

# Brize Norton

## Primary School

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Dear Parents,

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR OLD CLOTHES**

We raised a fantastic £152.75 from your “Rags to Riches” bags! Thank you very much for being so generous, and thank you once again to the School Association committee.

### **CYCLING CONGRATULATIONS**

Six children took their Cycling Proficiency exam this week and I am pleased to be able to announce that they all passed! Well done to all the children and thank you to the volunteers and staff who helped them get there.

### **CAN YOU HELP WITH FOREST SCHOOL?**

If you are free on a Monday afternoon and don't mind getting a bit muddy, Mrs Rae would love to have your help at Forest School with the Buccaneers. Please get in touch with her or with the school office.

### **TOWER OF LONDON TRIP**

We are all very excited about the Key Stage 2 trip to the Tower of London on Monday. Just to confirm, the coach will leave at 8.30 so please make sure your child is in school by 8.15. When we get there, we will be able to explore the place and learn all about its history as well as having an hour's workshop (Y34 and Y56 separately). The children will travel around in groups, each with two adults including one teacher, and we will be in touch with each other by mobile. The coach will collect us for the journey home at 4.00. As we cannot be sure what time we will be back, we will be in touch with you by text. Please remember to send your child to school with a packed lunch plus a couple of snacks, as it is a long day. If your child needs an inhaler, please make sure we have one which is up-to-date, and if he/ she needs sickness tablets, please bring them in in their original packaging on Monday morning. For clothing, to keep them warm, comfortable and identifiable, we suggest that they wear comfortable trousers with their school sweatshirts – and a coat too, of course.

### **HOUSE CAPTAINS' CHRISTMAS DISCO**

Another fun date for the diary: the house captains have asked to run a Christmas disco. We are planning it for Tuesday 11th December, and there will be disco parties throughout the day with everyone having one hour. The children will run snacks, games and music.

### **DO YOU HAVE ANY FABRIC WE CAN BORROW?**

We are keeping costumes for our Shakespeare play simple, but I would like the “spirits” to wear a piece of chiffon or sari fabric attached to their wrists and neck, so it floats as they move. We have several pieces already but need four more. If you have some fabric we can borrow, I will be very grateful; we do not need to cut it and we can certainly give it back.

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### TRIPS – KEY STAGE 1

I am aware that we have not yet advertised an exciting trip for children in Mrs Winter's and Mrs Conner's classes. As most of you will know, the whole-school trip to the pantomime (this year Aladdin at Chipping Norton Theatre on December 13th) is an annual treat. The School Association pays for the coach for this as it is our only whole-school trip, so we will be asking parents for £10.50 for the ticket. In addition, I have arranged for the Buccaneers and Hurricanes to go to Roves Farm (near Highworth) on Friday December 7th for a day of Christmas fun. They will be taking part in a nativity play with live animals, doing Christmas crafts, meeting and feeding the farm's wide range of animals and having the time to play in their huge indoor and outdoor play areas (complete with soft play, slides, ride-on tractors, sand pit, zip wire, ball pool and more). We have ten free adult places so if you would like to come, please see Mrs Winter or Mrs Conner. The cost for this will also be £10.50 per child.

I am aware that this is a lot to ask parents to contribute so near to Christmas, which is why I am giving you advance notice. If you would like to defer some of the payment to the new year that is fine – please get in touch with the school office.

### PHOTOGRAPHY – REMINDER

Can I please remind you that, if you take photographs or video at school events, they must not be shared on social media unless you have the permission of the parents of all children in the photo/video? This should include both parents if they are separated. There are safeguarding reasons why some children's photographs should not be shared; I hope you understand. If parents are not able to follow this, we may need to consider banning parents from taking photographs and video at events, which we do not want to do.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE OUR CATERING ASSISTANT?

The School Lunch Company is seeking to recruit catering assistants for Brize Norton Primary School, Monday-Friday, term-time only, 10 hours per week. Enthusiasm essential, experience desirable but training will be provided. You would need to undergo an enhanced DBS check. For more details, please contact Les Redhead on 07825 344437.

### TEACHING ASSISTANT NEEDED AT BAMPTON SCHOOL

Bampton School are looking for a temporary 1:1 teaching assistant. If you are interested, please get in touch with the school on 01993 850371.

### STAFF ABSENCE

I am very sorry that, due to a sudden bereavement, Mrs Winter was not in yesterday and had to postpone her Thursday parents' evening appointments. If you are not able to come today, please speak to her and rearrange. Mrs Winter will be absent again next Friday for the funeral.

The first week after half term, Mrs Rae will not be in school because of the termly paperwork time she is entitled to. I will teach the class on Monday morning and Miss Kerr on Tuesday; Forest School will resume on 5th November.

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### HALF TERM HALLOWEEN FOREST SCHOOL

Mrs Rae is running a day of Halloween Forest School activities on Monday 22nd October at her site in Cassington. The day runs 9.30-3.30 and costs £30 per child. For more information, email [forestschooalex@gmail.com](mailto:forestschooalex@gmail.com) or [underthetrees38@gmail.com](mailto:underthetrees38@gmail.com).

### NEW ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK

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

Cycling success <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/4>

Inspiring Ideas at Forest School <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/1>

Year 3/4 football tournament <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/3>

### EVENTS NEXT WEEK

It's another busy week at Brize Norton School. Monday is the Key Stage 2 Tower of London trip. On Tuesday, we are hoping to have a visit from a replica Spitfire as part of our topic on RAF 100. Thursday is our first cross country tournament of the year in Bicester.

Please come along to the Parent Celebration Assembly on Friday at 2.30. As always, if your child has achieved anything out of school which you would like us to celebrate, please let me know!

Best wishes

Anna Fairhurst

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### Dates for the Autumn Term

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

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 1 Dec – Christmas craft morning

Wed 5 Dec – Y5/6 mixed football  
Thurs 6 Dec – Cokethorpe Y4/5 girls hockey  
Christmas festival  
Fri 7 Dec – KS1 trip to Roves Farm; Y5/6  
Sharing Assembly; Christmas bake-off and  
bazaar

Tues 11 Dec – am Y4 Dance festival; all day  
house captains' Christmas disco  
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 am carol service; term  
ends 1.15