

Brize Norton

Primary School

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29th March 2019

Dear Parents,

MRS LILLEY

I am very sorry to tell you that, after being with us for only a term, Mrs Lilley is leaving Brize Norton at the end of next week. Although she has been with us for such a short time, she has had a real impact on the children she has been working with. She will be missed.

MRS BAILEY

We have a student teacher, Mrs Bailey, who is working in Mrs Mills' class. She will be with us for eight weeks and teaching some lessons, under the tuition of Mrs Mills. She has told me that she has loved her first few days getting to know the school and that the children in her class are really lovely. Of course, we know that! Please say hello if you see her.

PRINCE WILLIAM AWARD

I am excited to tell you that the current Years 4 and 5 will be doing the Prince William Award on Monday afternoons from after Easter. This is a character-development programme, run largely by ex-forces personnel and sponsored by Prince William, which explores five key themes:

- personal development
- relationships
- working together
- community
- environment

Each week, a tutor will come in and work with them: they will do a combination of classroom-based reflection on what they have learned and active, fun problem solving. The programme lasts a year and ends with a presentation of the award. Other headteachers have told me that this scheme has had a real impact on children's confidence, resilience and ability to get on with each other. I am hoping to organise a parent information meeting about it with the Award's local organiser in the first few weeks after Easter. In the meantime, you can find out more by visiting <https://www.skillforce.org/prince-william-award-programme/>

NEXT TERM: SWIMMING AND FOREST SCHOOL

Swimming next term will be for Years 2 and 5 and will start on the first Wednesday back, 24th April. They will have five lessons up to half term and five afterwards, starting on 10th June so that Year 5 don't miss a lesson for the Condoover trip.

Year 3 will have Forest School all term, with half of Year 4 joining them for the first half term and half for the second half. If your Year 4 child's surname begins with a letter from A to H, they will be doing Forest School straight after Easter. Those with surnames beginning with letters L to W will do Forest School after Easter (starting on June 11th).

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEWS

Well done to our recents stars of the week Annabelle and Esme. For their special treats they chose cheesy puffs and fruit salad and to do an obstacle course and play twister. The children have been enjoying lots of outside time. They have even had their tea outside, as the weather has been lovely!

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

We have a busy week next week! On Monday we welcome Mrs Johnson back from her three-week placement at Bampton School: it will be good to have her back. Tuesday afternoon is our school Oscars ceremony. I hope you will not be too disappointed, but I am having to keep it to children only and for the first hour of the afternoon, so that Year 6 don't miss their final Forest School and the other children have chance to rehearse for the Easter service. We will take lots of photographs for the website, and the winning videos will be published online if we have your permission for that. The children have put lots of work into their films and it's lovely to see all the home videos. Thank you!

Wednesday is the final swimming session for Foundation and Year 1. It is also the non-uniform day for the Easter Egg Raffle: children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for an Easter egg. (Feel free to donate more if you are feeling generous!) Wednesday is also the interviews for the new Rector of Carterton, and we will be welcoming the three candidates to see the school and meet a few of the children.

On Thursday we are holding our Easter service in church. It is a low-key affair, but there will be two Easter songs and each class will tell part of the Easter story. It starts at 11.00 and you would be very welcome to come. In the afternoon the children will have some fun through a Silly Sports Day organised by the house captains, with lots of house points as prizes.

Finally, Friday is a short day (home time at 1.15) but it won't be any quieter for that. We start with the Year 3 and 4 sharing assembly and parent workshop to which parents are very welcome. Several senior staff from Burford School will also be visiting us to meet Year 6 and talk to their staff about support they need next year. After morning break will be the Easter Egg Raffle. Children need to bring money in in the morning to buy raffle tickets; maximum £2. These tickets will all be put into a great tombola machine and pulled out, with the winning children making their choice from the eggs donated on Wednesday.

By 1.15 they will be ready to go home and have a well-deserved Easter holiday, though we will look forward to seeing Year 6 back for Easter School.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK

Gymnastics competition <http://www.brizeprimary.org/about/wholeschoolevents>

Forest School – Year 6 <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/4>

Forest School – Buccaneers <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/1>

Mr Drake's birthday party in Hercules <http://www.brizeprimary.org/class/3>

Best wishes

Anna Fairhurst

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Dates for the Spring Term

Tues 2 April – school Oscars ceremony
Wed 3 April – non-uniform day for Easter Egg Raffle
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

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

Tues 23 April – first Forest School for Year 3 and first half of the alphabet Year 4 (surname A – H)
Wed 24 April – first swimming for Years 2 and 5

Tues 30 April – Year 4 languages day at Burford

Mon 6 May – school closed (bank holiday)
Tues 7 May – Foundation and Year 1 Music Festival at St John's School
Wed 8 May – Year 4 Quad Kids

Mon 13 May – Year 6 SATS week; Burford headteacher visiting Year 5 parents after school
Thurs 16 May – full governors' meeting

Mon 20 May – swimming gala
Thurs 23 May – languages activities led by Burford School volunteers
Fri 24 May – parent celebration assembly

w/b 27 May – half term

Mon 3 June – Y5/6 Condoover Hall trip (week-long residential)

Tues 11 June – Y5/6 cricket festival

Mon 17 June – Year 2 Ultra Olympics
Tues 18 June – Cokethorpe Y5/6 tennis festival
Thurs 20 June – Y3 Science Day at Burford

Mon 1 July – Year 5 quad kids
Thurs 4 July – Burford induction; shuffle up day

Fri 5 July – Burford induction

Fri 12 July – school barbecue

Mon 15 July – sports day pm
Tues 16 July – reserve sports day
Thurs 18 July – Kidditch day
Fri 19 July – leavers' assembly am; term ends 1.15