



NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 3

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Welcome:

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

I hope you are keeping well and we look forward to seeing you at the parents' evenings next week.

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Governor Update:

We hope that you and your children have all had a great start to the academic year. At our first Governing Board meeting in September, having reviewed our governance structure, governors unanimously agreed to move to a "flat structure." This means that all governors will now meet on a monthly basis (10 times a year) to undertake our governance duties. This is alongside our visits into school. We have made this change as we believe this will avoid duplication, be more efficient use of governor and staff time and ensures all governors will be better informed. We hope this will support us governing effectively and efficiently. You can find the minutes of our meetings on the school website within the governors tab.

Vicky Wales
Chair of Governors

Reasons to Celebrate:

• On Monday Y2 visited Woodpeckers Care Home for an autumn workshop. The children had a wonderful time making bird feeders, decorating biscuits, taking part in an autumn scavenger hunt, natural weaving and bird spotting. We would like to thank Woodpeckers for their kind invitation and hospitality.

• Y3 & Y5 both went on a trip to New Park this week and took part in a mini beast hunt, tree leaf identification, tree sculptures, leaf printing and discovered how the seasons affect woodland trees. A great time was had by all!



• At Priestlands sporting fixture this week our school's teams achieved 1st and 3rd in the football tournament. Well done to everyone who took part!



School Notices

• We have received notification from HC3S, our caterers, that due to cost increases the **price of KS2 school lunches** will be increasing to £2.80 from Monday 31st October. YR and KS1 children continue to be entitled to universal free school lunches. Please would you bear this in mind when topping up your child's Scopay lunch account so that it remains in credit at all times.

• There will be a **new lunch menu** starting on Monday 31st October, which will run until the Easter holidays 2023. This will shortly be updated on our school website:

<https://www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=46>

Picture menus of red and green options can be found at:

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/HC3S/Picture-Menus-A4-October2022.pdf>

• We understand that sometimes you may want to contact staff directly and that this is not always possible during your working hours. We ask for your understanding that as we promote a healthy work/life balance, school staff are not expected to check or respond to emails when they are not at work, at weekends or during holiday periods. In line with Hampshire's policy, you will receive a reply either by telephone within 5 working days or in writing including emails, within 20 working days. Often you will receive a response much sooner than this.

• If your 3/4 year old is entitled to **30 hours free childcare** please ensure that your 30 hour code is up to date. If your code expires before 31st December or you would like to make a new application for 30-hours free childcare you will need to do this before the deadline of 31st December to be able to claim your additional hours in the spring term (from January): <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

• May we remind you that **long hair** should be fully tied up at all times when in school. This is for safety reasons as well as to reduce any risk of the possible spread of head lice.

Calendar

Mon 17th Oct	PTA Bag2School 8.30am
Mon 17th Oct	Parents Evening from 3.30pm
Tues 18th Oct	Parents Evening from 3.30pm
Tues 18th Oct	Y6 Highcliffe Taster morning
24th-28th Oct	Half-term Holiday
Fri 4th Nov	Individual school photos
Thur 10th Nov	YR-Y6 Flu vaccines (by consent)
Tues 15th Nov	Y2 trip to Sea City Museum
Fri 2nd Dec	Little Flames
Mon 5th Dec	Nativity dress rehearsal – KS2 to watch
Tues 6th Dec	Pre-School/YR Nativity (afternoon)
Wed 7th Dec	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thurs 8th Dec	KS1 Nativity 6pm
Mon 12th Dec	Christmas Crafts morning
Sat 31st Dec	Application deadline: Childcare 30-hour code
19th Dec-2nd Jan	Christmas Holiday
Tues 3rd Jan	Inset Day
Wed 4th Jan	Children return to school
Sun 15th Jan	Application deadline - YR 2023
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

Pause For Thought

Autumn is the season that teaches us that change can be beautiful - Heather A. Stillfusen

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