

PRIMARY WORD

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Events for the week beginning 23rd September 2019

Monday	9.00 - 10.30	Woodwind Lessons	Music Room 2	Miss Gunn
	12.00 - 3.30	Guitar Lessons	Music Room 2	Miss Parker
	12.00 - 1.00	Change for Life selected pupils Yr 6	School Field	Pacesetters
	3.30 - 4.30	Running Club KS2	School Field	Mrs Devereux Mrs Varrier
	3.35 - 4.45	Freestyle Soccer Group 1	Main Hall	Mr Rust
	4.50 - 5.50	Freestyle Soccer Group 2	Main Hall	Mr Rust
	6.00 - 7.30	Brownies	Main Hall	Mrs Rex
7.00 - 9.00	Governing Body Meeting	Meeting Room	Mr Trenfield	
Tuesday	9.00 - 3.30	School Photos	Main Hall	Tempest
	9.00 - 3.30	Rocksteady Music	Music Room 2	Mr Grainger
	1.00 - 2.00	Cello Lessons	Music Room 1	Mrs Malitskie
	3.30 - 4.30	Yr 6 Drama	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	12.30 - 1.00	KS1 Choir	HD Classroom	Mrs Devereux Mrs Willis
	1.00 - 3.30	FS Walk in Village	Brixworth Village	FS Class Teachers
	3.35 - 4.20	Spanish Club	LC Classroom	Mrs Brooks
Thursday	8.50 - 1.20	Guitar Lessons	Music Room 2	Mr Draper
	9.15 - 3.15	Rugby - Selected KS2 pupils	Long Buckby	Mr Rayner
	3.30 - 4.15	KS2 Choir	Main Hall	Mrs Marsh Mrs Varrier
	5.30 - 8.45	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Friday	8.40 - 3.15	Football - Selected KS2 pupil	Goals Mereway	Mrs McCtory
	9.00 - 2.00	Violin/Viola Lessons	Music Room 2	Mr Ebrahim
	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 Mrs Marsh
	12.45 - 3.15	Year 5 Swimming	Lings Forum	Mr Rayner
Sunday	10.30 - 11.45	Brixworth Community Church Informal Service		Rev Andy Lloyd Williams

Nut Free School

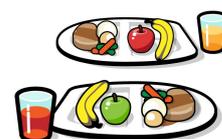


Due to several children with nut related allergies throughout the school, we ask that parents do not provide children with nuts in their home pack lunch. In addition to actual nuts please avoid peanut butter sandwiches and foods which contain a high percentage of nuts.

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



Foundation Stage Lunch



Please make sure you have ordered your child's meals for the week commencing 30th September by **Wednesday 25th September**.

www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk



Assembly Theme

Week Commencing:
23rd September 2019

Excellence and Respect

School Photographs



The Photographer will be in school on:

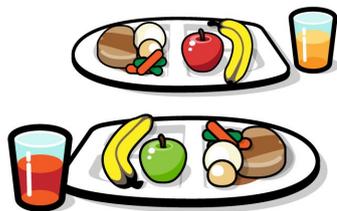
Tuesday 24th September

The intention is that all pupils, including sibling groups will be photographed.

Proofs will be sent home to parents 10 - 14 days afterwards without any obligation to buy.

All orders are to be purchased online this year direct with the photo company.

MID-DAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY



We have vacancies in school for Midday Supervisors.

The hours of employment are

11.45 - 1.30pm
Monday - Friday

(8 hours 45 minutes per week)

38 weeks of the year
(term time only)
Salary £3490

Further information can be obtained from the school office.

Closing date: Friday 27th September.

Attendance classes of the week:
9th—13th September 2019
100%

Mrs Sparkes
Mrs Stiles

Water Bottles

The price of water bottles available from the School Office have increased to the following:

Small - £1.00 Large - £1.20

Scooters and Bikes



Some pupils come to school on scooters and bikes; pupils will be aware that they are not allowed to ride on the playground. **There have been a number of 'near misses' reported on the entrances leading to the school gates.**

These can be left in the school provided they are placed outside the staffroom and Mrs Devereux' Classroom and are solely the responsibility of the child. They are free to leave their helmet on their handle bars or you can take this home. The school accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage. All scooters and bikes must be removed at the end of the school day.

Foundation Tours for New Starts 2020



If you have a child who is due to start next year or you know a parent who has, please be aware of the Tour Dates below:

Monday 21st October 2019 at 9.30am

Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 9.30am

Wednesday 20th November 2019 at 9.30am

Please advise the school office if you wish to attend.

Dear Parent

Welcome to a new school year!

It is wonderful to see everyone again and especially exciting to be greeting our new children and families into Reception. We hope you will all be very happy here with us at Brixworth Primary School.

