



# BROCKENHURST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL

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"We Enjoy and Excel  
In the Presence of God"

"Loving, Hopeful, Thankful"

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## NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 1

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Welcome:

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

It has been so nice to welcome the children back and have a last blast of summer sunshine. It has really set the mood for the start of term.

YR have completed their settling in and are now fully formed members of the school. Those who came from Pre-School are showing anyone new, where everything is. We have some very busy Badgers.

You will have hopefully noticed that the church are using the school to link with yourselves and the school community as a whole. There is a Cheese & Wine evening next Monday and some Sunday worships/gatherings this term. Please do look out for dates and join us if you can. This is an opportunity to mix and socialize in a relaxed and familiar atmosphere.

J Littlewood, Head Teacher

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### Recommended Reads – Y5/6:

- Malamander by Thomas Taylor
- The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell
- The Last Bear by Hannah Gold
- High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson

### Reasons to Celebrate:

• We are delighted to announce that our school has again achieved platinum status in the ModeShift Travel Awards 2023. This recognises schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable transport. Thank you to Mrs Cowell for her continued hard work and time on this project.

**Message from Vicky Wales, Chair of Governors:** We would like to thank Kirsty Tomblin who has been a parent governor for the last 4 years. Her term of office will finish at the end of October which means we will be seeking a new parent to join the governing body. Kirsty has been a fantastic representative for you bringing all her knowledge and skills to the board and always ensuring the voices of our parents and children are heard. Thank you Kirsty. Further information on becoming a Governor will be sent out shortly.

### School Notices

- **Holiday Club – October half-term:** Bookings are now being taken for October holiday club via Scopay. £30 per session with a £10 discount per additional sibling. Any last minute bookings for Badger's Rest after-school, breakfast or holiday clubs can be made with Emma Hodkin on: 07445 378433.
- **Reminder - Cheese & Wine:** You are all invited to meet our vicar Revd Simon Newham, Child & Family Worker Mel and foundation governors at an informal cheese and wine on Monday 18th September at 6.30pm, in the school hall. This is a great opportunity to chat and hear about plans for the new academic year. Please do join us.
- Y3 parents: please note that **school lunches** are chargeable from Y3-6 inclusive, and also for Pre-School children. The current Hampshire price is £3 per day. Please login to your Scopay account to add credit to your account. We ask that you keep your child's balance in credit a tall times please.
- Please check your [class teacher's blog](#) for important updates on items your child will need in school for the next day, schedules of activities, homework and current topics being studied in the classroom:
- If your child suffers from sickness & diarrhea they will need to remain at home for **48 hours** following the final episode. Please respect this to prevent the spread of infection to others.
- If your address or **contact details** have changed during the past year and you have not already informed the school office, please email your new details as soon as possible. If you have a SIMS parent account, you will be able to log in and change these details directly.
- Parents of 3 & 4 year olds can apply for **30-hours free childcare** (All are entitled to 15 hours a week universal free childcare). You can apply from the time your child is 2 years and 36 weeks old. The deadline for applications to be ready for the spring term is: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.
- **Secondary school applications** are open until 31st October. Applications can be submitted [online](#), while paper forms can be requested by emailing: [admissions.team@hants.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.team@hants.gov.uk).
- If your child has any **medical dietary needs** or restrictions please would you provide your information to our school caterers HC3S so that they can provide a special diet menu. You will be asked to set up an account and upload your medical information: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering/primary/specialdiets>

### Calendar

<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Cheese & Wine evening 6.30pm
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Y2 to visit Woodpeckers for autumn festival
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	Highcliffe School Open evening 5.30pm
<b>25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Cycle to School week
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	PTA Bag2School 8.30am
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Y6 to visit Priestlands School
<b>26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Y6 residential at Calshot Activity Centre
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	Priestlands open morning 9.15am-10am
<b>Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	PTA AGM 3.15pm
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	YR to Little Flames @ St Saviours church
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Parents Evenings
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Individual school photos
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	PTA School Disco
<b>23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Half-term holiday
<b>Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	Deadline for secondary school applications
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Y2 trip to Sea City museum
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	PTA wreath making
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Flu vaccinations for YR-Y6 (by consent)
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	YR to Little Flames @ St Saviours church
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	PTA school disco

### Pause For Thought

A well-educated mind will always have more questions than answers – Helen Keller

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