



NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 4

11th November 2021

Welcome:

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

We have two upcoming changes to staffing: Miss Welton will be leaving YR to go on maternity leave next month. We all send Holly our very best wishes at this most exciting time. Mrs Shilton will be joining the YR team during Miss Welton's absence.

Miss McKay will be leaving us at Christmas to relocate to Edinburgh. We wish her all the very best in her new adventure. Arrangements for a new Y1 teacher are underway and we will update you as soon as an appointment has been made.

As always please do contact me directly if needed.

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We Need You! If you have time to volunteer, or know someone who does, we would like to make maximum use of our fabulous new facilities with Forest School and cooking activities. Help can be from as little as one hour to a morning or afternoon a week. If you have a regular time slot available, are willing to undertake a DBS check (provided by the school) and to support us please contact me direct.

Governor focus: This week our finance and resources committee met which has responsibility for budget, premises and personnel matters. At this time of year we are able to use the Hampshire benchmarking tool to compare our spend with both schools in Hampshire and (through access to the Department of Education information) schools across England. Governors can then analyse how we target our school budget when compared with other schools, look at trends and discuss where we see any differences between our spend and other comparative schools. Where there are any major differences it is important that governors understand why and the impact they are having on the school. This is helpful in ensuring that the school makes the best use of the resources available.

Reasons to celebrate:



Our Y2 and Pre-School children decorated jars to help make Sylvester the Giant Snail at Woodpeckers – it was the centre piece of their recent Festival of Light.

School Notices

• **30 hours childcare for 3 and 4 year olds:** Reminder for parents claiming '30 hours childcare' in the spring term 2022. All parents who are working, who have a 3 or 4 year old and want to claim funded extended hours (30 hours childcare), must make sure they have applied to HMRC no later than 31 December 2021. Please note that eligibility codes must be renewed every three months:

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>

• **YR-Y6 Flu vaccination consent:** You will have received an email containing the link needed to give consent electronically for your child to have the flu vaccination at school on Wednesday 24th November. Please note the deadline for giving your consent is Monday 22nd November at 10am.

• The **new school lunch menu** for November 2021-April 2022 can now be found on our school website: <https://www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=46>

Green, red and jacket potato options are currently available.

• **Children in Need** is Friday 19th November – this will be a mufti day with anything spotty being the focus. (No pyjamas please). We are requesting a minimum donation of £1 to be brought in to the classroom on the day. Thank you.

• Our school will be supporting the **New Forest Rotary Club Honeypot Treasure Appeal** – this has replaced their previous Christmas shoe box appeal and provides "memory bags" with small toys and treats for 5-12 year old young carers throughout the year. The attached leaflet details items that are suitable to donate. Please bring any donations into the school office by 3rd December.

• **Medical Special Diets:** HC3S have informed us that all special diet menus are now generated through their new online system. Parents who wish for their child to continue to receive a special diet will need to register on the portal. Please note that there will be up to a 10-day turnaround from the date the application is received by HC3S.

Calendar

Thur 18th Nov

Fri 19th Nov

Wed 24th Nov

Wed 8th Dec (am)

Fri 10th Dec (am)

Fri 10th Dec (pm)

Tues 14th

Thur 16th Dec (pm)

Fri 17th Dec

YR Vision screening

Children in Need mufti day

YR-Y6 Flu vaccinations

YR/Pre-School Nativity

Little Flames - YR/Pre-School

KS1 Nativity

Christmas lunch

KS2 Carols round the tree

Last Day of Term

Pause For Thought

Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud – Maya Angelou