



NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 5

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Welcome:

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

It's beginning to look a bit like Christmas. Well, we have frost on the ground and frozen toes. I keep expecting to find Olaf in with the pigs. The children in all year groups are practising for their Christmas performance. Pre-School and YR, Y1 & Y2 and KS2. Each is different but special in its own right and performed just once in the church for those who can make it. We will not be recording the performances and ask that those attending who take photos or videos do so for their own personal memory and do not circulate on public media. In the next newsletter I hope to be able to share with you the class Christmas doors. Competition between staff means they get more creative every year.

Can I also point you in the direction of the PTA fundraising events up to Christmas. The disco, bags2school, children's Christmas shop, raffle and more. Without their effort and your support we really would not be able to offer all the opportunities we do. Every child benefits so please give/support generously.

In school this half term we have been looking at resilience, our second school value. If you have time, watch this link and discuss with your child or a family member. We watched an animated short video and discussed in worship this week and I would be keen to hear what the children took from our discussions. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xroy2VFphi4>

As always please do contact me directly if needed.

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Governor Focus:

Our Y6 School Councillors interviewed Vicky Wales, our Chair of Governors. Here is what they found out:

How long have you been a school governor for? Quite a long time, roughly 8 to 10 years.

What is your favourite hobby? To support my football team.

What do you do to help our school? I work with everyone in the school, make sure there is good learning happening and I make sure that money is spent in the correct way. I also make sure to keep everyone safe.

Tell me a fun fact about yourself. I once walked 26 miles in a day!

Why did you choose to be a governor? Because I think learning is important and I want to make school a good place to be.

What is your responsibility on the governing body? I am the Chair of Governors. I check on the younger children and make sure that they are learning well.

Tell us your best joke. What did the envelope say to the stamp? I'll stick with you forever.

School Notices

• We are delighted that after almost two years, we are able to invite parents back into the school to watch **music assemblies**. Mr Thomas' piano and guitar pupils can now perform in front of parents (see Calendar below for dates). Mrs Thomas will be running a Y4 Listen2Me music assembly – all Y4 parents will be able to see what their children have learnt on the ukulele this term. Please respect social distancing and wear a face mask whenever possible.

• Thank you to everyone who donated to **Children In Need** and took part in our spotty mufti day. You raised a fantastic £323.70.

• **Flu catch up clinic:** If you missed the consent deadline for your child to receive their flu vaccination at school but would still like to access this, please register using the online system as previously directed and you will be offered an appointment at a catch-up clinic. Contact South West Immunisation team with any queries: 02380 475221

• Reminder: **Extra Curricular Clubs** do not run in the last week of term. However Badger's Rest Breakfast and After-School club are available until the end of term. Please make bookings via Scopay as soon as possible as many sessions are now becoming fully booked in advance. If you would like a last minute session (up to a week in advance), and spaces are available, these can be booked by contacting the school office, or Emma Hodkin direct on: 07445 378433.

• The **YR class photo** has been published in this year's "**First Class**" supplement of the Lymington Times & New Milton Advertiser today.

• If your child is due to start school in September 2022, please note that the deadline for YR applications is 15th January 2022. For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

• Can we politely ask that all children are supervised at school pick up time and should not use the adventure playground or YR playground equipment at the end of the day, this is for the safety of all concerned. Thank you.



• 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.

Calendar

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| Fri 26th Nov (deadline) | PTA Xmas tree orders |
| Thurs 2nd Dec (8.30am) | Bag2School collection |
| Fri 3rd Dec (4.30-5.30pm) | PTA KS1 Disco |
| Fri 3rd Dec (5.45-6.45pm) | PTA KS2 Disco |
| Wed 8th Dec (10am) | YR/Pre-School Nativity |
| Fri 10th Dec (10.30am) | Little Flames - YR/Pre-School |
| Fri 10th Dec (1.45pm) | KS1 Nativity |
| Fri 10th Dec (Y3 trip) | Winchester Science Centre |
| Mon 13th Dec | PTA Christmas Shop |
| Tues 14th Dec | PTA Christmas shop |
| Tues 14th Dec (9-9.30am) | Piano assembly |
| Tues 14th Dec (10-10.30am) | Y4 music assembly |
| Tues 14th | Christmas lunch |
| Wed 15th Dec (2.30-3pm) | Guitar assembly |
| Thur 16th Dec (1.45pm) | KS2 Carols round the tree |
| Fri 17th Dec | Last Day of Term |
| Tues 4th Jan | First day of spring term |

Pause For Thought

Be so happy that when others look at you, they become happy too.