

Brize Norton Primary School

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Head Teacher's News

Welcome back and a belated Happy New Year to you all. What a cold start it has been to what is the Spring term. Although it feels like a distant memory now, I do hope you had an enjoyable winter break and enjoyed the time with family and friends.

As we have come back this year, we have been thinking about our dreams and goals. Mrs El-Masri is hosting an Aspirations Week for the Year 5s and 6s, giving them the opportunity to hear from members of the community about their jobs and roles. We wish to widen the children's understanding of opportunities there are out there for them to aspire to. If you have a particular job or vocation you feel the children would benefit from learning about, please do contact the office or Mrs El-Masri directly. We would gladly welcome more volunteers.

This Spring term is a short one but we will be making the most of it! We are starting to plan our enrichment opportunities for your children. As part of the children's personal development, we are planning the opportunity for our oldest children to climb Mount Snowdon in the Summer as well as preparing those who will be taking part in the Young Voices experience: singing collectively with other children in the Birmingham Arena. We are also looking to our Science Week to invite in a 'Silly Scientist', arranging a Fun Run as well as participating in sporting opportunities through the Burford Partnership. All relevant letters will be sent via the office in coming weeks.

Home school partnership is so important. Do remember my door is always open – do seek me out on the playground if you have any wider questions or speak to your class teacher if it is pertinent to the class. Mrs Penn is available on the playground on a Thursday morning if you have a SEN query and Mrs El-Masri too is available for any whole school queries with regards to policy and practice.

SHINE

The children enjoyed a Superheroes special lunch on Thursday. Thanks to Anya and Jade in the kitchen for all the effort they made to make it a fun lunchtime.



Attendance from

Falcons : 94.9%

Voyagers: 95.2%

Hercules: 96.7% Well done Hercules

Hurricanes: 96.4%

Buccaneers: 96.3%

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Updates and Information

Fun Run – Ox Trail Fundraiser – Friday, 9th February

Later this term we are going to be holding a fun run for the children in order to raise money for Sobell House. Much like the colour run we held last year, we are asking for sponsorship of laps run of the recreational field; however, this time, the children will be invited to dress as someone who inspires them or as what they aspire to be (their dream job) as this term we are thinking about our Goals and Dreams. A GoFund me page will be set up and sent out in due course, along with further information about this fun event we have planned.

Positive Playtimes Plan

As a team, we have created a Positive Playtime Plan which falls inline with our newly reviewed Behaviour and Relationships Policy (which can be found on our website). This review has taken into account the views and voice of staff, parent feedback and the children. Our new policy and plan will hopefully outline our approach, but also clarify natural consequences that follow poor choices which at times are made by children. As a school we are passionate about teaching and helping children to learn about making safe choices as well as how to put right any wrongs. Relationships are at the heart of what we do. I do hope these documents are a helpful tool for you as parents.

Parents Evening – 7th and 8th February

At the end of this term, we will be holding our second parents' evening of the year where you will be able to meet with your child's teacher to discuss the progress, attainment and well-being. Sign up sheets will be going up in class windows prior to this and we will notify you in due course as to when this happens. Please do feel free to contact your child's class teacher beforehand if you have any concerns or queries.

Lower School/Reception Parents Maths Café

As a team, we are focusing on our teaching of Maths and specifically the use of concrete materials to support children with their understanding. To support this, and you as parents with supporting your children at home, we will be running a maths café. Four 30mins sessions where I will share with you resources and deliver a session on how we teach early maths. These are the building blocks of children's knowledge and understanding as they go through the school. We will also be establishing a Maths Library where parents can 'check out' resources to use when supporting your children at home. If you are interested in being a part of this, please can you email the office with your expression of interest. I will then contact these parents directly to find out when would be a suitable time to run the 4 sessions: in school time, after school, online, in-person.

Class Assemblies

This spring term we are introducing class assemblies. In Term 4, parents will be invited into school to watch an assembly presented by your child's class. They will take this opportunity to share with you what they have been learning during the Spring months. Please do see the calendar for these dates.

Health and Safety

Please can I remind you to support us with earrings and long hair: children should be wearing studs only. Hair also needs to be tied back. On PE days, with regards to earrings, children need to be able to take out their earrings or cover them with tape. Many thanks.

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Children's News

We have been focusing on Anti-Bullying, reviewing our policy and with the children, learning about what it is and what it is not. To support our commitment to supporting children with managing these behaviours and feeling confident in what they need to do, we have created the role of **Anti-Bullying Ambassadors**, who will work with Mrs El-Masri on keeping the profile raised over the coming years. Children are welcome to apply for the role by speaking with their class teachers.

We have also devised some handy leaflets which will be coming home in bags next week that reflect our NEW policy. This can be found on the website.

To support this, we are a TALK school, whereby we encourage the children to talk and feel safe in doing so....

Talking makes things better
Always seek help for a trusted adult
Learn to speak up for yourself and others
Kindness is key

Dates for your Diary

22 Jan AM	Team of Yr 5 & 6 sportshall athletics at Burford
29 Jan – 2 Feb	SEN Review week
2 Feb AM	Team of 4 Yr 6 boys to cross country final
5 Feb	RE Focus day
6 Feb	Safer Internet day
7 Feb AM	Yr 3 to a ball skills event at Burford
7 Feb from 3.30	Parents Evening
8 Feb PM	Buccaneers Story museum trip
8 Feb from 3.30	Parents Evening
9 Feb 1.30pm	OxTrail charity fun run
12-16 Feb	Half Term
21 Feb AM	Height and Weight checks for Rec and Yr 6
23 Feb from 11.00am	Young Voices trip to Birmingham
4 March	RE Focus day

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5 March 9.00am	Hercules class assembly
7 March	World Book Day
8 March all day 8 March 9.00am	Footykids taster sessions in school Falcons class assembly
11 – 15 March	Science week
14 March AM	Yr 4 Dance event at Burford school
18 March 9.15am	Buccaneers class assembly
18 - 22 March	Assessment week
20 March 9.00am	Hurricanes class assembly
22 March AM	Rags 2 Riches collection
22 March 9.00am 22 March AM	Voyagers class assembly Yr 5 & 6 swimming gala at Carterton
27 March 1.15pm	School finishes for Easter holidays

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