

Brize Norton

Primary School

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24th September 2021

Dear Parents,

VILLAGE BASH – THANK YOU

Thank you very much to everyone who helped with the village bash on Sunday and especially to our wonderful School Association committee who have worked so hard. I hear that we have raised a lot of money; I will have the total for you next week. If you came to the bash, enjoyed it and would like to get involved in future events, I know the committee would like to hear from you: please email bnsa_fundraising@outlook.com

RAISING MORE MONEY – I'M GOING TO JUMP OUT OF A PLANE

There are many things which I enjoy doing, but I have never enjoyed heights. I like standing on top of a mountain – a long way from the edge – but ladders have never been easy. Well, you can't ask for sponsorship for something you will find easy or fun, so I'm going to jump out of a plane (with a parachute). Those of you who were here before the pandemic will remember that I was planning to do it then but it had to be cancelled. I have rescheduled it for this half term. That way those who sponsored me then will get their money's worth and other people have the chance to sponsor me.

The School Association's coffers were emptied by purchasing the new classroom. Since then, they have managed to raise enough money for our lovely new laptops (which really are lovely – thank you!), but we don't want to stop there. We have plenty more ideas for extra, fun things which we would like our children to do. I have been told of a project in which teams of children build electric cars and race them at Silverstone, at a cost of £750 (with the car able to be taken apart and re-made the next year). The possibilities for spending money are endless, so if you are able to do so, please consider sponsoring my jump and telling your friends and relatives. In next week's newsletter I will have details about how you can do so.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We held interviews today for our new administrative assistant and have appointed Mrs Rachael Williams to take over when Lisa Winter leaves us (probably on Monday 4th October). We had a strong field of nine candidates, but Rachael showed us that she has all the qualities we need most. We will be interviewing for Rachael's replacement as teaching assistant in Hercules class next week.

GOVERNORS' NEWS

Chris Rushton has given his resignation from the governing body. I am very grateful to Chris for his support over many years. He was always able to see through a problem and offer wise and knowledgeable suggestions. He has remained on the governing body for several years since his daughter left the school. Thank you, Chris.

Now, the school's governing board has several vacancies for Community Governors. We would welcome interest from the school community, especially individuals with skills in finance, human resources, and strategy and development with a focus on education.

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The governors meet approximately 10 times per year, in the evening, and the job of a governor is to fulfil three key functions: firstly ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; secondly holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and thirdly overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

If you would like to know more about the role of governor, please email Clerk to the Governors Helen Roberts
Hroberts.gov@brize-norton.oxon.sch.uk for more information.

MARATHON KIDS

If you have returned your form asking to join the Marathon Kids app, you should have received an email with instructions. Please let me know if you have not. The children are enjoying getting started on their marathon challenge. The Buccaneers will be starting next week. Our leader so far is Ruby Clemas, who has run 8.5km already! If you have the app, please use it to log any running your child does outside school to move their total forwards.

CHRISTMAS TRIPS

I am pleased to be able to announce that all our children will go on a Christmas-related trip. The children in Buccaneers, Hurricanes and Hercules will visit Cogges Farm for Christmas craft workshops and to learn about Christmas through the ages, and Voyagers and Falcons will have a trip to see Pinocchio at the North Wall Arts Centre. This is instead of visiting the pantomime, because we have found in previous years that not all children (especially the younger ones) enjoy panto, and families often want to do it themselves. I am sure these alternatives will be great fun.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK

Buccaneers: Working Together at Forest School <https://brizeprimary.org/class/1>

Hurricanes: New skills in PE <https://brizeprimary.org/class/2>

Hercules: Seasonal activities at Forest School; Science Fun <https://brizeprimary.org/class/3>

Voyagers: First brass lessons <https://brizeprimary.org/class/4>

Falcons: Hockey skills and first brass lessons <https://brizeprimary.org/class/5>

Best wishes

Anna Fairhurst

DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2021

Thurs 30th Sept – partnership cross country competition

Thurs 7th Oct – Y1, 2 and 3 PE fun afternoon

Mon 11th Oct – Y5/6 girls' football competition

w/b 18th Oct – parents' evenings this week

Thurs 21st Oct – in-person parents' evenings

Fri 22nd Oct – Parent Celebration Assembly

w/b 25th Oct – half term

Tues 9th Nov – flu immunization

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Thurs 11th Nov – Remembrance ceremony
Fri 12th Nov – Hurricanes sharing assembly

Tues 16th Nov – Local Governing Body meeting
Fri 19th Nov – Hercules sharing assembly

Fri 26th Nov – Falcons sharing assembly

Fri 3rd Dec – Voyagers sharing assembly

Mon 6th Dec – Boccia competition
Tues 7th Dec – Y1 – 3 Christmas production
Wed 8th Dec – Y1 – 3 Christmas production;
final swimming for Years 4 and 5

Thurs 9th Dec – Buccaneers and Y1 trip to Cogges Farm; Governors' Performance and Learning committee; Y4 – 6 Christmas concert

Fri 10th Dec – Y2 and Y3 trip to Cogges Farm; Buccaneers Nativity play

Tues 14th Dec – Carol service in church; Christmas dinner

Thurs 16th Dec – Y4, 5 and 6 trip to Pinocchio at the North Wall Arts Centre

Fri 17th Dec – Final assembly with parent celebration assembly; term ends 1.15pm

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4 WEEKS TO GO

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