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Events for the week beginning 13th January 2020

Monday	9.00 - 10.30	Woodwind Lessons	Music Room 2	Miss Gunn
	10.00 - 12.00	Bikeability - Group A B C	Playground	Year 6 Classes
	12.00 - 3.30	Guitar Lessons	Music Room 2	Miss Parker
	1.00 - 3.00	Bikeability - Group A B C	Playground	Year 6 Classes
	3.30 - 4.30	Running Club KS2	School Field	Mrs Devereux Mrs Varrier
	3.35 - 4.45	Freestyle Soccer	Main Hall	Mr Rust
	6.00 - 7.30	Brownies	Main Hall	Mrs Rex
Tuesday	9.00 - 3.30	Rocksteady Music	Music Room 2	Mr Grainger
	10.00 - 12.00	Bikeability - Group A B C	Playground	Year 6 Classes
	1.00 - 3.00	Bikeability - Group A B C	Playground	Year 6 Classes
	2.00 - 3.00	Cello Lessons	Music Room 1	Mrs Malitskie
	2.50 - 3.15	FS Parent Readers	FS Classrooms	Mrs Sparkes Mrs Nourish Miss Redgwell
	3.30 - 4.30	Drama Club - Year 6	Main Hall	Mrs Casson Mrs Varrier Mrs Devereux
	6.30 - 8.00	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
6.30 - 7.30	Weight - Watchers	Small Hall	Mrs Middleton	
Wednesday	9.15 - 11.45	Samba Drumming	Music Room 2	Year 4 Classes
	10.00 - 12.00	Bikeability - Group D E	Playground	Year 6 Classes
	12.30 - 1.00	KS1 Choir	HD Classroom	Mrs Devereux Mrs Willis
	1.00 - 3.00	Bikeability - Group D E	Playground	Year 6 Classes
	3.35 - 4.20	Spanish Club	LC Classroom	Mrs Brooks
Thursday	9.15 - 3.30	Rockingham Castle - Year 1-2	Rockingham Castle	Year 1/2 Classes
	8.50 - 12.30	Guitar Lessons	Music Room 2	Mr Draper
	10.00 - 12.00	Bikeability - Group D E	Playground	Year 6 Classes
	1.00 - 3.00	Bikeability - Group D E	Playground	Year 6 Classes
	3.30 - 4.15	KS2 Choir	Main Hall	Mrs Marsh Mrs Varrier
	3.30 - 4.30	Community Club - selected Yr 2	Boniface House	Mrs Sparkes Miss Redgwell
	5.30 - 8.45	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Friday	9.00 - 12.00	Violin/Viola Lessons	Music Room 2	Mr Ebrahim
	11.00 - 22.30	Young Voices	Birmingham NEC	Mrs Marsh Mrs Varrier Mrs Devereux
	12.15 - 12.50	Change for Life selected pupils Yr 6	School Field	Pacesetters
	12.30 - 1.00	Orchestra selected pupils	Music Room 2	Mr Ebrahim
	12.45 - 3.15	Year 5 Swimming	Lings Forum	Mr Langford Mrs Hope
Sunday	10.30 - 11.45	Brixworth Community Church Informal Service		Rev Andy Lloyd Williams

SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES



In the event of severe weather and the school not being open the following procedures will be used:



We will send out a message via ParentMail as well as putting a notice on our school website.

The situation will be monitored daily.

Every effort will be made to open the school except in exceptional circumstances.



As we push to be more of a paperless school we will be sending reminders to parents who have not registered for ParentMail as of yet.

Emails or SMS texts will be sent to these individuals in the near future. Please take this opportunity to register.



Assembly Theme

Week Commencing:
13th January 2020

Truthfulness (Values for Life)

**Attendance class of the week:
16th - 20th December 2019**

**100%
Mrs Varrier**

Bikeability - Year 6

Bikeability starts on Monday 13th January for all participating pupils. Please ensure children have their helmets and have completed the bike check list, which was sent via ParentMail this week.

Pupils will need to take their bikes to Mr Salter in the activity area by the mobile classrooms before registration. No bikes can be left at school overnight.

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th January -

Groups A, B and C

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th January -

Groups D and E

Essential Information

We require up to date **phone numbers** where it can be ensured **we can contact you**, or somebody who can take full responsibility for your child, in the event of an **emergency**.

