

Brize Norton Primary School

Striving, Helping, Inspiring, Nurturing, Excelling

We SHINE four ourselves and each other with kindness.



NEWSLETTER 01 – 13th September 2024

Head Teachers News

Dear Parent/Carers,

I do hope this first newsletter of the year finds you well and rested after the summer holidays. We are all settling back into our routines here at school and enjoying seeing the children after the break. We welcome the new staff, children and families to our school community; we hope you are settling in well and enjoying your time here with us.

At the beginning of the week, we held a Meet the Team meeting where information was shared about the year. As a school, we are continuing our journey of growth and looking forward to this next chapter for our school. Our school priorities for the coming academic year are:

- ✓ To continue embedding our curriculum to ensure progression through quality first teaching.
- ✓ Ensure high-quality provision for those learners with SEN.
- ✓ Pride in Presentation in both work and personal presentation to reflect our high expectations.

The children have made a super start to the year and we are looking forward to what the year has to hold. We will be building on the events we held last year to make them even better and we are also looking forward to celebrating the school's 150th year!

Parents evening has been booked in for the start of Term 2, but if you have any queries or questions before then, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,
Mrs Jones and team here at Brize.

Proud to Present



We are introducing a new award this year – Proud to Present. We will be inviting children who have really focused and excelled with their presentation in their work to an end-of-term Tea Party. Children nominated by their teachers will be presented with an invitation in our Friday SHINE assemblies.

Attendance 4-13 Sept

Bucaneers: 98.6%

Hurricanes: 99.3%

Hercules: 98.6%

Voyagers: 99.7% - well done

Falcons: 98%

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News Bulletin Title

Asda - We've got some exciting news to share with you.

Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

It's as easy as 1,2,3...

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most. Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school. Thank you!

Parents Evening – Wednesday, 6th November 2024

This year we are holding our Parents Evening on one night so please save the date. Appointments will be available from 3:30pm up until 8:30pm. Meetings will be held at school and bookings will be made available as usual with a signup form on the class doors. The office will notify you as to when this is. For those of you who aren't available at drop off and/or collection, you can email your time preference to the office. SEN Review week will be held the week before half-term and information will follow with regards to this.

Uniform – Pride in Presentation

As we start the term, just a gentle reminder about uniform. Please can children **wear navy** and not black or grey on their bottom half on both school and PE days. If you have purchased black or grey, there isn't an expectation for you to immediately replace as we appreciate the financial implication but do bear this in mind when you do need to buy your children their next sizes.

Shoulder-length hair needs to be tied back and jewelry must not be worn (necklaces, chockers, bracelets). Finally, no hoop earrings please, studs only. These are all for health and safety reasons.

Year 5 & 6 Residential

For children going to Pioneer at the end of this term, there is a parent meeting on Tuesday, 1st October led by Mrs Baker and Mrs Jones with regards to the trip. The meeting will be held in the Falcons Classroom at 3:30 and should last no longer than half an hour. We will provide you with further information as well as be able to answer any questions you may have.

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School Attendance: The law is changing

From 19th August 2024 Penalty Notice Fines for school attendance are changing

The Government has introduced a new National Framework for Penalty Notices. The key points are:

5 days of unauthorised absence

Penalty Notice fines may be issued for any term-time absences that are unauthorised (for example, a 5-day term-time holiday) - whether these absences are taken consecutively or cumulatively over a rolling period of 10 school weeks

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any 10-week period

Penalty Notice fines will also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any rolling period of 10 school weeks

**A school day has 2 sessions:
1 morning and 1 afternoon session per day**

A **school week** means any week in which there is at least one school session. The threshold can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 6 sessions of holiday plus 4 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks). These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence taken in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks). The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 within the Autumn Term).

What is a Penalty Notice?

A penalty notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution. If repeated penalty notices are being issued and they are not working to change behaviour they are unlikely to be most appropriate tool. Therefore, from August 2024, only 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3-year rolling period and any second notice within that period is charged at a higher rate. Any further offences will result in criminal prosecution.

