



# 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 5

**\*WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL\***

30th November 2023

### Welcome:

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

We are very nearly at Christmas and the excitement is building in school. Christmas doors are being decorated and the tree in the hall (thanks to the PTA) is upon us.

I hope over the remaining weeks you manage to get to see some of our performances and we look forward to seeing you there. We have two different nativities, KS2 carols around the tree and a multitude of instrument-based assemblies. All of the above are listed in the key dates.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank all the Y6 parents for completing their secondary school choices and remind those looking towards YR in September that the closing date for application is Monday 15th January.

J Littlewood, Head Teacher

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### Recommended Reads – Y1 & Y2:

- The Koala Who Could by Rachel Bright
- A Stroll Through the Seasons by Kay Barnham

### Reasons to Celebrate:

- The children have had great success at recent sporting fixtures. Both the Y4 and Y5/6 gymnastics teams came third at their recent events and our Y2 cross country team brought home gold. Well done to all!
- Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need; you raised over £100 for this very worthy cause.
- YR, Y1 & Y2 had an informative and fun visit from West End in Schools where they learnt about the festival of Diwali through the medium of dance.
- Y6 are continuing with a programme of careers talks and activities this term. They have enjoyed hearing about catering and cake decorating with Helen Mansbridge, The Wildlife Trust and ecological management with Dawn O'Malley, banking with Mr Partridge, bike maintenance with the Cycle Experience and forestry work. Thank you to all those who have given up their time to help Y6 explore different career options and opportunities. There are several more weeks of exciting careers for Y6 to investigate.

### School Notices

- Polite reminder: If your child requires **medication** during the school day please bring this to the school office where we will ask you to complete a form detailing your instructions; medicine should then be collected by an adult from the office at the end of the school day.
- If your child is at Pre-School and 3-4 years old, you may wish to check your eligibility for **30 hours free childcare** at: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare?step-by-step-nav=f517cd57-3c18-4bb9-aa8b-1b907e279bf9>  
30 hour codes have an end date and therefore need renewing periodically; please check your expiry date if you already have a code. The deadline for codes for use from January 2024 is 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- Please may we remind you that children should bring a **healthy snack** such as a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at morning break time. Fruit continues to be freely provided to KS1.
- Applications are open for Hampshire residents for **Year R places for September 2024**. If you are applying for a place and would like to visit the school for a tour, please contact the office as soon as possible. To apply, go to [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions) - the closing date is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.
- **Music assemblies** Mr Thomas will be holding performance assemblies for his guitar and piano pupils during the penultimate week of term - see calendar for details. Mrs Thomas will be hosting a performance assembly for brass pupils and Y4 class music on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9am. Parents are very welcome to attend these events which will be held in the school hall; please sign in on arrival.
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December will be **Christmas jumper day** at school, this will coincide with our Christmas craft morning and KS2 Carols. We will be asking for a suggested donation of £1 for Save The Children. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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### Calendar

27 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	YR Balance Bikeability
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu vaccinations for YR-Y6 (by consent)
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Drum/Saxophone assembly 9am
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTA Bag2School 8.30am
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Brass &amp; Y4 music assembly 9am</b>
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pre-School/YR Nativity 2.15pm St Saviour's Church
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Guitar Assembly 2.15pm
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Piano Assembly 9am
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity 6pm
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity 1.45pm
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	YR to Little Flames @ St Saviour's church
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTA school disco
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>PTA Children's Christmas shop</b>
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>PTA Children's Christmas shop</b>
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas lunch
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Christingle 2pm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation please
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Crafts morning – whole school
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carols round the tree 1.30pm at St Saviour's

### Pause For Thought

"We have such a long way to go," sighed the boy. "Yes, but look how far we've come," said the horse.  
— Charlie Mackesy, The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse

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