

Brize Norton

Primary School

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Dear Parents,

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

We had a lot of fun in our Science show yesterday and the children learned a lot about micro-organisms. If you would like your child to attend the after-school club after half term, you should have received a letter about how to book if your child is Y1 or above. If you need a place at the After-School Club, you can have the Science club first and only pay for the After-School Club from 4.15. (As with all clubs, the Science club will be paid for by the school for children entitled to the Pupil Premium.)

Because of the safety of the children in After-School Club, we are asking that parents do not come into school at the end of clubs but that you meet your children in the playground as you do at the end of school. Thank you for your support in this – it makes it much easier to keep all our children safe.

HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Thank you very much to all those parents who have returned the Home-School Agreement. Doing so sends a message to your children that parents, staff and children are working together for the children's good. If you have not yet returned it, it is not too late – please give it to your child's teacher. There is no doubt that children make the best progress when there is a good relationship between parents and staff and when children understand this.

ARE YOU ABLE TO VOLUNTEER AT LUNCH TIMES?

It would be useful to have an additional pair of hands at lunch time. If you would like to volunteer at lunch times, or know someone who would, could you please get in touch with the school office? Volunteers would need to be DBS checked, but that process only takes a few weeks.

CARTERTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Damian Booth, the Executive Headteacher of Carterton Community College, has asked to come and speak to our Year 5/6 children about what it is like transferring to secondary school (whichever school they go to) and also about his own school. I have agreed that he can come in next Wednesday, 26th September, just before lunch time. If you would rather your child did not attend his meeting, please let us know.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If your child is in Year 6, you need to make your secondary school choice online by 31st October. The application portal is open now: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/starting-school/secondary-school>. Please do not miss the deadline as you may not get your first choice of school.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If you have a child starting school in September 2019 or you know someone who does, the application portal does not open until October 25th, but now is the time to start thinking about school choice. At Brize Norton, I have chosen a different time each week to show prospective parents around. If you know someone who would like to visit, please ask them to contact the school office.

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This Saturday (22nd September) is the Cokethorpe School open morning, between 9.30 and 12.00. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Thank you to the 23 parents who responded to our survey on parent communication. It is interesting that both Parenthub and the Teachers2Parents text system received a good number of votes, but there was a majority for Teachers2Parents. I hope you understand that paying for two parallel systems is not a good use of our limited resources, so from now on we will not be using the Parenthub system, and you will continue to receive text messages from Teachers2Parents.

MRS CONNER

As you know, Mrs Conner's family are in the west of the United States. She does not see them very often, so I have granted her permission to travel home for a family wedding next week. She will be away next Thursday and Friday (28th and 29th) and the following Monday (1st). We have booked the same supply teacher for the three mornings and the teaching assistants the children know well will be covering their afternoon lessons. I will make sure that her class continues to learn well during her absence.

SHAKESPEARE TICKETS

It is not too late to book reduced-price tickets for the Shakespeare Schools Festival through the school office. Please get in touch before next Friday, when we will book the tickets. After that, tickets will still be available through the theatre's box office.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK

Staff members take part in Pretty Muddy Run <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/2>

Buccaneers Forest School <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/1>

Last Friday's assemblies: ice hockey and (below) Robert Courts' visit

<http://www.brizeprimary.org/about/wholeschoolevents>

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

On Tuesday, Year 6 will take part in the Junior Good Citizen trip, in which they will learn how to keep themselves and others safe in a range of circumstances including first aid, fire safety and making a 999 call. This is always a great-fun trip and I know they will have plenty of stories when they come back. On Wednesday, Mrs Winter will be out of school on a training course about mentoring Mrs Johnson, our teacher trainee. Mrs Johnson will have her first full day teaching the class (with Mrs Williams' support) and I am sure she and the children will have a great day. We also have two parent meetings next week. On Thursday at 6.00pm, Year 6 parents are welcome to come to Miss Burn's room for a meeting about how the Year 6 SATS tests work. On Friday, Foundation parents are invited to the hall to learn about phonics in Mrs Winter's class. Friday is also our first Lunchbox club for Year 6 children. A busy week!

Best wishes

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Dates for the Autumn Term

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