

Brize Norton Primary School

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Head Teacher's News

Dear Parents/Carers,

I bring you the final newsletter of the year, and what a year it has been! It is lovely to end with so many things to celebrate, one of which being our Ofsted report. You will have seen within this report that Reading has been a high priority for us, one of many, which was not only commended in the report but also by the KS2 results which saw 85% of our children meeting or exceeding Age-Related Expectations: this far exceeds the national average. This term we were also awarded the PLATINUM Games Mark where before we held Gold. This is the highest accolade you can be awarded for Sporting provision within a school and is not awarded easily. Our work through OPAL (Outdoor Play and Leadership), which has seen us develop our outside areas and play provision was also noted positively by Ofsted: *'effective outdoor areas provide them with many purposeful opportunities to play, relax and explore'*. More importantly to us though, we know through pupil voice, that children enjoy their playtimes and the spaces we have to offer now.

As well as many things to smile about, we are also sad to be saying goodbye to some valued members of our team. Mrs Johnson, Mrs Lawton, Miss Cobb and Miss Rathkey will be leaving us to pastures new. Mrs Johnson to lead a team within a nursery setting, Mrs Lawton to start her own floristry business, Mrs Rathkey to embark on her Masters and sadly Miss Cobb was with us in a temporary post. We wish to thank them for all that they have done for the children and the school these past years as well as wish them luck on their new challenges.

That just leaves me to wish you all a relaxing Summer; looking forward to what next year holds. Mrs Jones and the team here at Brize

SHINE

The final SHINE award this year must go to our amazing team here at Brize Norton Primary. Their dedication and commitment to the school has been amazing. The work they do has rapidly succeeded in raising standards and increased opportunities for our children.

Thank you, team, – you truly SHINE.



End of Year Attendance...

Falcons : 94.89%

Voyagers: 95.48%

Hercules: 96.57%

Hurricanes: 95.78%

Buccaneers: 96.89% - WELL DONE 😊

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Updates and Information

Sports Day – Monday, 22nd July

We are planning to go ahead with arrangements as previously planned for the day. Communication will go out via Dojo/text for any changes which we will hopefully not have to make on the day. Please refer to the previously sent leaflet with regards to information for the day. Please do ensure that you sit on the other side of the tracks to the children and wait to speak to them during the lunchtime/after the event to support the staff with ensuring all children are where they are supposed to be during the event. Don't forget, if you are a parent of a Year 3 or 6, there will be an event for you! If you can't make the event, please don't worry, a member of the team will step in. Please do also be considerate to our neighbours within the village when parking your cars.

Skateboarding After School Club

As recently advertised, if you wish your child to take part in the skateboarding ASC in September, starting from Tues 10th Sept, please use the below link. All the relevant details should be on the website when you go on the link - the cost is £10 per session. This link can also be found on Dojo.

<https://bookwhen.com/brokenboardsclub?tags=Brize+Norton>

Communication Survey

Many thanks for the responses to the communication survey which was sent out earlier this term. The response was incredibly positive with how we currently run things, which is pleasing to hear. One outcome we will look at from your feedback is using Dojo more within the classes and the whole school feed to update you on your child's learning over the course of the terms to keep you up to date and aid conversations around learning for you at home.

Leaver's Assembly – Wednesday, 24th July @ 9:15

We will be holding our leaver's assembly on Wednesday for our Year 6s as well as for the other children and staff who will be moving onto pastures new come September. If you are a parent of one of these children and wish to attend, please drop your children off and then wait at the park/rec/Humble Bumbles. Once we have children registered and settled, we will reopen the gate by the park for you to come and join us. We will be holding the event outside on the playground weather permitting.

Goodbye and Thank You to Christine Eaglestone

Christine has been a governor at the school for over 20 years and has sadly decided it is now time to step down. Her own children came here to Brize and now as young adults have fond memories of the school. She has supported the school in many ways and has been a true asset to the governing body, holding many hats during her time with us. A HUGE thank you to Christine: the role of governor, although voluntary, is an incredibly important and big commitment involving working with the headteacher to develop its strategic direction. Your time and input Christine has been invaluable. Thank you.

Village Bash

What a super turn out it was at the weekend for the Village Bash! It was such a lovely afternoon and fun was had by all. A HUGE thank you too to the BNSA who arranged many stalls and to all the staff and parents who were there helping. It is only with your support that these events are as successful as they are. A special thank you to our own Miss Glenister who works alongside the BNSA and does a lot of work behind the scenes supporting these events and many more – you are a star!

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School Uniform

Please can I remind all parents, as you may be considering new uniform for the next academic year, that the PE uniform is plain navy bottoms and white tops. We have seen an increasing number of football strips, branded kit and non-uniform being worn on these days. It is important that children are in the correct uniform as they wear these for the duration of the day, and we still wish children to look smart.

Next year, we will be having a real push on the children's presentation with regards to school uniform expectations.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Asda Donation

We were thrilled to receive an £800 cheque from Asda this week to go towards our outside spaces. They are also regular sponsors of our events through the BNSA.



OPAL – Outdoor Play And Learning Update **Save the date – Friday, 13th September @ 1:30pm**

We are nearing the end of our 18 months strategic development of our drive to develop our outdoor play and learning opportunities for the children through the OPAL project. We have had great success with our site development and are looking forward to sharing this with you as part of our Sports Day.



In the new year, we are going to be offering a parent stay and play on the after-noon of Friday, 13th September. This will provide you with the opportunity to hear from Mrs Jones about our journey so far and then the chance for you to play with your children and see what they get up to in a normal playtime. Do save the date – it will be lovely to see as many parents as possible there.

Dates for your Diary

22 nd July	Sports Day and family picnic
24 th July @ 9:15am	Leavers Assembly
24 th July	End of Term 6 – school finishes at 1:15pm.
4 th September	Term 1 begins – children welcomed back.
9 th September @ 4pm	Meet the Team – parents invited to hear from the Headteacher and their class teachers.
11 th September	Year 5 and 6 swimming starts
13 th September @ 1:30pm	OPAL - Stay and Play

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

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Newsletters will also be added to DOJO for your convenience.
<https://www.brizeprimary.org/for-parents/diary-dates/>

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