

Brize Norton

Primary School

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19th July 2019

Dear Parents,

HAPPY SUMMER!

Well done to everyone for a really special year. We have worked hard, the children have made excellent progress in their learning and we have had fun. We have had too many special experiences to name them all, but those which come immediately to mind are: two superb Christmas plays; Years 5 and 6 performing *The Tempest* at the New Theatre Oxford; very successful residential trips for all our Key Stage 2 children; taking twice as many gymnasts to the local competition as other schools, and our Year 1/2 group winning; all the many Burford sporting events; our youngest children performing with Nick Cope. Then, over the last couple of weeks, we have had two highly successful concerts, a lovely sports day, Race for Life, Kidditch and now a leavers' assembly to make everyone cry. All this on top of truly phenomenal results at Years 2 and 6. Well done, everyone, and you deserve your summer holiday.

THANK YOU TO PARENTS

Thank you to all the parents who support us in all the many ways you do. However, I cannot let the end of term pass without thanking the School Association committee yet again. As well as the Summer Bash we raised £130.35 at sports day and £69.50 at the end of term BBQ. Also, a large group of parents (including two whose child isn't even joining us till September) and children spent last Saturday with Mrs Winter and her husband doing gardening work in the Foundation garden. It looks so very much better: thank you all.

RACE FOR LIFE

Mrs Mills and the School Council have asked me to thank everyone who participated and who sponsored children. We do not yet have the full amount raised for Cancer Research but we are amazed at the amounts which keep coming in. We presented it to the children not as a running race but as a chance for all of us, young and old, sporty and less so, to run or walk together as a school family. Everyone rose to the challenge and joined in with good spirit and with many older and younger children choosing to be together.

BRIZE NORTON MENTIONED IN PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

I cannot let the summer holiday begin without sharing this question and answer, from Prime Minister's Questions in Parliament on 10th July:

Robert Courts (Witney) (Con): The Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust is an academy schools trust that operates across the Witney and Maidenhead constituencies. Will the Prime Minister join me in celebrating its successes, such as at Holyport Primary School in her constituency and "outstanding" rated Brize Norton Primary School in my constituency? Does she agree that that is an example of how academisation can really work in rural constituencies like ours?

The Prime Minister: I am happy to join my hon. Friend in congratulating the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust on its success. I am also happy to congratulate Holyport Primary School on the recognition it has received as a good school and Brize Norton Primary in his constituency, which was rated outstanding. It shows that smaller schools in rural areas can provide an excellent quality of education and that the academy movement can provide for those schools and those children. It goes back to the point I made earlier: what matters is the quality of education our children receive, and in Holyport and Brize Norton, they are receiving a first-class education.

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NEW ON THE WEBSITE THIS WEEK

<https://www.brizeprimary.org/class/1> - Gardening day and (scroll down) lots of fun things they have been doing in the Buccaneers

<https://www.brizeprimary.org/post/903> - Beyond Europe Day

<https://www.brizeprimary.org/about/wholeschoolevents> - Kidditch, Race for Life and (scroll down) Sports Day

Best wishes

Anna Fairhurst

Dates for the Autumn Term

Mon 2 and Tues 3 Sept – INSET days

Wed 4 Sept – school opens for children;
Foundation children attend until 12.00

Mon 9 Sept – Foundation children attend until
1.00

Thurs 12 Sept – Foundation children attend full
time

w/b 28 Oct – half term

Thurs 19 Dec – School finishes 1.15 for
Christmas