It is essential we are aware of all **medical conditions**, including **allergies**. Some lessons will involve food smelling and tasting. Teachers will use the information we hold on the child's records to establish if your child is able to participate in these sessions.

Should any of the above details change please ensure you inform the school office so we can amend your child's records accordingly.

Foundation Stage Intake September 2020

Parents/carers of children who have their 4th birthday between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 need to apply for a school place in September 2020 by the deadline:

Tuesday 15th January 2020 (5pm)

Access to the online form and all the general information that parents/carers need, including the online version of the guidance booklet 'Applying for a Primary School Place in Northamptonshire for September 2020/21' which parents/carers are encouraged to read, can be found on their website:

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

Foundation Stage, Year 1 and 2 Readers

Every Tuesday, Foundation stage will be having a parent/carer reading session. Any adults that are available to come in on a Tuesday from 3pm would be greatly appreciated.

There will be no Year 1 and 2 parent readers next week due to the Rockingham Castle trip. This will recommence on Thursday 23rd January from 3.10 to 3.30pm.

Please Note:

Although we send home information from third parties on a regular basis the school does not necessarily endorse these activities.

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure the quality of the provision provided including checking the suitability of the provider. These checks include the person having a valid DBS, adequate liability insurance and a relevant First Aid qualification.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the **156** pupils who, last term achieved **100% attendance** certificates. Children who received a **Bronze Award** certificate and continue to achieve 100% will qualify for a Silver Award at the end of this term.

Year 6 Parents SATs Evening

Wednesday 22nd January

The end of Key Stage 2 National Curriculum tests (SATs) are undertaken during the week beginning Monday 11th May.

Following the successful use of revision guides in the core subjects last year, there will be a meeting for parents on **Wednesday 22nd January at 6.00pm** on the use of **Revision Guides** and information regarding the KS2 national tests.

Year 6 pupils will be briefed on usage but we strongly believe the meeting will still be valuable to help parents support their children.



KS1 Fabulous Finish

London's Burning



On Monday 16th December Year 1 and 2 created our own London city from Tudor houses we had made. We burnt them to have our own 'Great Fire of London'. While the houses were burning we sang 'London's Burning'.

'I enjoyed making the Tudor houses, the hardest part was making the chimney. Mrs Reynolds set the houses on fire and we sang. After a while the fire stopped and it was all burnt. The people who lived in London must have run very fast.'

Theo N Yr 1



'The houses burned down really fast and the flames were spreading quickly.'

Jack T and Elizabeth M Yr 2



'It was amazing watching the fire burn.'

Maia S Yr 2

'It was fun because we got to see fire on the houses we built and it really looked like a fire in London. It must have been very scary. The houses were made from wood but now houses are made from brick.'

Ava H Yr 1





Home Learning



At Brixworth we believe that daily practice of reading, spellings and times tables facts are the most important aspect that will have a positive impact on your child's education. Following feedback from the Autumn Term home learning we have made some changes. From now until the end of the Summer Term your child is expected to complete the following:

Key Stage 1 children - equivalent to 10 minutes of home learning each day which consists of reading, spelling/phonics and times tables/number bond practice.

Year 3 and 4 children – equivalent to 20 minutes of home learning each day that consists of reading, spellings and times tables practice.

Year 5 and 6 children - equivalent to 30 minutes of home learning each day that consists of reading, spellings and times tables practice.



Rewards

Children will be rewarded for completing spelling and times table practice with Pupil Points.

SPELLING



Spelling practice should be recorded in spelling books. Pupil points will be awarded for children who have scored 100%, increased on the previous week or who have tried really hard with that week's spellings.

Times tables practice is checked through teachers looking at each child's practice on Times Tables Rockstars. Pupil points will be awarded for regular weekly Practice and children's individual response times getting quicker.



For reading, each week children's Home School Message Books are collected in and raffle tickets are awarded to those children who have recorded an appropriate amount of reading for them. Each month in every year group a winner is drawn and the winning children each select a book that is bought by the school for the children to keep.



Year 6 children will be starting **SATs revision** on **Friday 24th January**, this will be explained at the SATs evening for parents on **Wednesday 22nd January**. Children will have the opportunity to attend a SATs revision club on Thursday lunchtimes to gain extra support or time to complete the set questions.

We ask for your engagement with these daily activities, to encourage your child and, where possible, share in these activities because daily practice of these core life skills will have a positive impact on your child's education.

