

Brize Norton

Primary School

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14th September 2018

Dear Parents,

HOUSE CAPTAINS – CONGRATULATIONS

We held our first house captain elections of the year yesterday. Congratulations to the following children who are our Autumn term captains (and are already planning the first exciting event):

Sprites – Caitlin Smith

Dragons – Chloe Forrester and Annabelle Shipway (job-share)

Phoenixes – Freya Adams

Griffins – Mollie Weedon

PARENT COMMUNICATION

At the moment, we are using two systems which do very much the same thing. One is the Teachers 2 Parents text messaging system and the other is the Parenthub app. We have been using both for the last year but it is too expensive to continue using both. I would like to know which of the two systems is valued by parents the most. I would be very grateful if you would use the following link to do a quick, one-question survey about which you prefer. Thank you very much: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WG7JMWC>

THIS NEWSLETTER

Also, as you know, to save paper we send the newsletter out by email. (This also means that we can put web links in it which you can click.) However, we know that some parents like to have paper copies as well. If you would like paper copies, please let the school office know by email (office.2250@brize-norton.oxon.sch.uk), phone (01993 842488) or in person. If we do not hear from you we will assume that you are happy with emailed copies.

MORNINGS

Can I please ask that parents of children in Year 1 and above do not go into their children's classrooms in the morning? It is important for the children to be able to settle to learning quickly. Of course, you can go in if you need to speak quickly to the teacher or if you need to make an appointment to see her later. Parents of children in the Foundation Stage are welcome into Mrs Winter's class until she rings the bells; Year 1 children in the Buccaneers are invited to come in through the back door (so that they are not disturbed by the Foundation children and their parents and settle down independently).

SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL TICKETS

We are getting very excited about the Year 5/6 performance of The Tempest as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. I attended a day's training on Monday including advice from Nicholas Hytner, Artistic Director of the National Theatre, and all-in-all this is by far the most significant arts event the school has taken part in. If you have not yet ordered your tickets (and non-Y5/6 families are equally welcome), we will be doing another group purchase in a couple of weeks. Tickets cost £6.50 each if we buy as a group; please buy through pay through SchoolMoney (Eduspot), Shop, Shakespeare tickets and, most importantly, let Mrs Keeble know by email (office.2250@brize-norton.oxon.sch.uk) that you have done so.

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THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Stuart Guest (father of Jamie, Y4) who has trimmed the trees in our Forest School area and made them safe, saving us a great deal of money.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Speaking of thanks, our fabulous School Association Committee had its first meeting this week. They have planned a series of events for this term, about which more information will follow:

- disco for adults – probably Friday 12th October
- disco for children – Thursday 1st November
- Christmas craft morning – Saturday 2nd December
- Christmas bake-off and bazaar – after school Friday 7th December

We also had a conversation about what they will pay for this year. They are going to fund the children's coach travel to the pantomime, and – very excitingly – they have agreed to pay for 10 new iPads for the school. Thank you very much to everyone who participated in any of their events last year and especially to the committee.

The next committee meeting is Wednesday 7th November, 7pm in the staff room. I know they would love to see you if you were able to come along: just come to the school front door.

DINNER MONEY

We apologise if you have been unable to use Eduspot (School Money) this week; there have been a number of technical problems which have now been resolved so please update your child's account. May we remind Year 3 parents that school dinners now have to be paid for; the cost is £2.30 per day. Please always keep your account in credit and do not allow debt to accrue. You can pay as your child has a meal or pay a lump sum in advance; if you have money in your account at the end of each term it will roll over to the next term.

BURFORD SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

If you have a child in Year 5 or 6, consider going to the Burford School open evening on Thursday 20th September, between 4.30 and 7.30. This is the school most of our children go on to, and Brize Norton School children are guaranteed a place there if their parents want it. Mrs Haig, the headteacher, will be speaking at 5.30 and 7.30.

NEW GIRLS' FOOTBALL CLUB

Wildcats Girls' Football Club will be starting on 27th September, 5 – 6 pm at Carterton Community College for girls aged 5 – 11. The cost is £20 for 10 weeks. To find out more or to register, please email millsie75@aol.com.

KIDS' FASHION POP-UP SHOP

There will be a selection of children's fashion for sale at Warwick Hall, Burford (OX18 4RY) on 28th September between 10.00 and 5.00.

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NEW ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK

All the class pages now have their Autumn term class letter on, in case you need to check the timetable, when homework is due, etc.

Hurricanes - First Forest School of the new year <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/2>

Buccaneers Year 1 – Land Art <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/1>

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Wednesday is the first swimming lesson for children in Years 3, 4 and 6. On Thursday, we have a Science show in assembly time. The people running the show are offering to do an after-school club after half term, so you will be receiving a letter about that.

Best wishes

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Dates for the Autumn Term

Thurs 20 Sept – pm cycling proficiency

Tues 25 Sept – Y6 to Junior Good Citizen, am

Thurs 27 Sept – pm cycling proficiency; 6.00

Y6 parent meeting re SATS; 7.30 full

governors

Fri 28 Sept – 9.00 Foundation parent meeting
re phonics

Mon 1 Oct – Y5/6 to Shakespeare cast
workshop all am, New Theatre Oxford; pm
cycling proficiency

Thurs 4 Oct – pm cycling proficiency

Fri 5 Oct – 2.00 Harvest Festival in church

Mon 8 Oct – pm cycling proficiency test

Tues 9 Oct – long parents' evening inc SEN
reviews

Wed 10 Oct – open West Oxon U9 mixed
football, pm

Thurs 11 Oct – short parents' evening inc
SEN reviews (3.30 – 5.30)

Fri 12 Oct – possible School Association adult
disco, Elderbank Hall, evening

Mon 15 Oct – assessment week begins; all
KS2 to Tower of London trip

Wed 17 Oct – am SEND reviews with SENCO

Fri 19 Oct – 2.30 parent celebration assembly

w/b 22 Oct – half term

Mon 29 Oct – am Y1 dance festival

Wed 31 Oct – pm Burford Y5/6 mixed hockey

Thurs 1 Nov – 6.00 Halloween disco

Fri 2 Nov – Y5/6 sharing assembly

Mon 5 Nov – 6.00 parent meeting re Y1/2
assessments

Wed 7 Nov – 7.00 School Association
committee, staff room

Thurs 8 Nov – 9.00 FS parent meeting:
Reading

Fri 9 Nov – 10.15 – 11.15 Remembrance

Thurs 15 Nov – pm Y5/6 New Theatre
Shakespeare day (1.30 – evening)

Fri 16 Nov – Shakespeare participants may
arrive at break time; 9.00 Hurricanes sharing
assembly; pm Cokethorpe cross country

Fri 23 Nov – Y3/4 sharing assembly

Thurs 29 Nov – full governors

Fri 30 Nov – Buccaneers sharing assembly

Sat 2 Dec – Christmas craft morning

Wed 5 Dec – Y5/6 mixed football

Thurs 6 Dec – Cokethorpe Y4/5 girls hockey
Christmas festival

Fri 7 Dec – Christmas bake-off and bazaar

Tues 11 Dec – am Y4 Dance festival

Thurs 13 Dec – whole-school pantomime trip
(Aladdin at Chipping Norton Theatre)

Fri 14 Dec – parent celebration assembly

Mon 17 Dec – afternoon and evening KS1
production

Tues 18 Dec – afternoon and evening KS2
production

Wed 19 Dec – evening KS2 production

Thurs 20 Dec – Christmas dinner

Fri 21 Dec – 10.00 carol service; term ends
1.15