



# 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 7

6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Welcome:

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

Happy New Year. It has been lovely this week seeing all the children return and catching up with parents at the gate. We also introduced Mel, the church youth and family worker to the children. She will be linking with us one day a week and I am sure you will in time hear the children talk about her.

Years 4/5/6 will be having Forest School this term, ensuring everyone has had a fair opportunity.

J Littlewood, Head Teacher

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#### Governor Update

Last term governors met on a monthly basis and continued to review our progress towards the strategic ambitions we have set. You can see these displayed at the front entrance to the school. We have also, together with the school leadership team, monitored our progress in meeting the outcomes set within the 22/23 School Improvement Plan. This is available in the "Parents Information" section on the school website. Our expansion of our community links has been a particular focus with highlights of local business members working with Y6 and our children sharing with and visiting our 2 local care homes: Woodpeckers and Forest Oaks. We are extremely proud of everything that staff and children achieve and want to work with you to extend the opportunities available to all our children. On behalf of the whole governing body can I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy 2023.

Vicki Wales - Chair of Governors

### Reasons to Celebrate:

- Thank you to everyone who came into school to support all the children's Christmas events at the end of last term. We appreciate all the support that was shown. Your donations to the Children's Society at the KS1 Christingle totalled £55.97 and £123 was raised for Save The Children on Christmas Jumper Day.
- A huge well done to all the children who performed in music assemblies at the end of last term. We were treated to recitals by guitarists, pianists, brass players and all of Y4 playing samba music.
- Y6 have enjoyed a full schedule of work experience talks and demonstrations. Last term finished with a visit from the Fire Brigade. There will be one final talk later this term to round off the programme.
- We are lucky enough as a school to have a list of fifty people who volunteer to come into school to help with reading, trips, clubs and more. We were delighted to be able to welcome a large number of these wonderful people into school during the last week of term for some Christmas cheer, with refreshments and entertainment provided by Y6. This was a lovely way to be able to say thank you to everyone who comes into help – your support is always very much appreciated.

### School Notices

- Extra-curricular after-school clubs start next week. There are a few spaces remaining on the KS1 Yoga club (Tuesdays for the first half of this term) and KS1 Wild Woods (Thursdays in the second half of this term). We are also pleased to be able to offer an additional KS2 club for the whole of this term on Wednesday afternoons: "Mindful Colouring" improves fine motor skills and coordination whilst developing creativity and self-expression in a relaxed and calm environment.



- HC3S, our school meal providers, will be running a fruit and vegetable based taster session for our children during school time on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. If you have any school meal related questions, please come along to the school hall at pick up for an informal chat with the HC3S team.

- The deadline for applying for Reception places to start in September 2023 is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January. For further information on the process and to make an application please go to: <http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions>

- The Church in the village (St Nicholas' and St Saviour's) is thinking about the future and would like to hear your views. Please take a few minutes to fill in the short online questionnaire using the link below or the QR code:

[brockenhurstchurch.com/villagesurvey](http://brockenhurstchurch.com/villagesurvey)



Your response will be anonymous. A paper version is available from the Church Office in Wilverley Road. Closing date: January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Calendar

<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Y2 & Y4 Coding Adventure workshop
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Y3+ Swimming course begins
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Application deadline - YR 2023
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	HC3S parent's informal Q&A 3.15pm
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Village hall Panto – whole school
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	PTA Pet Show 3-5pm @ Village Hall
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	Mufti Day £1 donation for school PTA
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	PTA Disco
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	YR Little Flames
<b>13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Half-term Holiday
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	PTA Bag2School
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	YR Little Flames
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Inset Day
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holiday
<b>19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Y4 Hooke Court residential
<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 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Last Day of the Summer Term

#### Pause For Thought

You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step. – Martin Luther King

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