

Brize Norton Primary School

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Headteacher Mr. Mark Smith

Dear Parents,

Class 1 Information - Autumn 2012

The children have had a fantastic start and are settling well, adapting to their new routines. The purpose of this letter is to outline some of the curriculum that we will cover this term and to communicate a few key points that will help the year to run smoothly.

Early Morning Activities

In the morning there will be a range of activities in the classroom for your child to access. Children are also asked to register themselves and put their own things away in the correct places (book bags, snacks). Please feel free to come into the classroom to settle your child in. The children will soon know the signal to stop their activity. We would ask parents to recognise that for the children this signals the start to their school day and is their time to say goodbye.

Snack Time

Children in Foundation Stage receive free fruit each day for the afternoon snack time. In addition we ask that parents send in a piece of fruit for morning snack.

Cooking

Cooking is a fun way in which we can explore many areas of learning. It will help us with our maths skills, our scientific understanding, working as a team, healthy eating and much more. However, this can be costly in school and may not be possible without some parent contribution. A small donation would be much appreciated so that these activities are possible. **We would suggest around £1 a week (£7.00 for a half term).** Please send contributions of £7.00 to the school office to enable us to start cooking with your child. Whilst this is a voluntary contribution made by parents, if we do not receive enough donations cooking may not be able to continue. In Foundation Stage the children cook on a weekly basis. The outcome of cooking is sometimes sent home, but often the children share what they have cooked as a snack in school to further the learning opportunities created by the activity.

PE

Please make sure that your child has a PE kit in school at all times. It will need to contain a pair of appropriate PE plimsolls, a white t-shirt and navy blue shorts or joggers. Please make sure all items are named.



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Outdoor clothing

We will be making full use of the school grounds and local area whatever the weather to develop outdoor learning. As we progress into autumn it would be useful if children could be provided with a waterproof jacket and trousers plus wellington boots, these may be kept in school so we can go out and about at any time.

Spare clothing

It is always helpful if your child can have plastic bags, spare pants and socks in their bags. Understandably some children may have toilet accidents during the year. We do have a small supply of spares but if your child comes home with borrowed items can we please request that they are returned to school as soon as possible. Any donations of unwanted items are always useful and appreciated.

End of the Day

As discussed at the meeting in June, in order to keep the children safe we appreciate it if we could ask you to wait outside the classroom at the end of the day until we have seen you and can send your child to meet you. That way we can be sure that children have gone to their nominated adult. Please ensure that if it will not be you picking your child up, you let us know who we can let them go to and either introduce them to us or ask them to bring some form of identification (if they are not already known to us). If another person will be collecting your child on a regular basis please send a written note.

Reading

Children have visited the mobile library and will be bringing home books from our book corner to share. We ask that you try to share a book every day with your child, choosing from a range of different books to include stories, information and poems.

Reading Records

I will be giving children their reading records in the next week; these may have small targets and activities for you to support their learning at home. As the year progresses, children will be sent home with books and reading exercises to target sounds specific to their learning needs. Please make a note of when you have worked or read with your child and any relevant comments.



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Observations

Your child will be continually observed and assessed during their time at school in order to make activities relevant to them. Individual targets will be set and shared with you. The children will work on a regular basis with an adult on these targets and occasionally we may ask you to carry out very specific tasks at home with your child. We may also ask from time to time that you observe your child at home. This information will then feed into teacher assessments and the planning for your child.

Phonics

We will begin our phonic sessions in the next couple of weeks. To consolidate our work it would be really useful if you could ask your child to teach you the way they have learnt the sound as it may be different to the way they have learnt sounds previously. Please feel free to ask me to demonstrate the way the sound has been taught as modelling it differently may be confusing to your child. We will learn a different sound each day, consolidating previous sounds in every session. Homework will be sent home to build on our work in the classroom.

Our phonic workshop will be on **Thursday 27th September at 9.10 am.**

Junk

Please help keep us supplied with boxes and junk to enable your children to continue exploring their creativity; as I'm sure you will agree, small, oxo type, boxes are preferable to large cereal boxes!

Yours sincerely

Bridget Winter
Class Teacher

Class 1 Cooking

I would like my child to take part in cooking and enclose a voluntary contribution of £7.00 for this half term.

Name of Child: _____ Parent signature: _____

