

Brize Norton

Primary School

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Newsletter 132

2nd November 2018

Dear Parents,

NEW TEACHING ASSISTANT WANTED

We are advertising for a new teaching assistant, to work 1:1 with a child in Key Stage 2 in the morning, to be a lunch time supervisor and to do both small-group interventions and support the Buccaneers in the afternoons. The information and application form are on our website (<http://www.brizeprimary.org/about/vacancies>) and I would be happy to talk to you about it if you would like to know more. The deadline for applications is next Friday, 9th November, and we will be interviewing on Monday 19th November.

REMEMBRANCE

We have Remembrance poppies for sale in the school office. We also have a rather special thing for the 1918 centenary: transparent "Tommies". These are Perspex cut-outs of soldier figures which you can only see if you look carefully, sitting on chairs around the school. The theme is "There But Not There", to remind you that the soldiers were here once but are so no longer. The soldiers will be with us for a week, go to the church for next weekend and then visit other community groups in the village.

Our Remembrance ceremony will take place next Friday (9th November). The Key Stage 2 children will have a short service in church, reading their work, between 10.15 and 10.45, then all the children will gather at the war memorial to lay crosses and have two minutes' silence. You are welcome to join us for either or both parts of the ceremony.

On Sunday 11th November, there is a village tea party with entertainment at the Elderbank Hall from 3.30pm followed by the lighting of a beacon at 6.00pm. Some of our children will be reading their reflections on Remembrance at 5.00.

YEAR 1/2 ASSESSMENT BRIEFING

We have moved the Year 1 and 2 assessment briefing for parents from next Monday (5th November) to the following Monday (12th November) because a parent kindly pointed out that Bonfire Night is not the best day for a meeting at school. We will be telling parents about both the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and the Year 2 National Curriculum Assessments; do come if you can.

CAN YOU HELP REMOVE AN OLD CLIMBING FRAME?

In the Elderbank Hall are some old wall bars which belong to the school, although we have not had PE there for many years and cannot use them. The Elderbank Hall committee would like them removed so they can install a projector. If there are any parents who would be willing to help take them down and away (to the tip or to anywhere else if you can find a use for them), I would be very grateful; please let me know.

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YEAR 5/6 HOCKEY

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 hockey team who showed fantastic team work and played very well. Thank you to Mrs Deegan and Rachel Jackson who supported the children.

THE TEMPEST: IT'S GETTING CLOSE!

We have just another week and a half before our production of The Tempest at the New Theatre, Oxford. Could I please ask parents to help your children with their lines, and to sort out their costumes? If you are having difficulty providing what I have requested please let me know as soon as possible. I would like to ask children to have their costumes in school on Monday 12th, so we can start doing a dress rehearsal in school. The main dress rehearsal will take place on Thursday 15th at the theatre, before the performance in the evening.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB NEWS

Our Breakfast and After-School Club have made the Guy for the village bonfire. He looks great!

After-School Club will now be giving out a weekly "Star of the Week" trophy which we will give out in Friday assembly. Also, don't be surprised to see Victoria Doran at Breakfast Club: she will be joining the team when they need another member of staff.

Also, Vicky Hickman (who runs our After-School Club company) is advertising a Christmas holiday club at Aston and Cote School, 2nd – 4th January. The children will do festive arts and crafts, sports, indoor games, baking and more, with food provided. For more information contact Vicky on 07887 711454 or vickyhickman1@gmail.com.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK

<http://www.brizeprimary.org/post/696> Cross Country

<http://www.brizeprimary.org/post/698> Puppies in the Buccaneers

<http://www.brizeprimary.org/post/699> Year 6 microscope work

<http://www.brizeprimary.org/post/700> Buccaneers Year 1 Science

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

On Thursday morning we have a meeting for parents of Foundation Stage children about reading; please come to the hall when you have dropped your children off. Friday is Remembrance.

Best wishes

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Dates for the Autumn Term

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

Mon 12 Nov – 6.00 parent meeting re Y1/2 assessments

Thurs 15 Nov – pm Y5/6 New Theatre Shakespeare day (1.30 – evening); FS/KS1 trip to RAF Brize Norton

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