



Dear Parents,

### **CHAIR OF GOVERNORS**

You will have received by email a letter from Miranda Mowbray, who has been Chair of Governors since 2014. After four years of very hard work she has stepped down and been replaced by Jon Conner. Jon brings many skills to the table, not least his wide experience in making strategic decisions. He offers a fresh focus, and has the ability to challenge and drive the governing body and the school forward.

I am very grateful to Miranda for everything she has done for the school. Governors work behind the scenes, often unnoticed by parents and children (and even staff), but the role of Chair of Governors is considerable, involving both responsibility and hard work. I would like to offer my thanks to all our governors, and especially now to both Miranda and Jon.

### **MRS WINTER**

Mrs Winter has now had her hip replacement operation. She has let me know that she is very tired but the operation went well. I know she was extremely grateful for the good wishes and gift she received from the parents of children in her class. Mrs Sinclair is now the full-time teacher for the Buccaneers. She has spent a lot of time recently talking to Mrs Winter, Mrs Conner, Mrs Johnson and Miss Hill; I am sure she is ready to hit the ground running. Meanwhile we wish Mrs Winter all the best for her recovery. We cannot be sure when she will return but I am expecting it to be some time around February half term. I will let you know as soon as I know more.

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

We have a stalwart group of kind volunteers who turn up to help the children building dens, lighting fires, pond dipping and much more. Forest School runs on a Monday and a Tuesday afternoon and Mrs Rae would be very grateful for more help. If you, or anyone you know, would be willing to help either every week or occasionally, please let us know. We would organise the DBS check if necessary and you would be ready to start within a couple of weeks. Please spread the word!

### **A REQUEST FROM AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB**

After-School Club are looking at updating and improving their toy cupboard in the new year. They would be very grateful if anyone is having a clear-out of toys before Christmas, if you would kindly consider donating to After-School Club. This would enable Club to spend funds available on other items that the children would like. Please see Abby or Hayley before or after school if you can help.

### **CHRISTMAS CRAFT MORNING**

This was great fun last Saturday. The children came along to do cooking and all sorts of crafts. They also had lunch together and watched a movie. Thank you to the large number of volunteer helpers, including the young people who helped: you made the morning the success it was. As well as having fun we also raised an impressive £256!

### **FOOTBALL SUCCESS**

Of all the Burford Partnership sporting events, the Year 5/6 football is the most competitive. I am therefore very proud to be able to tell you that our team came third on Wednesday. Well done to everyone who took part or came along to support: thank you.

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# Brize Norton

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### BURFORD SCHOOL PRIZES

It is always interesting to see the lists of young people achieving great things at Burford. This week was the prizegiving for Years 10 and 11 and I am proud to be able to tell you that eight of the 49 prizes were awarded to ex-Brize Norton students. Congratulations to everyone.

### INSET DAYS 2019 – 20

At last week's Full Governing Body meeting the governors agreed the INSET days (staff training days, when the school is open for staff only) for 2019 – 20. They will be:

- September 2nd and 3rd 2019
- January 6th 2020
- July 20th and 21st 2020

I have also published this information on our website.

### NEW ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK

Voyagers: Year 5/6 football tournament. Also another large number of photographs of The Tempest, kindly provided by a teacher at St Hughs. <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/4>

Buccaneers and Hurricanes: Christmassy Crafts <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/1>

Buccaneers' Parent Assembly: <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/1> (scroll down)

October half term tree surgery <http://www.brizeprimary.org/forest/schools>

### EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Next week is the second of our weeks for Christmas play rehearsals, so very busy all round. In addition, we have two trips: the Burford Partnership Year 4 Dance workshop on Tuesday (Haka style) and, on Thursday morning, our whole-school trip to the pantomime at Chipping Norton Theatre. Finally, on Friday we have our Parent Celebration Assembly. As usual, please bring or send in any information about your child's achievements outside school. We would love to celebrate them publicly.

Best wishes

Anna Fairhurst

### Dates for the Autumn Term

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, 2.15

Mon 17 Dec – 2pm afternoon and 6.30 evening  
KS1 production

Tues 18 Dec – 9.00 farewell assembly for Mrs  
Rae; 1.30 afternoon and 6.30 evening KS2  
production

Wed 19 Dec – 6.30 evening KS2 production

Thurs 20 Dec – Christmas dinner

Fri 21 Dec – 10.00 am carol service; term ends  
1.15