



NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 7

20th January 2023

Welcome:

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

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and warm. I am pleased to say that we have survived the floods and thanks to Mr Groves, avoided any frosty accidents. It is cold but beautiful and as you can see from our Instagram of the Gardening Club's frozen scenes the children are embracing nature.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the HC3S session on Monday. Both children and parents raised concerns over quality and portion size before Christmas. Vicky Wales (Chair of Governors) and I met with the Operations Manager and changes have been implemented. Monday was an opportunity for School Council to discuss openly how the children feel and for the company to listen. The children were brilliant and I am pleased to say that with stability of kitchen staff and supplementary salad, bread and sometimes second helpings, the collective complaint has been heard and steps put in place to ensure happy children and full tummies.

You will by now be aware that there is to be a teacher's strike by one union. This may impact some classes or the whole school. I aim to give you maximum notice; however teaching staff have the right to withhold their decision until the morning of the strike. All plans will be based on guaranteeing we are keeping the children safe. Pre-school will be completely unaffected as will Badger's Rest.

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Reasons to Celebrate:

• Last week Y1-4 were treated to a "Moon Landing Coding Adventure" assembly by Get With The Program. Years 2 & 4 also enjoyed coding workshops during the afternoon. The workshop involved testing and debugging algorithms to complete the "mission". We would like to thank local residents Mr and Mrs Dodwell for funding this valuable and enjoyable experience for our children.

• Y4, 5 & 6 have been enjoying Forest School this term. Each class is split into two groups to ensure all children have the best experience. It can be wet and muddy at times, so wellies and waterproofs are a must - a great time is being had by all!



School Notices

- Polite reminder: we ask that children do not wear nail varnish, smart watches or jewellery to school; this is with the exception of small, plain stud earrings. Thank you.
- Please note that the **pick-up time** for KS1 is 3.10pm and KS2 is 3.15pm. If you are running late please let the office know. If you are delayed your child will be placed into after-school club so that they are supervised and your Scopay account will be charged for the session.
- We would like to say a huge thank you to local company **RWD** - their generosity means that there is no cost to parents for the Y5 trip to Winchester Science Centre next month, as they have funded this visit in its entirety.
- Our "**Park & Stride**" scheme is an arrangement with the Village Hall in Highwood Road – parents are welcome to park in the Village Hall car park at school drop off and pick up times to help ease congestion in the surrounding roads. Please park behind the hall wherever possible and avoid using the entry and exit of the car park for turning.
- The booking system for February half-term **Holiday Club** is now open; sessions can be booked via your online Scopay account. We are offering a significant sibling discount on all sessions. The cost is £30 per day for the first child and £20 thereafter for each sibling. The price includes a morning and afternoon snack; children will need to bring their own packed lunch. The day runs from 8am until 5pm, with drop off between 8-8:30am and pickup 4:30-5pm. Please note holiday club sessions are non-refundable. Payment can be made with childcare vouchers.
- If you have any Pre-School uniform that your child has grown out of, please consider donating this to the Pre-School so that a **second-hand uniform shop** can be established. This will help to raise additional funds for the Pre-School.

Calendar

Thurs 26th Jan	Village Hall Panto – whole school
Sun 22nd Jan	PTA Pet Show 3-5pm @ Village Hall
Thur 2nd Feb	Y5 trip to Winchester Science Centre
Fri 3rd Feb	Mufti Day £1 donation for school PTA
Fri 3rd Feb	PTA Disco
7th & 9th Feb	Parents Evenings from 3.30pm
Fri 10th Feb	YR Little Flames
13th-17th Feb	Half-term Holiday
Thurs 23rd Feb	PTA Bag2School
Mon 27th Feb	Pre-School, YR & Y1 author visit
Wed 8th March	Y1 trip to Marwell Zoo
Fri 24th March	YR Little Flames
Mon 27th March	Y2 trip to Avon Tyrell
Fri 31st March	Inset Day
3rd-14th April	Easter Holiday
19th-21st April	Y4 Hooke Court residential
Wed 26th April	Y3 trip to Butser Farm
Wed 3rd May	Y2 trip to Longdown Activity Farm
Thurs 25th May	Class Photographs
29th May-2nd June	Half term Holiday
Mon 5th June	Inset Day
Fri 9th & 16th June	Y6 Bikeability
Wed 21st June	Y2/6 Fire Safety talk
Fri 7th July	Y6 transition day – Highcliffe School
Tues 11th July	Y6 Priestlands intake Day

Pause For Thought

One kind word can warm three winter months – Japanese proverb

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