

# Brize Norton Primary School

Striving, Helping, Inspiring, Nurturing, Excelling

We SHINE for ourselves and each other with kindness



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## Head Teacher's News

Welcome back to Term 4! We seem to be motoring through the academic year this year! The term has started off with a lot of fun and buzzing activity. Our Young Voices choir headed off today to Birmingham to join 4000 other children to take part in their performance. I know from my own children's experience this year, that they will be having a fantastic time and we are looking forward to hearing all about it on their return. Last night also saw a lot of children having great fun at the disco. I was hugely impressed by the dancing, especially at the Russian style of dancing by one of our Year 6s! A HUGE thank you to the BNSA team for arranging, the parents and staff who helped and Mr Sutherland for his efforts with the music and lighting. It really was an evening enjoyed by all.

Along with this email, you will have received other attachments which we have been asked to share from various community members. To minimize the amount of emails this week, we have sent them along with the Newsletter to keep your inbox down. You will have also received your child's Medium Term Plans so you can see what your child will be learning about this coming term. There are lots of additional events and enrichments occurring this term which are outlined within this newsletter.

Wishing you all well from the team here at Brize.

Mrs Jones

## SHINE



At Easter, we will be saying goodbye, as well as a HUGE thank you to Mr Lowe who has been the school's Site manager for 7 years. The team have all really appreciated his work behind the scenes here at the school, mending, fixing, installing, painting, tidying among many other things. He will be greatly missed as he departs. He really has *shone* for the school.

## Attendance from

Falcons : 96.7%

Voyagers: 95.3%

Hercules: 97% well done Hercules

Hurricanes: 95.8%

Buccaneers: 96.5%

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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.

### World Book Day Update – 7<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and to celebrate the wonderful world of stories and storytelling, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. It would be great if your child could bring a copy of the book their character is from to share with their friends and class teacher.

As well as dressing up for the day we are running two competitions. A sponsored reading challenge run by Usborne books which gives the school an opportunity to order free books from the sponsorship money raised. Sponsorship Information with regards to this will be sent out on Monday, so do look out for it. We are also running a creative competition; the children have to make their favourite book character out of a cardboard tube. There will be a £1 entry, which will go to the BNSA and there will be prizes for the most creative character.

During the day there will be other exciting activities planned such as shared story sessions and secret books hidden around the school for the children to find. In the next edition of our reading newsletter I hope to share pictures of the day with you.

We hope it will be an enjoyable day for all and lots of fun that will encourage children to pick up a book more often.

Mrs Johnson

### Weather – suitable outdoor clothing

With all this wet weather we are having, please ensure your child has suitable outdoor wet weather gear in school: wellies, waterproof coats, waterproof trousers. Our playground is prone to puddles and muddy patches, please help us to ensure children get the fresh air they require whilst remaining comfortable throughout the day. We are happy for the children to continue to make use of the mud kitchens too, but only if they are suitably dressed.

### BIG Science Week Update – 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March

We are starting our BIG Science week with a Silly Science show for all the children which is being funded by the BNSA. The children will take part in a 60 minute workshop where they will be wowed and inspired by many different experiments and experiences. This should get the week off to a fantastic start and *INSPIRE* the children who will be spending the week as scientists, creating their own experiments to answer their very own scientific enquiries.

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## SEN Parent Voice

If you are a parent of a child with Special Educational Needs (SEN) within our community, you should have received an email from Mrs Penn with a parent voice link. We are keen to hear your voice – please do spare a few minutes to complete this. Many thanks in advance.

## Site Manager Role

We are advertising for Mr Lowe's role as Site Manager, so if you know of anyone who has a couple of hours to spare each day and enjoys fixing, mending, installing, painting among other things, please do refer them to our website for further details or call the office.

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## Children's News

### NEW Information Comic Relief – 15th March!!!

This year we are once again supporting Comic Relief. If you wish to buy a red nose through school @£2 each, you can do so through the office. We do only have limited stock so once they're gone, they're gone! Red noses can also be bought at other outlets.

For comic relief we also taking part in dressing in red from top to toe! If your child would like to come to school top to toe in red for the day, please do so and bring in a donation for the charity, suggestion of £1. We are also be going to hosting a joke competition. Children can present a joke/funny tale to their class, the one that gets the most laughs, will be shared in assembly to the whole school. Please do practice these at home for optimum comic timing!

## Dates for your Diary

28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb from 3.30pm	Science Focus Day Voyagers Parents Evening
4 March 4 March from 3.30pm	RE Focus day Voyagers Parents Evening
5 <sup>th</sup> March 9.00am	Hercules Class Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> 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

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15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief – NEW – wear red from top to toe!
18 March 9:15	Buccaneers class assembly
18 - 22 March	Assessment week
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Buccaneers Little City Experience
20 March 9.00am	Hurricanes class assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2:30pm	IRock Concert
22 March AM	Rags 2 Riches collection
22 March 9.00am	Voyagers class assembly
22 March AM	Yr. 5 & 6 swimming gala at Carterton (selected children will be informed)
25 <sup>th</sup> March @ 2pm	School Council and Community Tea
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Ox-Trail Fun Run
27 March 1.15pm	School finishes for Easter holidays
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Closed for INSET
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday
27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 6
<p>Can't remember the date of an event....</p> <p>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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.brizeprimary.org/for-parents/diary-dates/">https://www.brizeprimary.org/for-parents/diary-dates/</a></p>	

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