

Brize Norton

Primary School

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Dear Parents,

MRS WINTER

For many years, Mrs Winter has had intermittent pain in her hip which has caused health problems. Doctors have now recommended that she have a hip replacement operation, which will take place at some point in the next couple of months. Once she has had her operation she will be unable to work for 8 – 10 weeks.

I am very pleased to tell you that Mrs Claire Sinclair, who has been doing some supply with us recently, has agreed to teach Mrs Winter's class during her absence. Mrs Sinclair is a very experienced Foundation Stage and Key Stage One teacher who has had some time out of the classroom looking after her own three children. During her days doing supply we have been really impressed by her relationship with the children and her skill as a teacher.

Mrs Sinclair is going to be working with the Buccaneers on Monday mornings starting from next week and on a number of Wednesday mornings too. This is partly so that she can get to know the class well before she starts teaching them full-time and also so that Mrs Winter can manage her workload while she waits for her operation. (She is fully able to perform her job, but she gets tired very easily and is less able to do paperwork in the evenings. I have been advised, therefore, to give her more time to do this work during the school day.) Mrs Winter is also our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and there are a couple of very important pieces of work I need her to do before her operation; this time will enable her to do it.

If Buccaneer parents have not yet had the chance to speak to Mrs Sinclair, I am sure she would love to meet you – please go and talk to her at the beginning of school when she is in. I can assure you that Mrs Winter and Mrs Sinclair are already having meetings about planning and about the children's learning, and that I will make sure teaching assistant support provides stability for the children too. It is my job to make sure the children's learning and happiness are not affected by these events; if you would like to talk to me about it, you are very welcome to make an appointment.

MRS JOHNSON

As many of you know, Mrs Johnson is studying to become a teacher as well as working with us as a teaching assistant. She is having a three-week placement at Bampton School at the moment, trying out teaching in a different environment and hopefully picking up lots of tips. Mrs Burroughs, one of the Bampton teaching assistants, is widening her own experience by working with us in the mornings. Mrs Johnson will be back with us on 19th November.

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BRIGHT SPARKS SCIENCE CLUB

Although take-up is not as high as we hoped, the Bright Sparks Science Club on Tuesdays is going ahead. If any more parents would like their child to join, please go to <https://goo.gl/FYn7Yj>.

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR CHILD

We would very much like to talk to you if you have any concerns about your child's education or wellbeing. You are welcome to pop in at the beginning and end of the day to make an appointment, or to contact the school office by phone or email and say which teacher you would like to see. Please remember that teachers may not have time to talk to you if you speak to them without an appointment and that parents should not go into the classrooms before 8.40am as the teachers need time to get ready for the day. If you have spoken to your child's teacher and still have concerns, you are welcome to make an appointment to come and see me or to contact me directly: please use parent.support@brize-norton.oxon.sch.uk. All our staff will take your concerns very seriously and we want to make the time to talk to you properly so that we can help as best we can.

REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to Rev. Stephen Bessent for leading our Remembrance Day commemoration today, and to Mrs Bostock, who has put huge amounts of work in to helping the Key Stage 2 children understand the occasion, write quality work and prepare to perform it. She has even come in today on her day off to make sure that the event was a success.

On Sunday, a group of our children will be reading their Remembrance writing out at the village tea party and beacon lighting. The tea party is from 3.30, we will be reading at about 5.00 and the beacon will be lit at 6.00pm. It would be good to see you there.

SOLDIERS OF OXFORDSHIRE MUSEUM – THIS SUNDAY

To mark the centenary of the end of the First World War, The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum (Park Street Woodstock) will have free admission on Sunday between noon and 5.00pm. They have a recreated Great War trench and a special exhibition 'Oxfordshire Remembers 1914-18, Part 2' telling the story of Oxfordshire men, women and children in the latter years of the Great War.

They also have a Youth Platoon meeting on Thursday 15th November at 3.45pm focusing on the impact of the Great War. The session is suitable for children aged 9+ and costs £3.50 per child. To book visit <http://www.sofo.org.uk/product/sofoyouthplatoonnovember18/>

NEW ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK

Year 5/6 hockey <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/4>

Guy Fawkes and the After School Club <http://www.brizeprimary.org/about/afterschoolclub>

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

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EVENTS NEXT WEEK

On Monday, we have an information event for parents of children in Years 1 and 2 about the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and the Year 2 National Curriculum Assessments (SATs). You will have the chance to see past papers and to ask questions of Mrs Conner and me; come to Mrs Conner's room at 6.00.

On Wednesday, children in Years 5 and below whose parents have returned the consent will be given their nasal flu immunisation: I do urge you to do this if you have not yet done so. We also have the School Association committee meeting at 7.00 in the staff room to which you are all welcome.

Thursday is a very big day. Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting RAF Brize Norton to see how it works and climb inside a C17. Most of Years 5 and 6 will be going to the New Theatre Oxford to perform their abridged version of The Tempest to what I hope will be a large and appreciative audience. The children have been working very hard and deserve real success.

Finally on Friday, we have the first of our class sharing assemblies and parent workshops, for the Hurricanes class. You are welcome to come and learn what the children have been studying this term at the assembly at 9.00 and then to stay and work with your child up till break time.

Best wishes
Anna Fairhurst

Dates for the Autumn Term

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

Wed 14 Nov – flu immunisation, children in Years FS – 5; 7.00 School Association Committee, staff room

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