

# PRIMARY WORD

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## Events for the week beginning 2nd December 2019

Monday	9.00 - 10.30	<b>Woodwind Lessons</b>	Music Room 2	Miss Gunn
	9.00 - 12.00	<b>Yr 3/4 Gymnastics Competition (Selected pupils)</b>		Miss Homer
	12.00 - 1.00	<b>Change for Life selected pupils Yr 6</b>	School Field	Pacesetters
	12.00 - 3.30	<b>Guitar Lessons</b>	Music Room 2	Miss Parker
	2.45 - 3.45	<b>Football match v Long Buckby</b>	School Field	Mrs Reynolds
	3.30 - 4.30	<b>Running Club KS2</b>	School Field	Mrs Devereux Mrs Varrier
	3.35 - 4.45	<b>Freestyle Soccer Group 1</b>	Main Hall	Mr Rust
4.50 - 5.50	<b>Freestyle Soccer Group 2</b>	Main Hall	Mr Rust	
Tuesday	9.00 - 3.30	<b>Rocksteady Music</b>	Music Room 2	Mr Grainger
	9.10 - 9.30	School Council	Meeting room	Mrs Hancock
	2.00 - 3.00	<b>Cello Lessons</b>	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
	3.30 - 4.30	Brass Band - selected children	IR Classroom	Mr Rayner
	6.30 - 8.00	<b>Taekwon-do</b>	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
6.30 - 7.30	<b>Weight - Watchers</b>	Small Hall	Mrs Middleton	
Wednesday	12.30 - 1.00	KS1 Choir	HD Classroom	Mrs Devereux Mrs Willis
	1.00 - 3.00	<b>Notivate (Selected Yr 6 pupils)</b>	Music Room	Mr Bowman
	3.35 - 4.20	<b>Spanish Club</b>	LC Classroom	Mrs Brooks
	6.00 - 8.00	<b>Christmas Carol Concert</b>	Main Hall	Mrs Marsh
Thursday	8.50 - 1.20	<b>Guitar Lessons</b>	Music Room 2	Mr Draper
	3.30 - 4.15	KS2 Choir	Main Hall	Mrs Marsh Mrs Varrier
	3.30 - 4.30	<b>Community Club - selected Yr 2</b>	Boniface House	Mrs Sparkes Miss Redgwell
	5.30 - 8.45	<b>Taekwon-do</b>	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Friday	8.15 - 2.30	<b>Notivate Recording day - selected pupils</b>	The Stables	Mrs Marsh
	9.00 - 12.00	<b>Violin/Viola Lessons</b>	Music Room 2	Mr Ebrahim
	12.15 - 12.50	<b>Change for Life selected pupils Yr 6</b>	School Field	Pacesetters
	12.30 - 1.00	Anti-bullying Group	VW Classroom	Mrs Walter
	12.30 - 1.00	<b>Orchestra selected pupils</b>	Music Room 2	Mr Ebrahim Mrs Marsh
	12.45 - 3.15	<b>Year 5 Swimming</b>	Lings Forum	Mr Rayner Mrs McCrory
Saturday	9.00 - 2.00	<b>Taekwon-do</b>	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Sunday	10.30 - 11.45	<b>Brixworth Community Church Informal Service</b>		Rev Andy Lloyd Williams

### Brigade Uniform

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### Assembly Theme

Week Commencing:  
2nd December 2019  
**Advent**

**Attendance class of the week:  
18th - 22nd November 2019  
99.3%**

**Mrs Willis Mrs Walter**

### Staffing Update Autumn Term

Sadly, during this term we have said goodbye to Mrs Batchelor, our Family Support Worker, to take up a new, wider role, within this field. Amanda has been a fantastic part of our team, in various roles, for 14 years. During this time, she has worked tirelessly, to make a great difference to the lives of many children and their families. I would like to thank Amanda for all her hard work and I know she will be greatly missed.

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Pirie has been teaching in the school for one day a week and will officially return from her maternity leave in January on a part time contract. She will be replacing Mrs Marsh's teaching days in Foundation Stage.

Mrs Marsh will concentrate fulltime on her Inclusion Manager role and will incorporate the Family Support Worker brief within this time. Therefore, if you have any concerns you would have shared with Mrs Batchelor please see Mrs Marsh with them.

Mr Rayner is unfortunately leaving us at the end of this term to commence a new role. We wish him all the success in the future and thank him for his contribution towards our school. As his class have already been informed, I will share the arrangements for the class going forward as soon as they are finalised.

In addition to the above, this term sees the departure of three, very long standing, Midday Supervisors. Mrs Wilson left us in September after 24 years at the school, Mrs Dickens after 15 years and in December Mrs Greasley will be leaving us following 22 years' service. Staff and pupils alike will miss them. I am sure you will join me in wishing them well as they embark on pastures new.

