

Brize Norton

Primary School

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Newsletter 138

14th December 2018

Dear Parents,

IT'S THE LAST WEEK!

We are all very tired but looking forward to our exciting last week. Rehearsals for our productions are coming along well and the children have enjoyed their two trips this week (Year 4 Haka and the pantomime).

BAKE OFF WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who organised the fantastic Bake Off and Bazaar last Friday. It was great fun for everyone, even though the staff room is much better off for washing up liquid after my not-so Lucky Liquids! Well done to all the talented bakers in our community, but especially to our winners: Key Stage 1 Mylo Ridler, Key Stage 2 Jesse Langstaff and adult Lesley Slater.

REMINDER – CLASSROOMS IN THE MORNING

We are unusual as a school in allowing parents into the school in the morning. It is something I have been keen to keep going, as it helps children to feel settled and parents to feel part of the community, but I do need to remind you that it is our policy for parents not to go into their child's classroom in the morning, other than in the Foundation Stage. This is so that the children focus from when they first enter the classroom and so that the teacher can concentrate on the children. Of course it is fine if you want to give the teacher a brief message, but if it is something longer, which requires the teacher's response, please ask for an appointment when the teacher can give you her full attention. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

SPORTS CLUBS NEXT TERM

I am pleased to be able to say that we are planning two sports clubs next term. Both will have a small charge but will be subsidised from the school's PE and Sports Grant; you will be receiving separate information soon. We are planning Krav Maga, a fun type of self defence, on Mondays for all children aged 6 and over, and tag rugby on Thursdays for Y3+.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS – ARRIVAL TIME

The teachers have asked that children for both productions return to school at **6.00**. This gives them the chance to get changed and settle down before "curtain up". Doors for parents will also open at 6.00, so please bring your tickets and come on in.

ST BRITIUS CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE

St Britius Candlelit Carol Service is on Sunday 23rd December at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome. The children can join the lantern procession, come dressed as angels, shepherds, or little people of Bethlehem or borrow a costume from church and take part in the Nativity Tableau. Children from school will be reading lessons and singing carols.

DINNER CHANGES

There will be a change of menu on Wed 19th December; it will now be lasagne or quorn/sweet potato curry followed by waffles. May we also remind parents that all dinner money debt should be paid by the last day of term. Please always keep your account in credit and not allow debt to accrue.

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CHRISTMAS INFO

The Christmas lunch takes place this Thursday. This is a lovely occasion when all the children, staff and visitors enjoy a Christmas lunch together. Children should not bring in a packed lunch unless they have a special reason and you have notified the office. Payment is £2.30 and should be made online in advance via the Eduspot website (FS, Yrs 1 & 2 are still free). The children can wear their party clothes or Christmas jumpers for the lunch on the 20th December. The Christmas post box is in the shared area for children to post their cards; these are distributed to the classrooms each day.

INSET DAYS

We will return to school on Monday 7 January. This date was originally an inset day but, as you know, was changed last July. Please see the website for term dates in 2019.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK

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

Christmassy Crafts at Forest School – and a message from Mrs Winter <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/1>

Lots of fun at Roves Farm for the Buccaneers and Hurricanes <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/2>

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

It's a very busy week! We have two performances of "The Magical Christmas Box" on Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday are our three performances of "Panto Pandemonium". Tuesday at 9.00 will also be our chance to say goodbye and thank you to Alex Rae as a teacher at the school (although she will of course still be doing Forest School); you are welcome to come if you wish. Thursday is Christmas dinner, and I believe we may be expecting a rather special visitor afterwards if we are very good. Finally, you are very welcome to the church at 10.00 on Friday morning for our informal carol service, which will include Christmas pieces from many of the children who play musical instruments.

Finally, please don't forget that school ends at 1.15 on Friday! The children have had a great term – lots of hard work and just as much fun – and they certainly deserve their holiday.

Best wishes

Anna Fairhurst

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Dates for the Autumn Term

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

Dates for the Spring Term (so far and subject to change)

Mon 7 Jan – term begins
Tues 8 Jan – house captain's New Year disco
Thurs 10 Jan – elections for new house captains

Fri 18 Jan – Mr Cowley from Burford School to
meet Y5/6

Mon 21 Jan – Winston Churchill public speaking
tour and workshop for Y5/6, Blenheim Palace
Tues 22 Jan – Y5/6 indoor athletics
Fri 25 Jan – Y5/6 to Oxfordshire Schools Concert,
Sheldonian Theatre

Thurs 31 Jan – KS2 trip to Ashmolean Museum

Mon 4 Feb – book fair in school; Year 2 Music
Festival at Burford School
Tues 5 Feb – Y4 trip to Sky Academy Studios

Mon 11 Feb – Y5 Music Festival

W/b Mon 18 Feb – half term

Wed 27 Feb – Y5/6 netball tournament

Wed 13 March – all day Winston Churchill public
speaking tournament (selected team only); Y5/6
tag rugby tournament

Wed 27 March – Year 3 Multi Skills at Burford

Fri 5 April – term ends 1.15pm
