



NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 8

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

26th January 2024

Welcome:

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

You will have seen the news regarding the rise in cases of measles in London and the large outbreaks in the West Midlands. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has now declared a national incident in order to focus actions to limit the spread. Further outbreaks of measles will spread to other towns and cities unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination uptake in areas at greatest risk. Children who get measles can be very poorly and some will suffer life changing complications. To support this incident the Department of Education (DfE) has published: [What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school](#) guidance for parents and for schools. UKHSA have stated that measles is not currently circulating in the south-east, there are cases in London and a sustained outbreak in the West Midlands (specifically Coventry and Birmingham but now in all local authority areas in the region) but at the moment in the SE, rashes are more than likely to be for other reasons (particularly in children). However being prepared is important.

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Reasons to Celebrate:

- Our teams of Y3/4 and Y5/6 swimmers both brought home bronze medals from Priestlands swimming galas this month. Well done to all who took part.
- Thank you to the PTA who arranged for the whole school to be able to watch "Cinderella" at the Village Hall this week. Great fun was had by all!
- Thank you to everyone who donated to worthy causes at our Christmas events last term. You raised £114.50 for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day and £22.12 for the Children's Society at the YR & KS1 Christingle.
- Next Friday will be a "mufti-day" in aid of the Children's Air Ambulance. There is a suggested minimum donation of £1; thank you in advance for your generosity to this very worthy cause.



School Notices

- This term **Parents' Evening** appointments will be held on Monday 5th February and Wednesday 7th February. Appointments will be held in the school hall; please enter through the hall door at the front of the school. If you have not done so already, you can book your appointment on the [school website](#).
- **World Book Day** is Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book. Children will come home with a £1.00 voucher to exchange for a World Book Day book at participating retailers.
- **Holiday Club** bookings can now be made for February half-term via your Scopay account. The holiday club price of £30 per day includes a morning and afternoon snack; children will need to bring their own packed lunch. We offer a £10 per day discount for all siblings who are also attending Holiday Club on the same day. Payment can be made with childcare vouchers if preferred; please contact the office for further details. The day runs from 8am until 5pm. Please note holiday club sessions are non-refundable.
- **Uniform** 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. Long hair should be tied back with a plain hairband. Thank you.
- Please be considerate of our neighbours if parking in local roads at drop off and pick up times. We have a "**Park & Stride**" scheme which 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.
- **Threadworms** are common in children and spread easily. You can treat them without seeing a GP. Medicine is available from pharmacies; it is important that the whole family is treated. To prevent reinfection it is important to encourage children to wash hands regularly and scrub under fingernails – particularly before eating and after using the toilet.

Calendar

Fri 2nd Feb	Mufti day in aid of Children's Air Ambulance
Mon 5th Feb	Parents' Evening from 3.30pm
Wed 7th Feb	Parents' Evening from 3.30pm
12th - 16th Feb	Half-term holiday
Sun 25th Feb	SO4:12 church event for families in school hall
Thur 7th Mar	World Book Day
Thur 14th Mar	Y6 trip to Tower of London
Fri 22nd Mar	PTA Disco
Thur 28th Mar	Inset Day
29th March - 14th April	Easter Holiday
17th-19th April	Y4 residential to Hooke Court
Fri 3rd May	Class Photographs
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday
Fri 24th May	Sports Day (TBC)
27th - 31st May	Half-term holiday
6th - 7th June	Y6 Bikeability
Mon 10th June	Y2/Y6 Fire safety
Fri 28th June	Highcliffe Induction Day
Sun 30th June	PTA Summer Fete
Tues 9th July	Priestlands Intake Day
Wed 10th July	KS2 Production
Thurs 11th July	KS2 Production
Mon 22nd July	Inset Day
Tues 23rd July	Inset Day
Wed 24th July	Summer Holiday begins

Pause For Thought

Believe you can and you're halfway there - Theodore Roosevelt