

Brize Norton Primary School



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Station Road, Brize Norton, OXON, OX18 3PL

Headteacher: Mrs R. Jones

Monday 9th September 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Brize Norton Primary School, it has been so lovely to welcome all the children to our Reception Class. The children have had a great few days and have settled very well each morning.

This letter is to inform you about what happens during the week and what your child needs to bring into school with them each day. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask at an appropriate time. If I am not available, then you can speak to our wonderful teaching partners Mrs Gibson and Mrs Pearce.

During your child's Reception year, they will learn mainly through play and independent exploration. They will however have short learning sessions on the carpet for phonics, literacy and maths. These sessions are then followed up with focused activities with an adult. Activities are set up for the children to explore independently and are either linked to the current class topic or a specific area of interest which may arise. Our first topic is All About Me, we will be looking at what makes us special and how we learn through trying new things. The curriculum overview is available to view on our class page on the school website, this explains in more detail what your child will be exploring in each area of learning.

Morning snack

Children are eligible for fruit/vegetable provision in Reception, and this will be offered to the children for their morning snack. Children under 5 are also eligible for milk, which will be offered as part of their morning snack. If your child would still like milk after they have turned 5 then the school office will advise you on how to order it.

Forest School and PE

On Tuesday afternoons the children will participate in Forest School sessions (on the school site) with Mrs Rae. For this day, the children do not need to wear full school uniform. They should instead wear suitable clothes for Forest School. They **must** have their arms and legs covered for full protection. A long-sleeved t-shirt and joggers/leggings would be perfect. School jumpers/cardigans should still be worn on Forest School days. When in Forest School, the children will need to wear waterproofs and wellington boots and as they go onto the grounds during any weather, they need to be wrapped up warm too! Please note that wellington boots will need to remain at school as this allows us to make use of our class garden in all weathers.

We will soon be using the hall for our PE session. Children will need a white t-shirt, navy shorts and a pair of plimsolls. These items should be kept in a small drawstring bag at school throughout the term. More details about this will follow on Class Dojo.

Reception Baseline Assessment

We are required by the DfE to carry out a Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) within the first 6 weeks of your child's schooling. One part assesses their phonemic awareness and comprehension skills. The other part assesses their mathematical thinking. I like to make it feel more of a game for the children rather than a test! An information sheet regarding the Baseline is available on our class page of the website, if you would like to know more.



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Attendance

At the start of this new school year, we would like to remind you of the importance of your child's regular attendance. Our target is 95% because it has been proven that children who attend less than this can suffer damage to their education. 95% attendance is still the equivalent of 2 weeks missed learning over the year. Children who attend fewer than 90% of sessions will have missed 100 lessons over the year. I'm sure you will agree this is likely to have a serious impact on their learning.

Class Dojo

Thank you to all that have joined Class Dojo. If you are having problems with this, please let me know. We will share the children's learning experiences via their individual portfolios and add updates to the class story of what we have been up to. School event reminders will also be sent out on Class Dojo. If you have any urgent messages, please direct these via the school office.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter. I look forward to working with you this year in promoting your child's happiness and supporting their education and learning.

Yours Sincerely,

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