

# PRIMARY WORD

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It has been wonderful to see everyone again and we are especially excited to welcome our new Foundation children to join us full-time from Monday. We hope you will all be very happy here with us at Brixworth Primary School.

This year we are delighted to announce the promotion of **Mrs Laura Casson** to Assistant Head Teacher.

**Miss Carly Murray**, who was previously working as a teaching assistant, is a qualified teacher, and will be completing her NQT year over the coming year in Foundation Stage. We would also like to welcome **Miss Libby Bond**, a Newly Qualified Teacher who joined us in the summer term and who has settled in very well.

In addition we have also appointed **Mrs Emma Donaldson** as a Teaching Assistant and she has already started to build great relationships with the children.

We are extremely fortunate to have excellent relationships with parents in the school. However we understand that from time to time you may have concerns. If you do have any matters worrying you then I would encourage you to contact to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Within the school there are 4 Phase leaders who are also available to deal with concerns you may have and can be contacted through the school office. They are:

Foundation Stage: **Mrs Nourish**

Year 1 and 2: **Mrs Stiles**

Year 3 and 4: **Mrs Varrier**

Year 5 and 6: **Miss Stockbridge**

## Essential Information

*It is essential that we hold the correct information on our system.*

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 also essential we are aware of all **medical conditions**, including **allergies**. Throughout the school year 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.



A data checking sheet will come home with your child today, please return the form even if the information is correct by **2nd October 2020**. For more clarification regarding our use of data please visit the **Privacy Notice** available on our website.

**Should any of the above details change during the academic year please ensure you inform the school office so we can amend our records accordingly.**



**Assembly Theme Week Commencing: 21st September**  
**Perseverance - Our Termly Value**



As from this week Home Learning will be set once again.

Each week children in Year 1-6 will be set a spelling, reading and a maths task to complete.

### Maths

Foundation Stage will have a range of number related activities.

Year 1 will practice number bonds on purple mash.

Years 2-6 will practice their times tables using TTRockstars. Children have their own login for this programme and the class teacher will select times tables for your child to work on. Here is the website which contains more information and the log in screen for the children <https://trockstars.com/>

### Spelling

Foundation Stage and Year 1 will have 2 or 3 sounds with associated words to work on each week.

Children in Years 2-6 will be given a table of spellings to practice which will range from 8-10 words, along with 2 practice sheets to complete each week. This should be completed on the sheet and then handed in to the class teacher.

### Reading

All children are expected to read regularly at home. Children are rewarded for reading by receiving a raffle ticket if they have shown over the week they have been committed to their reading. Each half term a raffle ticket will be pulled out of the hat and the winner will get to select a book which the school will buy for them to keep.

### Google Classroom

To maintain our use of Google Classroom, children in Years 1-6 each week will either be set a spelling or reading task. For example the spelling task could be to write sentences for the focus spelling words or the reading might be a book review. The children will then be asked to 'turn in' their learning for the teacher to see/comment on.

Foundation Stage will continue to use the ILD to show learning and achievements at home.

### Optional Activities

Alongside the above, all children have a list of 12 activities for the Autumn term which are **optional**.

These activities are aimed at giving children a range of different life experiences. These activities will be posted onto your child's google classroom (for Foundation Stage on the ILD) and if they wish they can 'turn in' pictures of the activities they complete.

## Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

### Foundation Stage, Year 1 or Year 2

Every child in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 is entitled to a school meal as part of the government's universal school meal initiative. However, the school may be eligible for additional funding if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

In order for the school to access this funding you will need to complete a short application form. This can be done online at <https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx> and select "Pupil Premium." You will be advised immediately if your claim is successful. Please let school know the reference number for your successful claim.

### Year 3 to 6

If you are in receipt of any of the above benefits you can claim for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium. Please use the link above and select "My child is in year 3 or above" and then "Apply for Free School Meals." Once your claim has been validated please contact the school with the reference number for your successful claim and we will support you in ordering your child/ren's meals.

### Adopted Children

Pupil Premium is additional money for schools to support raising the attainment for their most vulnerable pupils including those who have been adopted from care. In order for school to receive their funding, children need to be recorded as eligible on the school census. We are not necessarily aware that a child has been adopted and therefore encourage parents and guardians to present this information to us. As is the case for all sensitive information this will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Should you have any questions or need support in applying for Free School Meals and/or Pupil Premium please contact Sharon Marsh, Inclusion Manager on 01604 883900.

### **Nut Free School**



Due to several children with nut related allergies throughout the school, we ask that parents do not provide children with nuts in their home pack lunch. In addition to actual nuts please avoid peanut butter sandwiches and foods which contain a high percentage of nuts.

Kingswood Catering do not use nuts in any of their recipes or their production kitchens.

### **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.

### The School's Dress Code



The wearing of school uniform is not compulsory but is encouraged. **The majority of parents choose, and most pupils wear the uniform.** Uniform is ordered on line at [www.brigade.uk.com](http://www.brigade.uk.com).

The uniform is:

**Girls** - School sweatshirt or cardigan, white or blue polo shirt, navy blue skirt, pinafore or trousers.

**Boys** - School sweatshirt, white or blue polo shirt, grey or black trousers.

Boys and girls must wear dark shoes.

At present PE kit is not required. Children are to bring in a pair of trainers for use outdoors and if they are going onto the school field.

*Please ensure that all clothing is clearly named so any lost property can be returned to its owners.*

**Sports wear, including tracksuits and football shirts, are not acceptable as school-wear.  
Jewellery (other than stud earrings) is not permitted.**

### Dogs and Pupils

Dogs are wonderful companions and pets, however, some children and adults are not comfortable near them and can be quite worried by their presence.



**Dogs must not be brought onto the school grounds at any time and they should not be tied to the fence as many children are then placed in a position of having to walk past.**

### Path Congestion

The footpaths in and out of school become very busy during the staggered collections before and at the end of the school day.

Please can we ask you to keep your distance from other family groups.

If you are waiting at the top gate or car park gate for collection please can we ask that you stand back and allow other families to walk past on the pavements. Please make use of the path by the park to wait until your child's teacher appears.

### Grants for young people in Brixworth and Scaldwell



Are you a young person, under 25 years of age, that wants a cash grant for educational purposes? The Foundation of Thomas Roe provides small cash grants for young people who live in the parishes of Brixworth or Scaldwell.

Grants have previously been provided to support young people with: purchase of school uniform; books and course materials; musical instruments; computer equipment; and travel expenses linked to education, including school trips.

Application forms can be downloaded from Brixworth and Scaldwell Parish Council web sites or from the Clerk at [thomasroefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:thomasroefoundation@gmail.com)

Completed application forms must be returned to the Clerk, preferably by email and in Word format, by midnight on 23 September 2020 for consideration at the charity's next meeting. This meeting is scheduled for 7 October, where grant applications will be considered.

*THE FOUNDATION OF THOMAS ROE  
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