The law will be clear that where a Penalty Notice threshold met – in each individual case, the school **must** consider if a Penalty Notice is appropriate

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)

Reduced to: **£80** per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence (in a 3-year rolling period)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance to the **same parent** for the **same child** the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)

There is no reduction in the amount.

Third Offence or Any Further Offences (in a 3-year rolling period)

The third time an offence is committed for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance by the **same parent** for the **same child** (including those by other Local Authorities) a Penalty Notice will **NOT** be issued but will be referred to Oxfordshire County Council's Education Welfare service for **Prosecution** which may result in fines of up to **£2,500** per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in a Magistrate's Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate.

Oxfordshire County Council have the discretion to issue Penalty Notice fines before the above threshold is met in cases where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold, or for repeated absences for birthdays or other family events.

Unchanged

Penalty Notice fines are issued **Per Parent, Per child**. This means that fines are issued to each parent, for each child who is absent. **For example:** If 2 siblings are absent for a term-time holiday this will result in each parent receiving 2 separate fines.

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Dates for your Diary

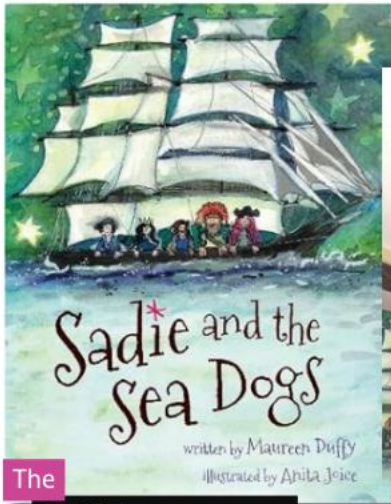
27 Sept - all day	Falc & Voy trip to Warwick Castle
1 Oct – 3.30pm	Residential meeting for parents in Falcons class
4 Oct – AM	Cross country competition for children in Yrs 4,5,6
8 Oct – PM	Junior citizen trip for Yr 6
14 Oct – PM	Football tournament for Yrs 5/6
21-23 Oct	Residential trip for Yrs 5/6
22 Oct	Lower school RE focus day
24 Oct	Flu vaccinations for all children Upper school RE focus day Proud to present tea party @ 2.15pm
6 Nov from 3.30pm	Parents evening
11-15 Nov	Anti-bullying week
12 Nov – PM	Hockey competition for Yrs 5/6 Odd sock day
13 Nov – all day	Yr 3 singing event in Oxford plus science museum trip
25 Nov – AM	Boccia competition for Yrs 5/6
9-13 Dec	Assessment week
13 Dec – AM	Panto trip for Yrs 1-6 at Oxford Playhouse

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The

Library

Carterton

Perfect
for ages
5-11

Half
Term
Activities

A visit from local illustrator

Anita Joice

Thursday 31st October, 11am-12pm

Anita will read from 'Sadie and the Sea Dogs' and give a talk about the illustrating process. Children will get the chance to design a ship's figurehead.

ADMISSION FREE. Places are limited so booking is advisable. All art materials will be supplied.

Mighty Me LIFE COACHING FOR CHILDREN

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN
MIGHTY ME - LIFE COACHING FOR CHILDREN
AND **NATURE MAKERS**.

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OCTOBER HALF TERM

WONDERFUL WELLBEING RETREAT

For Children

DATE: WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER
PLACE: ELDERBANK HALL, STATION RD, BRIZE NORTON
TIME: 9.30AM - 2.30PM
AGE RANGE - 4-11 YEAR OLDS
PRICE: £50.00

Yoga and meditation with **Felicity Baker - Primary PE Specialist**

Nature craft, sensory play, and mindfulness with **Claire from Nature Makers**

Celebrating our Uniqueness through art and mindset activities with **Rebecca from Mighty Me - Life Coaching for Children**

Bookings can be made below:
<https://www.nature-makers.co.uk/oxfordshire-west>



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