



## NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 12

27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### Welcome:

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

I would like to start by praising the children. Since returning from Easter their focus and enthusiasm has been faultless. The school is a sea of calm and we are all looking forward to some sunshine and Forest School starting again. Your class blog will give further information.

Last week I spoke at the Mother's Union and this week my predecessor Trudie Cawthra visited and was amazed by how far the school has come and the changes that have happened over time. Some local families have had a relationship with the school for over a hundred years! To know that we go from strength to strength serving our community shows that as the current custodian we are strategically moving in the right direction.

Following on from Parent View and analysis I am pleased to say in July we will be holding a Meet the Teacher session after school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July and will share with you then the future curriculum and expectations. This will help transition, give knowledge and start an open relationship with your next year group team.

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School News

### Reasons to Celebrate:

- Last week a group of Y5/6 pupils took part in a non-competitive Trigolf event at Testwood School. This was a great opportunity for children to try a sport that they may not have taken part in before.
- A team of our Y3 children took part in a Quiksticks hockey event at Priestlands School last Wednesday, bringing home silver medals – well done to all who took part.
- Y4 had a very exciting residential visit to Hooke Court last week. They took part in a range of activities including cooking, orienteering, low ropes, exploding rockets and a craft evening. Very tired children (and adults!) returned on Friday afternoon. Thank you to all volunteers who gave up their time to accompany Y4 on this fabulous trip.
- Y3 have had a fantastic day out at Butser Ancient Farm, learning all about the Iron Age. They experienced a reconstruction of an Iron Age round house and took part in practical activities such as spinning wool, chalk carving, making clay pots and jewellery.
- YR travelled on the train to Southampton to the MAST theatre to watch a production of "Zog", followed by a picnic lunch in the park. A great time was had by all.
- The children have been painting crowns on "Coronation stones" over the last few weeks. These have now been fixed in place to spell "Brockenhurst". This will be displayed at Brockenhurst train station to celebrate the upcoming coronation of King Charles III.

### School Notices

- Please join us for a **PSHE Parents Information evening** on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm for information on the "Jigsaw" programme that all year groups follow (including Pre-School). There will be a chance to ask questions, following a presentation. There is no need to pre-book.
- The booking system is now open for **May half-term and Summer Holiday Clubs**. May half-term holiday bookings are available Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June due to the Monday bank holiday. Holiday Club is also available on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June for the inset day. Summer Holiday club runs from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August. There is no holiday club in the last two weeks of the summer holiday. If you would like to make a booking please log into your Scopay account. The cost is £30 per day for the first child and £20 thereafter for each sibling. Children will need to bring their own packed lunch. Please note holiday club sessions are non-refundable.
- There is still time to express your interest in **KS2 musical instrument lessons** with Hampshire Music Service peripatetic teachers; examples include: piano, keyboard, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, baritone horn. The cost for 2023-24 is £290.00. Please contact the office for further details by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.
- Please may we politely remind you that the **car park** next to the school is for staff only, at all times. Please refrain from parking there at 4.15pm for after-school club collection – it is unsafe to have vehicles moving whilst there are pedestrians crossing the car park. Thank you for your cooperation. In addition to this, please remind children to use the path at the side of the car park, rather than walking through the middle of it.
- From September 2023 **Pre-School fees** will be changing to: 2 year olds: £6.00 (i.e. £27 per morning; £39 all day); 3-4 year olds: £5.80 (i.e. £26.10 per morning; £37.70 per day). This has been a considered increase and we are pleased to be able to offer the highest quality provision at a competitive hourly rate. These rates will be set until September 2024.

### Calendar

<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Y2 trip to Longdown Activity Farm
<b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Y2 Coronation Tea @ railway station & village hall
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Coronation Bank Holiday
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	PTA Bag2School
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Y1 trip to Lepe Beach
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	PTA Disco
<b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Class Photographs
<b>29<sup>th</sup> May-2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Half term Holiday
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Inset Day
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y6 Bikeability
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	PSHE Parents Information evening 6.30pm
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Y2/6 Fire Safety talk
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	PTA Summer Fete
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y6 transition day – Highcliffe School
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports Day (weather permitting)
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Priestlands intake Day
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Back up Sports Day
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	PTA Disco
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Moving up morning
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Meet the Teacher 3.15pm
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Last day of term
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	Inset Day

Pause For Thought

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much – Helen Keller