year7

• We would like to support **New Forest Basics Bank** this harvest time by collecting these suggested items by **Friday 22nd October**: tinned hot meat, tinned cold meat, tinned rice pudding, tinned spaghetti hoops, washing up liquid, washing detergents, shampoo, toothpaste, jam and marmalade.

Calendar

Mon 18th Oct	Y6 to Highcliffe School
Tues 19th Oct	Parents Evening
Thurs 21st Oct	Parents Evening
Fri 22nd Oct	Last day of half-term
25th-27th Oct	Badger's Rest Holiday Club
Mon 1st Nov	Inset Day
Mon 1st Nov	Pre-School Open Afternoon (1pm – 3pm)
Fri 5th Nov	Individual school photos
Thur 18th Nov	YR Vision screening
Wed 24th Nov	Flu vaccinations
Wed 8th Dec	YR/Pre-School Nativity
Fri 10th Dec	KS1 Nativity
Tues 14th	Christmas lunch
Thur 16th Dec	KS2 Carols round the tree
Fri 17th Dec	Last Day of Term

Pause For Thought

Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving – Albert Einstein

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