

Brize Norton

Primary School

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15th March 2019

Dear Parents,

PARENT AND PUPIL QUESTIONNAIRES

It's the time of year when we ask parents and children for your feedback on how we are doing. You will be receiving a paper questionnaire today, and the governors and I would be very grateful if you would fill it in and return it. It is only by receiving a large number of questionnaires that we can be sure that the feedback we receive is representative. The paper questionnaires have names on in pencil; this is just so that we can make sure that every family receives one, and you are welcome to rub it out if you would like your response to be anonymous. Please either post your response to the school or put it in the office postbox in the shared area, by Friday 29th March. The children will be asked to fill in a similar form (with the younger ones helped by older children so that staff do not get involved in their responses). The results of both questionnaires will feed into governors' and staff discussions about our strengths and areas for development. Thank you very much for your support with this.

UNIFORM – A REMINDER

I would just like to remind you that our school policy allows black ankle boots but no higher. In the summer, black or navy-blue closed-toed sandals are fine but not open-toed sandals or flip flops. Also, if girls want to wear hair ribbons they should be in the school colours: deep red or navy blue. Thank you for your support on this.

EASTER FOREST SCHOOL

You should have received a flyer for Mrs Rae's Easter Forest School, to be held on 9th, 10th and 11th April in Cassington. It sounds great fun, with lots of outdoor exploration and fun for the full primary age range. Sessions are 9.30 – 3.30 and cost £30 per child. For more information, speak to Mrs Rae or email forestschooalex@gmail.com; there are booking forms on www.forestschoolfun.co.uk.

WINSTON CHURCHILL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Well done to our public speaking team, who worked so hard researching, writing and practising their speeches on the theme of deforestation. On the day they held their own splendidly amidst very talented speakers from all over the region. It was the first time Brize Norton has entered this event and our team's work was truly their own. I was truly proud to represent Brize Norton in their company.

OXENWOOD

I am really pleased that almost all our Year 3 and 4 children were able to go on their residential trip last week and stay over. I truly believe that experiences like this build character strength and resilience, putting them in good stead for life. The children had great fun, doing activities such as fencing, orienteering, climbing wall and making electric racing cars. I would like to give particular thanks to Mrs Mills, Miss Kerr, Mrs Williams and Mrs Webb for going. As I am sure you can imagine, leading a residential trip is one of the most exhausting things a teacher can do, but our staff did it with a smile. The best quote from a child, "It was just like being with my family." We can't ask for more than that. Thank you, too, to the parents who thanked our staff afterwards – it means a lot to know that our efforts are appreciated.

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BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEWS

Well done to our star of the week Bella. For her special treats this week she chose chocolate chip cookies for one of the snacks and to watch this week's movie in the tent! This week the children have been enjoying painting their self-portraits for our new welcome board and they've all done a lovely job. If you have any empty kitchen towel rolls, could you possibly donate them to our club please? We're planning on using them for one of our fun spring craft activities.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

All parents are welcome to the School Association Annual General Meeting on Wednesday at 7.00: it would be great to see you there. We have a busy afternoon on Thursday, with two Brize Norton teams taking part in the Key Steps Gymnastics competition in each age group: thank you as always to Felicity Gidlow for her tireless work with the club. We have our full Local Governing Body meeting on Thursday evening, discussing everything from children's results to the school finances. Finally, don't forget to come (if you can) to the Year 5/6 sharing assembly and parent workshop on Friday.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK

Four posts full of photos from Oxenwood <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/3>

Winston Churchill Public Speaking competition <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/4>

Best wishes

Anna Fairhurst

Dates for the Spring Term

Wed 20 March – School Association AGM

Thurs 21 March – Key Steps gymnastics competition (gym club children). Full governors

Fri 22 March – Y5/6 sharing assembly and parent workshop

Wed 27 March – am Y3 Multi Skills

Fri 29 March – 2.15 parent celebration assembly
AND parents'/ carers' assembly

Tues 2 April – school Oscars ceremony

Thurs 4 April – 11.00 Easter service in church; pm silly sports day led by house captains

Fri 5 April – Year 3/4 sharing assembly and parent workshop; visit to Year 6 by Miss Skerten from Burford; Easter egg raffle; term ends 1.15pm

Mon 8 – Wed 10 April – Easter School for Y6
