



## NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 8

3rd February 2022

### Welcome:

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

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. Like most schools we are adapting daily to COVID cases and ensuring appropriate care and support is given. Staff continue to be exceptionally adaptable and we are here to answer questions if you are unsure about what to do. I appreciate the guidance does change often and can be confusing.

I am pleased to say that Pre-School is going from strength to strength. The exceptional provision offered is proving very popular and we need to expand in order to accommodate 2 year olds on our waiting list. This has meant sourcing a second space and an additional adult to ensure provision remains of a high quality. 2 year olds will be known as "Ladybirds" and 3/4 year olds will remain as "Hedgehogs". This will support the transition over time and develop further the seamless link with the wider school.

Along with creating an additional space we are also extending our holiday club so that we offer care and support for 48 weeks a year. We will close for 2 weeks at Christmas and 2 weeks at the end of the summer break.

I appreciate that this is a big change, but it is our moral and ethical duty to provide for those in our immediate and wider community. Hopefully you will all benefit from the provision at some point in your child's time with us.

As always please do contact me directly if needed.

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### Governor Focus - Developing a Strategic Plan for our School and Pre-School

As governors one of our core responsibilities is to work with the school leadership team to plan the strategic direction of the school and pre-school. We have been developing a 3 year strategic plan which identifies 5 key ambitions that we would like to achieve. The plan will be shared with you soon and we very much hope that you will want to comment and provide us with feedback on whether these ambitions are the right things to focus on. Many thanks for all the help and support you give.

### Reasons to Celebrate:



We would like to say a huge thank you to local resident Iris Lowe who has been knitting hand warmers of various sizes for the children to use at school during the chillier months. These were used for the first time today by YR children at Forest School.



Thank you to Dawn O'Malley who supports us by running Forest School sessions for YR each week. This is a wonderful learning experience.

### School Notices

• **February half-term Holiday Club** (Monday 21st – Friday 25th February), is now available to book online via your Scopay account. The cost of £30 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 4:30-5pm. Payment can be made with childcare vouchers. If you would like to use childcare vouchers and have not done so previously, please contact the school office with details of your voucher provider and reference number. Please note that unless you are paying with childcare vouchers, you will need to add credit to your account before you are able to book sessions. Holiday club sessions are non-refundable.

• We are pleased to tell you that a **KS1 Multi Sports club** has been added to the extra-curricular timetable and will run in the second half of the spring-term, starting 4<sup>th</sup> March. This will be provided on Friday afternoons by Personal Best Education. If you would like to secure a place for your child (£27 for the half-term) please book direct at: pb.schoolactivity.co.uk

• **Pre-School Open Afternoon Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 12-2pm:** we are looking forward to holding a Pre-School Open Afternoon at the end of this half-term. If you, or anyone you know is interested in finding out about the excellent provision available for 2-4 years-olds, please come along between 12-2pm. It would be helpful if you could register your interest in attending with the school office.

• A reminder that we have maintained the **staggered start and end to the day** this year. Please ensure your child is at school ready to learn at the times below; and that they are supervised while waiting at the school crossing approach.

Y5/6 – 8:30am start & 3:15pm end

Y3/4 – 8:35am start & 3:10pm end

Y1/2 – 8:40am start & 3:05pm end

YR – 8:40am start & 3:00pm end

### Calendar

<b>Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Y5 to watch Matilda Jr at Ballard
<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	YR/Pre-School Little Flames
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Parents Evening (Zoom)
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Parents Evening (Zoom)
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Inset Day
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 12-2pm</b>	Pre-School Open afternoon
<b>Thur 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Y5 to Ballard - dance production
<b>21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Half Term Holiday
<b>8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	YR/Pre-School Little Flames
<b>11<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Easter Holiday
<b>30<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Half term Holiday
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Inset Day
<b>Thur 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Last day of school

### Pause For Thought

If winter comes, can spring be far behind? – Percy Shelley