



Dear Parents,

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

It is very difficult to decide what sorts of events involving parents we can safely hold this term. The guidance from the government simply says that we should provide the children with as normal an education as possible, balancing high-value educational events with the need to keep everybody safe. I know of some schools which are cancelling all events involving parents this term and of others who have gone fully back to normal. I had a meeting with the teachers this week and we have made a few decisions, aiming for a compromise:

- We will not hold sharing assemblies or parent celebration assemblies this term, because they can easily be postponed to the Spring and Summer.
- We will give parents a choice about parents' evening. We will hold one evening face-to-face in the traditional way (Thursday 21st October) with all the teachers in school at the same time, and each teacher will also offer an evening of Teams appointments in the same week. The parent sign up lists will be on the classroom doors from Monday for you to fill in; please choose whether you want the face to face appointment or the online appointment and ensure you only fill in one form. If you do not come into the playground then you can email the office to ask for an appointment.
- We will go ahead with our Christmas performances because performing to a live audience is a really important experience for children, and they missed it completely last year. We will offer fewer tickets than usual, making sure that tickets are shared fairly between families, so that we can spread the chairs out a little, and we will ask the audience to wear masks and not to attend if they have any symptoms of Covid-19. The performances will be:
 - Buccaneers' nativity play (2.00pm on Friday 10th December)
 - Hurricanes' and Hercules' Christmas show (three performances: 6.00pm on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December, and 2.00pm on Wednesday 8th)
 - Voyagers' and Falcons' Christmas concert outdoors on Thursday 9th December at 6.00pm. If it rains, we will bring it indoors and limit the number of tickets, but if it can be outdoors, we will not have to limit numbers. The main production of the year for Voyagers and Falcons will take place in the summer.

EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY DAY OFF

As you probably know, there is an extra bank holiday this year for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3rd June 2022. This falls in half term, so it doesn't give an extra day off to children or school staff. Schools have been asked to identify another day during this academic year for a day off instead, and we have chosen **Friday 8th April 2022**. This means that school will close for the Easter holiday at 1.15pm on Thursday 7th April. We hope that by attaching the extra day to the Easter holiday, some of you might be able to take the opportunity to extend a family holiday, and we hope this gives you enough notice to plan.

ST BRITIUS' CHURCH CHRISTINGLE

On Sunday 12th December, St Britius' Church will be using our school hall for Christingle making between 3.00 and 4.30. All parents are welcome to bring their child along, leave them for the hour and a half and then process with them (and their Christingles) to the church. A booking form has been sent with this newsletter.

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TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Next Thursday, we will be interviewing candidates for our new Year 5/6 teacher. I am pleased that we have had a strong field of applicants from whom to choose. The Falcons class will have a short lesson with each shortlisted candidate, and the house captains and Falcons school councillors will interview them as part of the process. I should be able to tell you the name of our new teacher this time next week.

MRS FAIRHURST'S PARACHUTE JUMP

Please remember to sponsor me if you want to, and to spread the word:
<https://www.givey.com/mrsfairhurstsparachutejump>. Thank you!

MARATHON KIDS

Well done to the following children for reaching their 10km milestone this week: Jack Williams; Tilly Wright; Harry Woollard; Toby Clemas; Harry King; Harry Hudson; Jake Brannan; Kasey Leroux; Charlie Ball; William Jackson; Arthur Snape; Olivia Robson; Beth Ridler; Alice Walker; George Caton. Keep up the running at home!

SAFEGUARDING POLICY AND PROCEDURE

At the recent governors' meeting, governors approved an update to our safeguarding policy and procedure, based on the latest government guidance and advice from the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust. It has been published on the Policies page on the school website
<https://brizeprimary.org/about/keypolicies>.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK

Hercules: Sports Afternoon, Wet and Windy at Forest School, and a couple of posts showing the children's learning <https://brizeprimary.org/class/3>

Hurricanes: Chocolate cakes in the name of Science <https://brizeprimary.org/class/2>

Best wishes

Anna Fairhurst

DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2021

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

Mon 18th Oct – Teams parents' evening:
Falcons

Tues 19th Oct – Teams parents' evening:
Buccaneers

Wed 20th Oct – Teams parents' evening:
Hurricanes, Hercules and Voyagers

Thurs 21st Oct – House captains' talent show;
in-person parents' evenings

w/b 25th Oct – half term

Tues 9th Nov – flu immunisation
Thurs 11th Nov – Remembrance ceremony

Tues 16th Nov – Local Governing Body
meeting

Fri 26th Nov – Voyagers and Falcons trip to
We the Curious

Mon 6th Dec – Boccia competition
Tues 7th Dec – Y1 – 3 Christmas production

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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 (hopefully with
parent celebration assembly); term ends
1.15pm

atlas camps

2 WEEKS TO GO

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