



## NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 19

**\*WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL\*** 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### Welcome:

Dear Parents and Friends of Brockenhurst CE Primary, Pre-School & Nursery

Thank you. What a year it has been from nativity, sports day, KS2 production, music assemblies and sports events we have certainly had a busy and varied year. My thanks go to the PTA for ongoing support at events and superb fundraising. The library is complete and we have several new Chromebooks though year group donations.

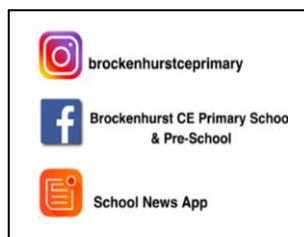
Along with saying goodbye to our Year 6 children we also say goodbye to a few members of staff who are moving on to roles in local schools. Miss Langton, who has really taken forest school to the next level; Mrs Cooper, who has been a pioneer in taking so many children to sports fixtures and Mrs Gray, who has worked in both the main school and pre-school. They will all be missed and we look forward to hearing about their new adventures.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Wales (Vicky) who is stepping down as Chair of Governors and a governor. Vicky has supported the school passionately for over 15 years. Her children came here and her love of learning is infectious. Personally and professionally I have found Vicky to be invaluable. A better champion for the children you could not find!

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### Reasons to Celebrate:

- All the children have spent an hour in their new classroom, with their new teaching staff this week. Moving up Morning helps with familiarisation of a new environment and routine before September.
- Y6 have used their trip to Paultons Park this week as inspiration for a DT day. They created fantastic moving models of rides and rollercoasters.
- Y1 parents were invited into the classroom this week to sample the product of the children's D&T project. The children have been peeling, cutting and threading fruit kebabs to understand textures and tastes.
- Congratulations to all KS2 children and the staff involved in putting on an amazing production of Oliver with a Twist. Both performance evenings at the Village Hall were a great success and a testament to the hours of hard work that had gone into the practise and preparation.



### School Notices

- **Holiday Club bookings** for the summer are still available. Holiday Club is open for the first four weeks of the holiday, Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm. The cost is £35 per day and children will need to bring a nut-free packed lunch with them. There is a £10 discount for siblings. For bookings, please contact Emma Hodkin on: 07445 378433.
- The Park & Stride scheme from the Village Hall in Highwood Road is still in place for school drop off and pick up times. We have had confirmation that visitors to the Village Hall who are staying less than two hours do not need to register their number plates.

The application deadline for childcare eligibility codes for use from 1<sup>st</sup> September is **31<sup>st</sup> August**. **Funded childcare hours** are being expanded from September 2025. Eligible working parents may be able to access 30 hours of free childcare per week (38 weeks a year) for children from nine months to school age. This is an increase from the current 15 hours for younger children.



#### Recommended Reads for Y5/6:

- You are awesome – Matthew Syed
- All the things that could go wrong – Stewart Foster

### Calendar

21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset Days
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Inset Day
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	First day back for children
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y6 Swanage meeting @ 3.15pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	PTA AGM 3.30pm in the school library
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Highcliffe School open evening 5.30–8pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y6 trip to Swanage
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Individual school photographs
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y6 to visit Priestlands School
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y6 Highcliffe School taster day
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Priestlands School open evening 6pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu vaccinations (by consent)
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTA Quiz Night
27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half-term holiday
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Inset Day
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Shining Lights performance assembly
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA Xmas fete
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec-2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Christmas holiday

### Pause For Thought

"Smell the sea, and feel the sky. Let your soul and spirit fly," according to Van Morrison.