Staffing News

This year we have recruited two new teachers, Miss Bradley and Miss Homer, to our school. They have both settled in very well and begun to build great relationships with the children. In addition, we have appointed Mrs Brooks as a Modern Foreign Language teacher for two afternoons a week.

Mark Salter has also made a great start as our Site Supervisor and we are delighted to welcome back Carly Murray who will be working as a Teaching Assistant in the school.

School Curriculum

Once again we have an exciting and busy term ahead and key dates for the forthcoming year were issued in last week's Primary Word.

As a school we have identified some key curriculum areas which we will be particularly focusing on this year. These are:

Developing 'Talk for Writing' throughout the school.

Continuing to develop children's reading skills and handwriting.

Developing children's resilience, resourcefulness, reflectiveness and reciprocity.

On the school website, there is a whole school curriculum overview, which outlines the topics for the year. In addition to this, there will be a curriculum map for each phase uploaded soon that provides further information on the topic for this term.

In order to enhance your child's learning we will occasionally arrange trips or visitors to the school, which may have a cost. To help you plan we will provide you with an idea of the costs for the year, through Primary Word, in the next couple of weeks. Please note that if we do not receive sufficient funds to cover the cost of the trip or visitor then the activity will be cancelled.

Once again we would like to invite parents to come and see either a Maths or English lesson being taught in their child's class. These lessons will last for approximately 30 minutes. The dates for these sessions are listed below:

Year 1	Thursday	7 th November	9.10 – 9.40 am
Year 2	Tuesday	5 th November	9.10 – 9.40 am
Year 3	Tuesday	22 nd October	9.10 – 9.40 am
Year 4	Wednesday	16 th October	9.10 – 9.40 am
Year 5	Thursday	10 th October	9.10 – 9.40 am
Year 6	Thursday	24 th October	9.10 – 9.40 am

Concerns

We are extremely fortunate to have excellent relationships with the 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 speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Within the school there are 4 Phase Leaders who would also be able to deal with any concerns which you may have. They are:

Foundation Stage: Mrs Nourish
Year 1 and 2: Mrs Reynolds
Year 3 and 4: Mr Langford
Year 5 and 6: Miss Stockbridge

In addition, you are welcome to come and speak to me as I very much welcome your feedback.

The School Day

As the new term begins, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the school doors open at 8.50am and the register is taken at 9.00am. We encourage all children to arrive by 8.50am so that they can settle into class and start morning learning. Any child arriving after registration at 9.00am will be given a late mark, which is then closely monitored. Your support with getting your child to school on time is greatly appreciated as it impacts greatly on the start of lesson times.

At the beginning of term we informed you that we were shortening the length of the Key Stage 2 lunchtime to 45 minutes. After having trialled this for 2 weeks we have identified a few problems, the main one being fitting all the sittings into the lunch hall in the shorter amount of time. Therefore as from Monday 23rd September the lunchtime will begin at 12.05pm for Key Stage 2.

Attendance

Research commissioned by the Department for Education show missing school for even a day can mean a child is less likely to achieve good grades which can have a damaging effect on their life chances. At Brixworth Primary, our aim is to work with parents and carers to ensure that all our pupils receive the most from their education and reach their full potential.

In line with DFE and Local Authority (LA) policy, I am unable to authorise any family holiday in term-time and am only allowed to grant a leave of absence from school in exceptional circumstances. The Local Authority operates a system where any pupil will meet the criteria for legal intervention through the issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice where 5 days of school (10 consecutive school sessions), are taken as unauthorised holiday. If this occurs this will trigger a fine of £60 per parent, per child from the Local Authority. We really hope you can support us in ensuring your child/ren come to school every day they possibly can, so that they have the best possible chance of success in their formative school years.

I will be on the playground most mornings before school, so if you have any questions then please feel free to speak to me.

I would like to thank you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and pupils of this school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Kathryn Young

Celebration Assembly



Congratulations to the following children who won awards for consistently upholding one or more of the school values.

Excellence

Milla L, Bella F, Charlotte R,
Megan B, AJ McC

Aspiration

Lucas G

2019 RUGBY CAMPS

OCTOBER HALF TERM
FRANKLINS GARDENS
29th-31st October
3-DAY CAMP
£95

Includes visit from Saints players, Saints t-shirt,
Water bottle, Drawstring bag and camp passport
Contact 01604 599162 or
Community@northamptonsts.co.uk to book
SIBLING AND GROUP DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

AGES 6 - 16, BOOK NOW AT
WWW.NORTHAMPTONSAINTS.CO.UK/CAMPS

BRIXWORTH HARVEST SUPPER

Join us for a seasonal evening at the Brixworth Centre celebrating the annual harvest.

