



## NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 7

**\*WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL\*** 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Welcome:

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

Merry Christmas.

What a busy end to the term we have had. Music concerts, nativities, Christingle, Christmas crafts, Winter Wonderland, Carols Around the Tree and a visit from Father Christmas! It has been wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents at the events. A real family feel. I suspect both children and adults will be ready for a break with a chance to recharge and spend quality time with their families. I hope whatever you do you have a lovely time.

We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year filled with happiness and health.

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### Reasons to Celebrate:




- Rhinefield won the most house points this term, with points given for excellent work, attitude and behaviour. The children chose to spend an afternoon watching a film in the school hall, wearing pyjamas and enjoying hot chocolate.
- Well done to all who have taken part in music assemblies over the past two weeks. Y4 have demonstrated what they learnt this term in their "Listen 2 Me" class brass lessons and guitar, piano & brass pupils have all had the chance to perform to parents.
- Congratulations to the Y5/6 swim team who brought home silver medals from their Priestlands tournament last week.
- Thank you to all who contributed to the collection at KS1 & YR Christingle; £93 was collected for The Children's Society. Additionally, £172.50 has been raised for Save The Children during our Christmas Jumper Days. Thank you for all of your donations to both of these very worthy causes.
- Rotary Christmas shoe box update: Bransgore Rotary Club collected 406 boxes from 7 local schools, including BPS. These have now arrived in Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Ukraine and Poland for distribution to orphanages and displaced children. BBC breakfast, lunchtime news and South Today will be broadcasting a story about the shoe box scheme on 20<sup>th</sup> December. There is also an article available on BBC News Online.
- Y6 have had a fabulous variety of careers sessions this term. We would like to thank all those who have given their time and shared fascinating talks and activities with Y6: Balmer Lawn Hotel, Sarah & Lucy from Corbin's florists, Alex from Seadown Vets, local farmers Martin and Michael, Katie from local small business Clink & Drink, Megan from marketing at the New Forest show, Jo Kent from the BBC and nurse & paramedic Jenny and Ross from Southampton Hospitals.

### School Notices

- If you have a child that will turn 4 years old before 31<sup>st</sup> August, don't forget to apply for your **Year R place for September 2025**, if you have not done so already. 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.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with **KS1 Forest School** next term. If you are available from 1pm on either Wednesday, Thursdays or Fridays, please contact the office for further details. No previous experience is required; warm, water proof clothes and footwear are the only requirement.
- **Extra-curricular clubs** for the spring term are now available via your Scopay account. To book your places please log into your Scopay account to make payment.
- Bookings are open for **Badger's Rest** breakfast and after-school clubs for the spring term. Please log in to your Scopay account to secure your spaces. If you would like to make payment using Tax Free Childcare and have not done so previously, please let us know your TFC unique reference number so that we can set up your account accordingly. If you need to make last minute bookings (within a week of a session), please contact Emma Hodkin directly on: 07445 378433.

### Calendar

23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Christmas holiday
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school
13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y6 Bikeability
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y3 Swim course begins (10 weeks)
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Deadline for Year R 2025 applications</b>
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y3 trip to Southampton Art Gallery
Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	YR – Y6 Panto @ village hall
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Inset Day
17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half-term holiday
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	YR to Little Flames
7 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Holiday
23 <sup>rd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 to Hooke Court
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs
26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half-term holiday
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Fire Safety assembly Y2/6
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> July	YR to Little Flames
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Priestlands Intake Day
21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset Days

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### Pause For Thought

Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas – Peg Bracken