

Brize Norton Primary School

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Head Teacher's News

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term, I hope you had a wonderful Easter break. As a school, we have started this term thinking about our value 'striving'. In assembly, we learnt about Micheal Jordan and his journey with basketball as a child and the challenges he faced. Do ask your children what his mum suggested/did to help him grow tall! This story was so relevant as it is at this time of year that our Year 6 children are embarking on their final push in preparation for their KS2 SATs. The children have worked so hard this year, showing real growth, not only in themselves as individuals, but in their independence and attitude towards their own learning. The Falcon's team have been really impressed with how they have persevered and approached the curriculum this year so that they are well prepared, not only for the SATs, but also their next adventure. We all wish them well for the SATs but also recognise, these exams don't assess children's creativity, sporting ability, compassion or other fantastic attributes these children all possess in one way or another.

The summer term is always a busy one, so do keep an eye on the diary dates which can also be found on the school's website. Please do remember that we have an INSET day next Friday (3rd May), which is the last one for this academic year – I hope this allows you to make the most of the bank holiday.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jones

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MRS RAE

A huge thank you to Mrs Rae who has given so much of her time and energy into ensuring our mini ox looks fantastic! You can meet *Brisket* very soon – keep an eye out for him as he will be making appearances around the school grounds before he goes off to his new herd for the summer!



Attendance from 15.4.24-26.4.24

Falcons : 97.4%

Voyagers: 95.2%

Hercules: 98.8%

Hurricanes: 95.8%

Buccaneers: 98.4%

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Updates and Information

Staffing Update

Sadly we have 2 members of the team leaving us this summer. Our lovely Miss Gibb has decided that she would like to have a break from teaching for a few years so she can enjoy seeing her daughter grow and develop, so she won't be returning to us after her maternity leave. She will be a huge loss to the school and I know many of the younger children will be sad to hear she is not returning. She of course knows she is very welcome back once she decides the time is right for her family.

Also, our wonderful Mrs Lawton is also leaving us this summer. Mrs Lawton joined us over a year ago and has been a huge asset to the team taking on many varying roles, including that of cover teaching. She has brought a lot to the school and enthused children with PE through her love of sport. Mrs Lawton is taking a step into floristry and is opening her own florists in Burford – we wish her every success in her new venture.

We are currently advertising both roles for a September start and will update you on our progress after the recruitment process later this term.

In happier news, we will be welcoming Mrs Stripe back in September but in a new role as she will be joining the teaching team for the year as part of her teacher training. We will be supporting her on her journey to becoming a fully qualified teacher. She will be working alongside a teacher within one class where she will teach as well as support.

Christmas Panto

This December we are once again taking our Year 1 to Year 6 children to the Panto. We are going to the Oxford Playhouse to see Sleeping Beauty. Taking on feedback from last year, and understanding that Christmas can be an expensive time, we have put access to the payment of £15.00 per child for this on EduSpot, with payment due by end of November.

Meet Brisket our mini ox!



Introducing Brisket, our wonderful Ox, who will be with us for the next few weeks before he heads off for the summer. He will rejoin us in September to become a member of our community.



Camo Day

It was lovely to see so many children taking part in Camo day at the beginning of the term – it was a lovely way to start the summer. Thanks to your donations on the day and from the biscuit/cake sale, we raised £45 for Little Troopers. A huge thank you to all.

Forest school change w/b 7 May: Buccaneers will have FS 7th May, no FS for Yr 5 that week.

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Additional INSET Day 2024-2025

As you are aware, we are a part of ODST (Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust) Academy. As part of the Trust's SEND and Inclusion Strategy, they are going to be holding a whole trust INSET day on Monday, 4th November. This is in addition to the ones that have already been set by our school and published. The Academic Calendar for next year has been amended and is available on our website, but is also attached to this email for your reference, where you can find next year's term dates and INSET days.

Dates for your Diary

2 nd May 2 nd May 9.00am	Year 5 Enrichment Day at Burford Maths café for parents
3 rd May	School Closed for INSET
6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
10 th May 9.00am	Maths café for parents
13 th – 16 th May	KS2 SATs Week
13 th May	Cycling Proficiency Begins
17 th May 9.00am	Maths café for parents
20 th May	RE Focus Day
20 th May @ 3:30pm	Year 4 & 5 parents meeting for Burford Secondary School
21 st May	Yr 5-6 Quad Kids (selected chn)
22 nd May	Hercules last swim session
27 th -31 st May	Half Term
4 th June	Yr 3-4 Quad Kids Event (selected chn)
6 th June	80 th Anniversary of D-Day Landings Celebrations
10 th – 14 th June	Yr 1 Phonics Screening & Yr 4 Multiplication Check
14 th June	Yr 5/6 cricket festival at Wychwood cricket club
17 th June	Assessment Week for Years 1 - 5
19 th June	Cycling Proficiency Test
24 th June	Year 2 Music festival at Burford
27-28 th June	Year 6 transition days at Burford

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1 st – 5 th July	Sport's Week
5 th July	Sport's Day
12 th July 12 th July	School Reports sent home Year 6 transition day at Carterton college
12 th July (am)	'Getting to Know Me' Morning – Children will experience their new classes
18 th July 1:30 and 5pm	Year 5 and 6 Production
24 th July	End of Term 6 – school finishes at 1:15pm.

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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