

Brize Norton Primary School

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We SHINE for ourselves and each other with kindness



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Head Teacher's News

What a short term we have had, although Christmas seems a distant memory now. It was lovely to see so many of you at parents evening this week. I hope you found these appointments useful in finding out about how your child is progressing as well as their well being in school. Although we have 2 formal meetings a year, please do remember our doors are always open and the team are available for a quick word at the beginning and the end of the day. Please do also catch me on the playground at drop off if there is anything you would like me to be aware of, or if there are any questions I can also help with. Mrs El-Masri (Assistant Headteacher) is usually available too and Mrs Penn (as SENCo) is on the playground on a Thursday morning if you have a query regarding Special Education Needs of your child (SEN).

Thank you to all those who have taken time to complete the parent survey. The comments have been really appreciated and the points for consideration too will be reflected on in our Senior Leadership Meeting for moving forward. We do appreciate all feedback. There is still time to complete the survey, so if you haven't had a chance as of yet, please do click on the link. It will now remain open until 6pm. <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/eBBGCRVAAx>

We are keen to offer more opportunities for parents to come in to school and have a chat and meet the team with regards to specific topics. Look out for key dates and opportunities which will be coming out soon once finalised.

As always, best wishes from me and the team and enjoy your half term break.

SHINE

Congratulations to Charlie, Mylo, Henry and Noah who represented our school in the Oxfordshire Cross Country Finals – they did themselves and us proud. Well done to all and congratulations to Charlie who has progressed to the next stage.



Attendance from

Falcons : 95.8%

Voyagers: 94.5%

Hercules: 99%

Hurricanes: 94%

Buccaneers: 98.5%

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Updates and Information

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. 4, 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 a parent of a Reception child through to Year 3 and 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. These sessions will take place in Term 4 but may be extended into Term 5 if required.

Young Voices – 23rd February

We are much looking forward to taking a Young Voices choir to Birmingham in the new term. A letter which will outline further information will be sent to those children at the beginning of the week in Term 4.

World Book Day – 7th March

A leaflet with all our World Book Day events will be going out in the new term from Mrs Johnson, our Reading Lead, but your child, if they so choose, will be invited to dress up once again as their favourite book character for the day. This year, there will be no specific theme, we just ask that the character is based from a fiction book.

Class Assemblies – Term 4

Please do look at the diary list as each class is holding a class assembly next term. These assemblies will last approximately 30 minutes and will take place at 9am in the school hall (except for Buccaneers who have a slightly later start time to give them more time to settle). Once you have dropped your child off on that morning, you will be welcome to make your way round to the front of the school where you will be let into the hall via The Hanger (the classroom at the front). We will be holding class assemblies 3 times a year going forward, each long term.

Class Productions

We have been holding discussions as a team around opportunities for classes to perform whilst taking into account the size of the school hall and our numbers within the classes. As you can see from above, we are introducing class assemblies but going forwards the annual events will be: Buccaneers and our Year 1s and 2s will still lead the school nativities with Upper School hosting a Carol Concert in the church at Christmas. Our Years 3 and 4 children will be leading May Day celebrations which we will introduce this year and our Year 5s and 6s will present a summer production. More information and dates will follow with regards to the upcoming events.

BIG Science Week – 11th – 15th March

We are taking part in BIG Science week once again where the children will be inspired to create their own investigation/experiment. Winners will be chosen with an overall team going through to represent Brize Norton in the Oxfordshire finals.

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Parking

Please can I remind parents at drop off and collection to be mindful of our local residents. We have recently had some complaints with regards to driveways being blocked and cars parked close to junctions. Thank you for your support with this.

Curriculum Updates

Since January, we have launched our new Sounds and Syllables spelling scheme which is taught to Years 3 – 6. It is pleasing to see the impact that this is already having for our children. This programme provides a superb progression for our phonics scheme which we introduced last September, taught to our youngest children through to year 2. This too has also had a positive impact on our children's attainment.

Footsteps Programme

The Footsteps programme is simple for parents to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than telling children what to do, parents are encouraged to ask lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely while in the company of a supporting adult will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own. Please find attached information regarding this programme which has come through from Oxfordshire County Council, or click on this link to find out more. <https://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/walking-children>

For families supporting children with autism, with diagnosis or not

For families supporting children on the autistic spectrum

Please come and join us on the **last Friday of the month** (term time only) for a friendly cuppa and chat.

All families welcome, with or without a diagnosis.

Welcome Church, High St,
Witney OX28 6HL

10am - 12noon

If you have any questions,
please email

chatandacuppa@yahoo.com

Children's News

Last week, we announced and shared our new Anti-Bullying Ambassadors who will be working with Mrs El-Masri with regards to this across the school. The children met at lunchtime today to come together as a group for the first time. We are very much looking forward to the work that they will be undertaking to continue to make Brize Norton a happy school full of kindness and compassion.

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Dates for your Diary

21 Feb AM	Height and Weight checks for Rec and Yr 6
22 nd Feb	BNSA Disco
23 Feb from 11.00am	Young Voices trip to Birmingham
28 th Feb	Science Focus Day
4 March	RE Focus day
5 th March 9.00am	Hercules Class Assembly
7 th March	World Book Day – children are welcome to dress up
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 9:15	Buccaneers class assembly
18 - 22 March	Assessment week
19 th March	Buccaneers Little City Experience
20 March 9.00am	Hurricanes class assembly
21 st March 2:30pm	IRock Concert
22 March AM	Rags 2 Riches collection
22 March 9.00am 22 March AM	Voyagers class assembly Yr. 5 & 6 swimming gala at Carterton (selected children will be informed)
25 th March @ 2pm	School Council and Community Tea
26 th March	Ox-Trail Fun Run
27 March 1.15pm	School finishes for Easter holidays
15 th April	Start of Term 5
3 rd May	School Closed for INSET
6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
27 th -31 st May	Half Term

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24th July

End of Term 6

Can't remember the date of an event...

All our up and coming diary dates can be found on our website under the 'For Parents' tab, so do remember to check there if at a later date you can lay your hands on the latest newsletter.

Newsletters will also be added to DOJO for your convenience.

<https://www.brizeprimary.org/for-parents/diary-dates/>

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