



NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 17

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Welcome:

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

Thank you for an amazing year and thank you for being part of our journey.

It has been great to return to a new normal. We have learnt a lot from covid and kept many changes such as hand sanitisers, good ventilation and air heaters. However, quality first teaching with children in the classrooms is firmly back and brilliant to see. Our children are exceptionally lucky. I have the best team in the New Forest and I love my job. Sports Day, KS2 performances and music concerts have let the wider public see what we do and all comments are supportive/positive. They mostly start with how lucky the children are to be given such opportunities and in spite of Y6, Mrs Carney and Mr Wilcox leaving us we continue to build on their contribution and grow further together.

Times of the school day will be reverting back to pre-covid. Gates/Pre-School door will be open from 8:30am and be closed at 8:45am for all year groups. Children arriving after the gate is closed and by the front office will be marked as late and will give their lunch choices there. At the end of the school day the gate will open after 3:05pm (Pre-School at 3pm). KS1 including YR will dismiss at 3:10pm and KS2 at 3:15pm. This will also ease transition to clubs and make outdoor sessions less interrupted by having to leave the playground before 3pm.

I wish you all a restful summer and hope you enjoy quality time with your loved ones.

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Reasons to Celebrate:

- Well done to all those children who have taken part in **music assemblies** in the last 2 weeks. Playing solo takes some courage and is an important part of learning to play an instrument – a fantastic achievement by all involved!
- It was wonderful to be able to welcome family and friends back into school for the first **Sports Day** in 3 years. It was as always lots of fun. Congratulations to Oberfeld for earning the most house points and winning the cup for 2022. Also well done to Mr Wilcox for coming first in the staff space hopper race! Thank you to the PTA for providing all the children with well-deserved ice pops.
- The **KS2 Production** "Let the Games Begin" was a roaring success. The children put their all into both evening performances, in spite of the hot weather. Thank you to all those involved, particularly Miss Martin and Mrs Martin, and to the PTA for running the bar on both nights.



Pause For Thought

Smell the sea and feel the sky, let your soul and spirit fly – Van Morrison

School Notices

- There are still some spaces available at our on-site **Holiday Club** during the first 4 weeks of the summer holiday. If you would like to make any more bookings please call or text Emma Hodkin on: 07445 378433. The cost is £30 per day, with a £10 discount for each sibling.
- Inset days have now been set for 2022/23. All term dates and inset days are available on our school website: <https://www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=44>
- If your child is 3-4 years old and you are eligible for **30 hours free childcare** please ensure that your eligibility code is up to date. If your code has an end date before 1st September 2022 you will need to apply for an updated code by the deadline of 31st August to be eligible for 30 hours free childcare in the autumn term. To apply and check whether you are eligible go to: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>
- Y5 & Y6 were delighted to welcome in some visitors from **Woodpeckers Care Home** last week. Both classes sang songs from the KS2 production and Y5 showed them the beehive that they have been decorating for the **New Forest Show**. The beehive will be on display at the Show next week in the New Forest Beekeepers Honey & Bee tent and will be part of the publically voted for Honey Competition for Schools.
- All the children have now visited their new classroom and met their teaching staff for next year. **Moving up morning** was a great success, with fun activities running in every classroom.

Calendar

25th Jul - 19th Aug Holiday Club

2022/23

Thurs 1st Sept	Inset Day
Fri 2nd Sept	Inset Day
Mon 5th Sept	Children return to school
13th-16th Sept	Y6 Residential trip to Swanage
24th-28th Oct	Half-term Holiday
19th Dec-2nd Jan	Christmas Holiday
Tues 3rd Jan	Inset Day
Wed 4th Jan	Children return to school
13th-17th Feb	Half-term Holiday
Fri 31st March	Inset Day
3rd-14th April	Easter Holiday
29th May-2nd June	Half term Holiday
Mon 5th June	Inset Day
Fri 21st July	Last Day of the Summer Term