



NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 2

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

20th September 2024

Welcome:

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

Thank you to all of those who have supported the new Y6 run tuck shop. The enthusiasm from the children and changing the available options make running it a great enterprise project.

It is that time of year when parent tours become part of my normal day. We do have 2 open mornings and can always offer personal tours. If you know of anyone with a child from 6 months to 11 years then send them our way. We have a fabulous school and it is a pleasure to share it with the wider community.

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Recommended Reads for: Pre-School & YR:

- Tiny Crab is a Tidy Crab! By Paula Bowles
- Gordon's Great Escape by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet.

Reasons to Celebrate:

- YR children enjoyed showing their parents around the YR classroom earlier this month at a Stay & Play session. Thank you to those who were able to come and share the experience.
- This week a group of KS2 children went to a Tri-Golf sports fixture at Priestlands School with the aim of experiencing something they may not have tried previously.
- Thank you to the PTA and children who raised funds at the summer fete for our new Buddy bench.



School Notices

- As a school, we will be attending a service at the church to celebrate **Harvest** on the 2nd October, and we are asking for donations for the food bank to take to the service with us. The items that are always required by the food bank are: tinned meat products - meat balls, ham, hot-dogs, etc., tinned vegetables or fruit and breakfast cereals. If you would like to donate an item, please send your child in with donations or alternatively, drop them in to the school office.
- Each week we take a group of children to Priestlands School for a sporting fixture and we are looking for **volunteers** to accompany us. Ideally we are looking for several people to share this, requiring a commitment of 1-2 afternoons per half term, per person. You would need to be free on Wednesdays from 12:15 to 3:15pm and have a clear DBS check. If you think you can help, please contact the school office.
- Thank you if you have collected Rotary Club **Christmas Boxes** for those in need in Eastern Europe. Please note that due to earlier distribution this year, the boxes need to be returned to school by **Friday 18th October**.
- **Secondary school applications** are open until 31st October. Applications can be submitted online; paper forms can be requested by emailing: admissions.team@hants.gov.uk.
- **YR 2025 School applications:** Hampshire applications open on the 1st November and close on 15th January. Please visit: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions
- **Pre-School working parents – funded childcare hours from 9 months:** The deadline for applications for funded childcare hours for the spring term is: 31st December. To check your eligibility visit: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> To apply for an eligibility code via your childcare account: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>
- If your child has any **medical dietary needs** or restrictions please provide this information to Hampshire Education Catering so that they can provide a medical special diet menu for your child. You will be asked to set up an account and upload medical information: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/education-catering/parent-information/primary/specialdiets>
- If your child suffers from sickness & diarrhea they need to remain at home for **48 hours** following the final episode. Please respect this to prevent the spread of infection to others.

Calendar

Sun 22 nd Sept	SO4 12 Family Church in hall
24 th -27 th Sept	Y6 residential trip to Swanage
Tues 1 st Oct	Y6 visit to Priestlands
Wed 2 nd Oct	Harvest Festival
Thur 3 rd Oct 9.15-11.15am	Open Morning for prospective parents
Tues 8 th Oct	YR & Y1 Phonics evening 6.30pm
Wed 9 th Oct 9.15-11.15am	Open Morning for prospective parents
Thur 10 th Oct	Priestlands School open evening 6pm
Fri 18 th Oct	PTA Disco
Mon 21 st Oct	School photographs
28 th Oct - 1 st Nov	Half-term holiday
Fri 8 th Nov	Inset Day
Tues 12 th Nov	Ready Steady School event (for YR 2025)
Fri 15 th Nov	PTA Quiz Night
Sun 24 th Nov	SO4 12 Family Church in hall
Fri 29 th Nov	PTA Winter Wonderland Christmas fete
Tues 10 th Dec	KS1 Nativity (afternoon performance)
Wed 11 th Dec	Pre-School and Year R Nativity
Thur 12 th Dec	KS1 Nativity (evening performance)
Thur 19 th Dec	KS2 Carols round the tree
23 rd Dec – 3 rd Jan	Christmas holiday

Pause For Thought

Education must not simply teach work – it must teach Life. W. E. B. Du Bois

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