



NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 11

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Welcome:

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

Thank you for your support with COVID and keeping positive cases at home for the appropriate period. This along with the good ventilation is definitely helping slow transmission rates within the school.

Attached to this newsletter is the schools strategic plan for 2022 to 2025. You will remember we asked for comments before Christmas and I hope you can see that the direction matches our school and community.

It is also time for our annual parent survey. Your views are extremely important to us and we would be most grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete this anonymous survey, compiled of a few short questions (deadline Friday 8th April). The responses will be collated into a report for governors and used to help us with our planning and development and to consider any changes you highlight. Last year following the parental survey a group of parents and governors met to discuss how we could improve communication and we hope you have seen some of the changes in this area that you suggested. You also raised that you would like more information about how to keep your child safe online and we are currently arranging for a Hampshire Adviser in this area to run a session for you. We value your support and our partnership. We look forward to receiving your responses: <https://www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/form/?pid=12&form=448>

I am now in the position to let you know that Miss Michael (currently at Hordle Primary) will be the new Y2 class teacher after Easter and will be coming in to meet the children beforehand. I can also confirm that Mrs Carney will be with us 4 days a week in the summer term and Mrs Langton will be teaching the class on a Friday. Mrs Whitfield has done a fantastic job this term and we will miss her boundless enthusiasm.

As always please do contact me directly if needed.

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Reasons to Celebrate: Sports Round Up

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Wilcox, Mrs Cooper and Mel Watt for ensuring the children have amazing sporting opportunities every week.

Last Wednesday a Y5/6 Hockey team were taken to Brockenhurst College to play in a tournament attended by 20 teams. Our team came back with medals after winning group D which is all the more impressive as it had been 2 years since some of our children had played!



School Notices

• **Holiday Clubs** We are pleased to inform you that in addition to our Easter holiday club, you are also now able to book Holiday Club sessions for May half-term (with the exception of the bank holidays on Thursday and Friday). We will be offering a Holiday Club on Monday 6th June, which is the inset day directly following May half-term. If you would like to book a space please do this via your online Scopay account. If you would like to pay using childcare vouchers and have not done so previously, please let the school office know so your account can be set up accordingly.

• **"New Forest For Ukraine"** will be collecting shoe boxes with gifts and treats for children. Further details of what to include will be sent alongside this newsletter. If you would like to donate, please drop these into the school office by **Wednesday 6th April**.

• There will be a change to the 3-week **school lunch menu** coming into place on Monday 25th April. This menu will run from April to October half-term with 3 daily options available. To view this on our website, please visit: <https://www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=46>

• We will be releasing the **summer term extra-curricular clubs** timetable before the end of the spring term. This will be emailed to you when the booking system opens on Scopay; external clubs need to be booked directly with the provider. We hope that you will agree that there is a great mix of sports and non-sporting activities for every age group.

• On Monday 4th April there will be a **free taster session** for Rippa Rugby after-school club. This is open to all Y2-6 children – please book your place via: www.ripparugby.co.uk The club will run alongside the existing Rippa Rugby after-school club from 3.15-4.15pm.

• We have 4 lengths of Scots Pine tree trunk available to those who may want to stock up on **firewood** before next winter. Each length is available for a £75 donation to the PTA. We have been advised that it should only take 6 months to season. The trunk will be cut into smaller pieces for collection. If you are interested please contact Mr Groves via the school office.

Calendar

Thurs 31st March	Y5 to Ballard dance performance
Tues 5th April	Y4 Listen2Me assembly 10.45am
Tues 5th April	Piano Assembly 2.30pm
Tues 5th April	Guitar assembly 1.45pm *change*
Wed 6th April	Y3/4 trip to Isle of Wight
Fri 8th April	YR/Pre-School Little Flames
11th- 22nd April	Easter Holiday
Thur 28th April	Y3/4 trip to Butser Ancient Farm
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
20-23rd June	Y6 Bikeability

Pause For Thought

Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you - Walt Whitman

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