Experience Activities

Throughout the Autumn term we enjoyed sharing with children the experience activities they completed. We understand that some families are already completing activities like these, therefore this term the activity list will be **optional**. If your child wishes to complete all activities or just a couple this is you and your child's choice. If you do complete some of the activities we would love to share and look at these through your child's home learning book. We will also provide a second list of activities that cover more academic content for those children who want to complete more tasks through the weeks, again these activities are **optional**.

The above two sets of activities are to be recorded in children's Home Learning books and handed in on the following dates.

Week beginning 27th January. Home Learning books handed in on Tuesday 28th January.

Week beginning 24th February. Home Learning books handed in on Tuesday 25th February.

Week beginning 23rd March. Home Learning books handed in on Tuesday 24th March.

Home Learning books only need to be handed in on the Tuesdays mentioned above.

Parent Governor Vacancy

As sent out via ParentMail before Christmas we are looking to elect a new parent governor this term to join the Governing Board. Our parent governors are very valuable members of the governing board and we rely on them to help us to keep in touch with what parents are thinking.

Governing boards are responsible for a wide range of matters. Their duties include management of the school budget, school effectiveness, preparation for Ofsted inspection /formulation of post - Ofsted Action Plan and involvement in a variety of personnel and pupil issues. As a school governor, you will be supported in these duties by other experienced members of the governing board, headteacher, clerk to the governors and the County Council.

The Governing Board of Brixworth C.E.V.C. Primary School conducts a skills audit to inform the recruitment of new governors. The school is currently looking for a person with finance experience, a willingness to learn, attend meetings and be committed to school improvement are also very important qualities.

The Governing Board works together as a group, meeting twice a term. If you are thinking of standing as a governor, remember that you will need to attend six meetings a year, plus committee meetings and monitoring visits during the term. As a governor, you will hold office for a period of four years, even if your child leaves the school during this time. You can, however, resign from the governing board at any time. The governing board expects all new governors to attend training, complete DBS clearance and agree to the Governors' Code of Conduct.

Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can stand for election and can vote in the election. Nomination forms are available from the school Office along with the Disqualification Regulations. Please ensure you read these before deciding whether to put yourself forward for nomination.

If you wish you can include a few details about yourself and why you would like to become a governor and how you meet the following criteria:

- Evidence that demonstrates the skills and experience the governing board requires as stated above;
- Your commitment to undertake training and development to acquire or develop the skills to be an effective governor;
- If seeking re-election, details of your contribution to the work of the governing board during the previous term of office; and
- How you plan to contribute to the future work of the governing board.

In the event of an election, these details will then be circulated to all parents to help them decide who to vote for. You do not have to complete this section, but if you don't you may put yourself at a disadvantage if there is an election.

An election will be held via ParentMail if more nominations are received than the number of vacancies. If you are not registered on ParentMail we suggest you do this.

All nominations should be sent in to the school office by 3.30pm on Tuesday 14th January 2020. Every nomination must be signed.

If you would like to talk to one of the governors about any aspect of the election process or the work of the Governing Board entails please contact governors@brixworth.northants.sch.uk

Dynamites

Children's Club



Juniors 5-7yrs

Starts 5pm to 6pm

Seniors 8-11yrs

Starts 6:15pm to 7:15pm

Friday night starting 17th January at Brixworth Library and Community Centre Spratton Road NN6 9DS

Run by Brixworth Community Church. Fun safe place for children to enjoy. Leaders are DBS checked and with a heart for the children to have fun while learning more about Jesus. Please see Mark our Community Worker (and Dynamites Leader) for further detail. **Only 50p a session**



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NMPAT Saturday Music and Arts Centres

Open Day: Saturday 18th January 2020



- Brackley and Cheney
- Corby
- Daventry
- Duston (Northampton)
- Ferrers
- Guldborough (Thursday evenings)
- Holloway (Northampton)
- Kettering
- Nene Valley
- Towcester
- Queen's Cross (Northampton)
- Wellingborough
- County Youth Theatre



There's a Centre for you!

www.NMPAT.co.uk/centres

Contact us to find your local centre.



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Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We are delighted to announce we raised £162.67

Rocksteady



Parents of participating Rocksteady pupils are invited to watch their performance on Tuesday 21st January at 9.30am.



The Year 2 pupils invite you to join us at **All Saints Church, Brixworth** on **Thursday 30th January 10.30 am** for our **CANDLEMAS SERVICE**