



NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 3

REMINDER: WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL 17th October 2023

Welcome:

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

I hope this newsletter finds you well as the weather changes to a true autumn feel.

Thank you for all your lovely comments with regards the Ofsted report. Hopefully, you saw that the children and staff shone through as working together to ensure all children are happy, healthy, and thriving. I am lucky to show many people around the school on a regular basis and feedback from them is always that the school has a unique feel and that the children are so lucky with all the space and equipment available to them outside. Forest school and the multi gym equipment are clear highlights for all. We have just ordered three more pieces of gym equipment based on pupil feedback and hope to have them installed before Christmas.

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Congratulations to Jane who won £150 of Fairweather's Garden Centre vouchers for the school by growing the tallest sunflower in an inter-school competition over the summer!

Reasons to Celebrate:

• Y6 enjoyed a fantastic residential trip to Calshot Activity Centre at the end of September. The children took part in a range of activities including orienteering, ringoing, beach exploration, skiing, kayaking and climbing. They rounded off a very busy week with a film night.

• Last week our Y5/6 Cross Country team did brilliantly at Gang Warily. Fifty teams and over three hundred children took part from across the region; all of our children came in the top 23 competitors. Well done to all of you! At a tournament at Applemore College, our Y5/6 girls' football team showed excellent teamwork, communication and fabulous behaviour.

• Y6 are currently exploring different careers through a weekly programme organised with the New Forest Show team; thank you to Denis Dooley and his team. So far, Y6 have looked at marketing by designing a chocolate bar wrapper and have also walked to Balmer Lawn hotel to investigate different careers in hospitality. Thank you to Bronya at Bronze Design and Balmer Lawn Hotel.

School Notices

- The **school lunch menu** will change after the half-term holiday, and will run until the Easter holidays. Updated options can be seen on our website: <https://www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=46&action=saved> Medical special diet menus have also been updated.
- We are delighted that so many of you have collected a **Rotary shoebox** to fill for the Christmas appeal. Your filled shoeboxes need to be returned to school by **Wednesday 18th October** ready for collection by the Rotary THIS week. Please remember to attach £2 to the shoebox as instructed in the information leaflet. Thank you to everyone who is taking part.
- The closing date for **secondary school applications** is **Tuesday 31st October**. HCC will not consider late applications until after all on-time applications, which could significantly reduce the chances of gaining a place at any of your preferred schools.
- If you have **waterproofs** that your child has grown out of and you would be happy to donate these to Pre-School, please bring them to the school office. Thank you.
- The school immunisation team will be visiting our school on 29th November to administer **flu vaccinations** to Years R-6. This is given as a nasal spray. If you would like your child to receive this, you will need to give your consent by 26th November via the online form, which can be found at: [Winter Flu Vaccination programme : Hampshire Healthy Families](#)
- All children aged 2 or 3 years old on the 31st August 2023 are eligible for a seasonal flu vaccination; please note that this will not be given at Pre-School. National letters are being sent out directly to parents from this week.
- A guide to **attendance expectations** for parents is available on our school website: <https://www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/Attendance> We thank those parents who ensure that their child's attendance is above 95%. This gives children the very best education and chance of succeeding. Other than for illness, absence should only occur in exceptional circumstances and holidays taken in term time will not be authorised. If your child is absent parents/carers should contact the school EVERY DAY that your child is absent from school. If 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (a session being a morning or an afternoon) are recorded in any 10 week rolling period Penalty Notices may be issued to each parent.

Calendar

Mon 16th & Wed 18th Oct	Parents Evenings
Fri 20th Oct	Individual school photos
Fri 20th Oct	PTA School Disco
23rd-27th Oct	Half-term holiday
Tues 31st Oct	Y3 trip to Southampton Art Gallery
Tues 31st Oct	Deadline for secondary school applications
Thurs 2nd Nov	Y5 visit Marwell Zoo
Thurs 2nd Nov	Y6 trip to the Tower of London 7.30am-6pm
Tues 7th Nov	Y2 trip to Sea City museum
Fri 10th Nov	YR/1/2 West End in Schools - Diwali
Sun 26th Nov	PTA wreath making
27th-30th Nov	YR Balance Bikeability
Wed 29th Nov	Flu vaccinations for YR-Y6 (by consent)
Fri 1st Dec	Drum/Saxophone assembly 9am
Mon 4th Dec	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tues 5th Dec	Pre-School/YR Nativity 2.15pm
Wed 6th Dec	KS1 Nativity 6pm
Thur 7th Dec	KS1 Nativity 1.45pm
Fri 8th Dec	YR to Little Flames @ St Saviours church
Fri 8th Dec	PTA school disco
Wed 13th Dec	KS1 Christingle 2pm

Pause For Thought

Autumn is a second spring, when every leaf is a flower – Albert Camus