



NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 3

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

4th October

Welcome:

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

Thank you for your support with Harvest donations. It was lovely to see all the items which will go to much needed use. Mel and the children put on a fabulous service with superb singing as always.

Next week we have a second Open Morning, this is a chance for the wider community to view our school and think about joining us. I am so proud of the staff and children. Every parent has commented on the unique atmosphere and how polite the children are. We aim to create an atmosphere where all can thrive and that certainly shows. Well done everyone. Keep up the amazing work.

I am also pleased to say that we are staffed, and the building is almost ready for Grasshopper's (children aged 6 months to 2 years) to join us from the 4th November 2024. Following parental request, we will be running from 8am to 6pm daily – 48 weeks of the year. Please pass on details to those who may be interested.

I also wanted to share with you that Ruby and Harry Ladd's Nana, Frances McGahey, very sadly passed away last week. Many at the school will know Frances as she came into help with reading for several years and was a huge advocate of the school.

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Reasons to Celebrate:

- Well done to both the Y3/4 and Y5/6 football teams who have claimed silver medal places at Priestlands football fixtures in the last two weeks.
- Y6 have started a weekly programme of career sessions, organised with the New Forest Show team. Thank you to Denis Dooley and his colleagues. Today Y6 walked to Balmer Lawn Hotel to investigate different careers in hospitality.
- Y6 enjoyed a fantastic residential trip to Swanage last week. The children experienced a range of activities including paddle boarding and climbing. The rain stopped for an evening of mini-Olympics and sand sculpting on the beach. Thank you to the Y6 team and all the attending staff who made this trip possible.



School Notices

- **Parents Evening** appointments are now available to [book online](#) for Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October. Appointments will be held in the school hall; please enter through the hall door at the front of the school.
- You will shortly be receiving your **Parent Governor ballot** paper. These will come home via your child's book bag. Please ensure you follow the instructions carefully to allow us to check your eligibility to vote, whilst also giving complete anonymity to your ballot paper.
- **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. 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.
- 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. **Penalty Notice fines** have now increased to £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid within 28 days. There is now a new national limit of two penalty notices per parent, per child, within a rolling 3-year period. A third offence in this period will result in a referral to the Legal Intervention Team.
- We are looking for **volunteers** to help accompany a small group of children to Priestlands School each week for a sporting fixture. You would need to be free on Wednesday afternoons 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**.

Calendar

Tues 8th Oct	YR & Y1 Phonics evening 6.30pm
Wed 9th Oct	Open Morning for prospective parents
Thur 10th Oct	Priestlands School open evening 6pm
Wed 16th Oct	Y6 visit to Highcliffe School
Fri 18th Oct	PTA Disco
Mon 21st Oct	School photographs
28th Oct - 1st Nov	Half-term holiday
Fri 8th Nov	Inset Day
Tues 12th Nov	Ready Steady School event (for YR 2025)
Fri 15th Nov	PTA Quiz Night
Sun 24th Nov	SO4 12 Family Church in hall
Fri 29th Nov	PTA Winter Wonderland Christmas fete
Fri 6th Dec	Brockenhurst village fun evening
Tues 10th Dec	KS1 Nativity (afternoon performance)
Wed 11th Dec	Pre-School and Year R Nativity
Thur 12th Dec	KS1 Nativity (evening performance)
Thur 19th Dec	KS2 Carols round the tree
23rd Dec – 3rd Jan	Christmas holiday

Pause For Thought

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