



NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 4

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

25th October 2024

Welcome:

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

Well done all for making it to the end of an eight week half-term. We could tell the children were tired this week. Hopefully you will all get some rest and relaxation.

There will be Parent Workshops running on Thursday 21st November for every year group, including Pre-School. These will focus on how Maths and English are taught at school and will give tips on how to support your child with this at home. More information to follow.

After half-term we have two key PTA events – the quiz and Winter Wonderland, along with Christmas trees of course. The PTA do an amazing job in pulling together funds to support school such as the fabulous library. Please do come, both events are open to all so spread the word!

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Due to the very wet summer and current weather we are looking for the pigs to go on a local vacation during the wet period. Ideally they need a larger dryer space until Easter when they can return to see the children again and the weather will be warmer and dryer. If you know of anyone please contact us.

Reasons to Celebrate:

- Thank you to everyone who returned filled Christmas boxes. We handed 36 boxes over to the Rotary Club this week. These will be sent to Eastern Europe for distribution in time for Christmas. Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause.
- This week all year groups have been to New Park in their wellies to plant trees to create a mini forest. This rare opportunity means the children have left a local lasting legacy. Thank you to Jo Dooley, Education and Communities Officer and her team at NFNPA for inviting us.
- We are proud to tell you that we have been awarded South East Modeshift Stars regional Primary School of the Year 2024/25 for outstanding efforts in promoting sustainable travel to school. Thank you to Mrs Cowell for all her hard work in this area.
- The PTA have arranged for a recycling bin to be placed at the front of the school. This is located to the left as you walk through the wooden gate towards reception. The bin is automatically emptied every two weeks and the money made goes directly to the PTA.

School Notices

- We are pleased to tell you that following the **Parent Governor ballot** Corrie Kolaczowski has been appointed as the new Parent Governor.
- The deadline for **secondary school applications** is 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 have been considered.
- **Applications open for YR 2025** school places on Friday 1st November and close on Wednesday 15th January. For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. If your child is 4 years old or will turn 4 before 1st September 2025, they can start school in September 2025.
- In support of Anti-bullying & Friendship week will be participating in "**Odd Socks Day**" On Tuesday 12th November. Children come to school wearing odd socks to encourage them to be proud of their differences. No donation required.
- The [school lunch menu](#) will change after the half-term holiday. In addition to red and green options, jacket potatoes will be available, with a choice of fillings at the servery every day (beans, cheese or tuna).
- As you are aware, we are a **nut free school**. With this in mind, if you are providing your child with pesto in their lunchbox, please would you check that there are no cashew nuts included in the ingredients list. Thank you.
- In addition to Instagram and the School News app, we are now on [Facebook](#) – follow us for all the latest news.
- We will be hosting a "**Ready Steady School**" event on Tuesday 12th November at 6.30pm. This event is run in conjunction with the Health Visiting & School Nursing teams and Barnardo's. It aims to prepare families to have routines and skills in place before children start school such as toileting, eating, independence, communication, language and others. [Book your free place](#) via Eventbrite.

Calendar

28 th Oct - 1 st Nov	Half-term holiday
Fri 8 th Nov	Inset Day
Tues 12 th Nov	Odd Socks Day – anti-bullying week
Tues 12 th Nov	Ready Steady School event (for YR 2025)
Wed 13 th Nov	Y2 trip to Sea City Museum
Fri 15 th Nov	KS2 trip to Mayflower theatre
Fri 15 th Nov	PTA Quiz Night
Thurs 21 st Nov	Parent Workshops: Maths/English
Sun 24 th Nov	SO4 12 Family Church in hall
Fri 29 th Nov	PTA Winter Wonderland Christmas fete
Fri 6 th Dec	Brockenhurst village fun evening
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
Mon 6 th Jan	Children return to school
Fri 14 th Feb	Inset Day
17 th -21 st Feb	Half-term holiday
7 th -21 st April	Easter Holiday
26 th -30 th May	Half-term holiday
21 st -22 nd July	Inset Days

Pause For Thought

Time together as a family is a gift – Joanna Gaines