Three course meal with entertainment.

Please bring your own drinks

Tickets £12 per person

Available from *Brixworth Home & Hardware*
or 01604 882230

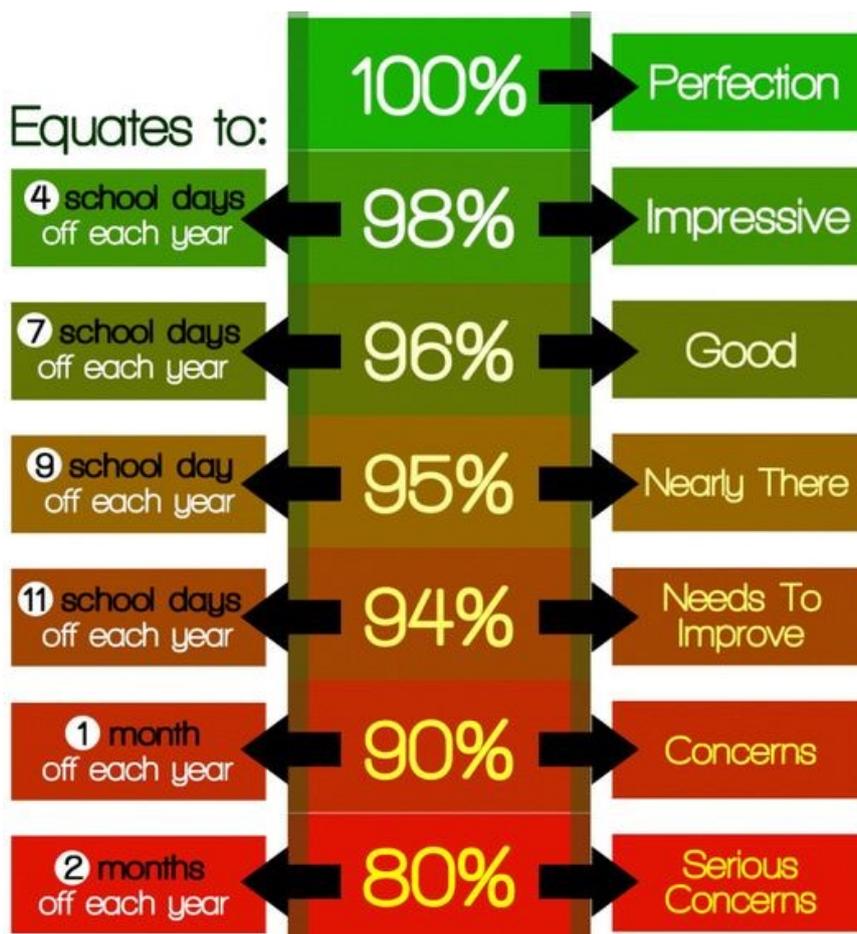
SAT 5TH OCT 7PM

www.brixworthchurch.com

Attendance

We would like to see pupils as close to 100% as possible but understand that at times, we all get sick. We strive to -

- Maintain an attendance rate of a minimum of 96%. This is the national average.
- Maintain parents' and pupils' awareness of the importance of regular attendance.
- Plan parent/carer meetings to talk about strategies to improve attendance where appropriate.
- Display key information about attendance around the school and celebrate high attendance.



School attendance data
2017-18

4.3% sessions missed due to absence, National 4.0%. Persistent absence 7.6%, National 8.3%
2016-17

4.1% sessions missed due to absence, National 4.0%. Persistent absence 5.3%, National 8.2%
2015-16

3.8% sessions missed due to absence, National 4.2%. Persistent absence 1.7%, National 3.2%

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 "Apply for Pupil Premium." You will be advised immediately if your claim is successful. Please let school know the reference number for your successful claim.

Years 3-6

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 Amanda Batchelor, Family Liaison Worker on 01604 883900.

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.

When you receive your data checking sheet please ensure you check all details, amend where necessary then sign and return the form.

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

Online Safety and Wellbeing

Phones, tablets, games and computers are all fantastic and so is the internet, but using the internet safely is very important.

If you can, try and remember **SELFIES** when you are online



Secure: make sure all your online accounts are secure from privacy settings to location



Evaluate: picking out what's real online and what isn't can be a real challenge at times, things can be very easily edited. Try and remember to think critically.



Likes: what was the last thing you posted online and the reasons behind it? Putting things on social media just for likes could affect your wellbeing.



Fun: enjoy your time online



Inform: if anything worries you online, you make a mistake online, or someone you don't know contacts you, make sure you tell someone.



Exchanging: be careful what you share online and who with, from images to messages, once its sent it can't be deleted.



Sleep: a good night's sleep is vital for us all, make sure you are coming away from technology before you go to bed.

