



NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 9

18th February 2022

Welcome:

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

I hope you are all safe and well with fences and roof tiles still in place.

We have had a long and busy half term where the children have worked really hard and we are extremely proud of them. They are rising to the challenges and school life is becoming more normal again. The Forest School and field are taking shape nicely and with spring fast approaching we are looking forward to exploring our grounds and local area more.

Thank you to all those who attended virtual Parents' Evenings. Not as we had originally planned, but a great opportunity to talk through children's progress and next steps.

We hope you have a safe and restful half term and come back ready for the next set of challenges.

As always please do contact me directly if needed.

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Governor Focus:

Reverend Simon Newham

How long have you been a Governor for? For 20 years - but here at Brockenhurst for 2 and a half.

What is your favourite hobby? Motorbike riding!

What do you do to help our school? During meetings, I listen to everything that is going on and ask questions to staff and Governors. I prepare Worship for the whole school and have also helped with residential trips.

Tell me a fun fact about yourself: I once walked through Brighton dressed as a character from the Rocky Horror Picture show.

Why did you choose to be a Governor? I believe that school makes a big difference to people, so I want to be part of making that difference.

What is your responsibility on the Governing body? I'm part of the Learning and Achievement team as well as being the Science link governor, listening to the pupil voice and checking on staff wellbeing.

Tell us your best joke: Why did the hedgehog cross the road? To see his 'flat mate'.

School Notices

- We will be celebrating **World Book Day** on Friday 4th March and would love to see the children come to school dressed as their favourite book character. You will by now have received a Scavenger Hunt sponsorship form, this event will be going ahead on 4th March to raise money for library resources. Sponsor money can be paid in via your Scopay account or brought in to school in a named envelope. Thank you for your support.
- We are pleased to say that the school kitchen will be re-opening a morning **break-time snack shop** after the half-term holiday. If your child would like to purchase a snack please ensure that they bring their money to school in a named purse or envelope. Price list: fruit 30p, sausage roll 30p, raisins 25p, plain roll 25p, cheese topped roll 30p, milkshake 50p.
- There are still spaces available at the February half-term **Holiday Club** (Monday 21st – Friday 25th February); please contact Emma Hodkin directly on: 07445 378433. 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. Please note that Holiday Club sessions are non-refundable.
- Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking at school drop-off and pick-up times and do not block driveways. Thank you for your support in maintaining a safe environment for us all in the local community. There continues to be a Park & Stride scheme in Highwood Road so that parents can use the Village Hall car park at pick up and drop off times.
- Our school follows the HCC policy when approving any Leave of Absence application. Holidays in term time are not authorised. Ten unauthorised sessions of absence (a morning or afternoon is one session) in any 10-week period results in a penalty notice being issued to each parent, for each child. The school does not receive this money as it is collected by HCC. If it is felt that a previous penalty notice has not prevented a further application for Leave of Absence for holiday in term-time a referral can be made straight to the Attendance Legal Panel rather than a further Penalty Notice being issued.

Calendar

21st - 25th Feb	Half Term Holiday
Fri 4th March	World Book Day
Wed 16th March	Y5/6 Mental Health Workshop
Thur 31st March	Y5 to Ballard - dance production
8th April	YR/Pre-School Little Flames
11th - 22nd April	Easter Holiday
18th - 20th May	Y4 residential to Hooke Court
Thur 26th May	Class Photographs
30th May - 3rd June	Half term Holiday
Mon 6th June	Inset Day
Mon 20th June	Y6 Bikeability
Tues 21st June	Y2/Y6 Fire Safety talk
Thurs 30th June	Sports Day TBC
Fri 1st July	PTA fete TBC
12th/13th July	KS2 Production TBC
Thur 21st July	Last day of school

Pause For Thought

February is the border between winter and spring – Terri Guillemets

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