*Kathryn Young*

### School Governors

Should you wish to speak to a School Governor please contact the clerk on [Governors@brixworth.northants.sch.uk](mailto:Governors@brixworth.northants.sch.uk) who will pass your details on to the appropriate Governor. A list of the members of the Governing Board can be found on the School Website



**We raised £108.47 for the  
Royal British Legion  
Thank you**

### Measles, Chicken pox and Shingles

One of our pupils has a weak immune system which puts them at risk if they are exposed to Measles, Chicken pox, Shingles, or any other illness which may be infectious to others.

Please do not send your child to school if you suspect they have any of the above or any other serious illness which may be infectious to others and let the school know immediately.

It is also important that you let us know if there is shingles in your household.

Your child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and well-being of our pupil who is at risk does depend on the co-operation of all other parents and we hope you can help us.

### Christmas Card Post Box



*The Christmas Post box is at the top of the ramp.*

Pupils can post Christmas cards for other pupils of the school in the post box. They will then be delivered to classrooms by pupils at the end of each day.

To help with the delivery of the cards please make sure that all cards clearly show the **full name and class** of the receiving child.

# Celebration Assembly



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

## Respect

Jamie Y

## Excellence

Bella G, Jamie Y, Amelie W

## Aspiration

Bella G, Jamie Y, Molly-Bea W, Harry H, Charlie B, Ted O

## Inclusion

Edward F, Jamie Y, Finn S

## Christingle

Foundation Stage children are attending their Christingle service on **Thursday 19th December** at **All Saints Church**.



Parents and friends are most welcome to join us and should meet us in the church by **10.30 am**.

**If any parents are able to accompany us in walking to and from the church please contact your child's teacher.**

## Praise Letters

Congratulations to the following children on receiving a praise letter from their teacher last week:

Lucas L, Samuel N, Jake L, Abigail N, Xander K, Caitlin G, Lucy C, Millie R, Harry S, Harvey R, Megan B, Emily O'T, Lilly j, Molly D, Thomas C

## Join us for Christmas Carols, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

On **Wednesday 4th December** at **6.00pm** the school's KS1 and KS2 choirs will be singing carols in the school hall.

Everyone is invited to this informal evening where we will be singing along with the choir.



Christmas Jumper day is on **Friday 13th December**. Children will be invited to wear a **Christmas Jumper** to school, with their school uniform, in support of Save the Children.

## Parking

Please can we remind you that parking is not permitted in the service road between Froxhill Crescent and St Davids Close (where the yellow gate is). This is a private road owned by the residents.

# Duxford Imperial War Museum

When we got to the museum we dropped off our baggage and began to look at the main section of building 1 which was based on aircraft. Each plane had a number on it and went up to 8000. We went upstairs and used the interactive demonstrations of how a plane flies and how the plane gains electricity.

Then we went to hangar 4 which was all about The Battle of Britain. In hangar 4 was a Morrison Shelter with wax people inside and a voice recording of a family from WWII. There was a wall of interesting facts next to a video of the British Army in WWII. Finally we went to a room with a glass tank full of common weaponry during the war and drawers holding medals that were awarded during WWII. One of them looked like an oversized ten pence coin.

The class really enjoyed the trip and we learnt even more about WWII and aircraft.

By Katie B and Bella G Yr 6



# Squash Competition



On Friday the 22nd November some people from year 3 and 4 went to learn squash at Daventry. We sat down in pairs in the minibus. When we arrived we sat down and listened to David who explained what we were doing. There were five schools and four activities. As soon as he finished talking David showed us our first court. Our favourite activity was cups and castles and the relays.

**Amelie V and Holly P Yr 3**



# Kurling competition



On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, Darcy Jones, Ava Miller, Luke Pointer and George Franklin went to Champion School for a New Age Kurling competition. There were thirteen teams competing and these were grouped into pools. Three matches were played to decide the winner of each pool. Brixworth got off to a good start with a 6-0 win. Unfortunately, that was the only success. After the pool matches two more matches were played to determine overall positions. Brixworth came 9<sup>th</sup> out of 13. The children played extremely well and enjoyed themselves.

**Keith Langford**



**E-safety**

It has come to light that some of the children are using the app tiktok. While we appreciate that it is parental choice which apps they allow their children to access there are age restrictions associated with such apps. We would encourage you to talk openly about the use of social media apps with your children and the effects it can have. Here is a parent's guide about the app tiktok:

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips – typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips. Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly, before it was rebranded by the Chinese company ByteDance that acquired it in November 2017. If your child had previously had a Musical.ly account, all of their videos and personal settings will have automatically been moved to TikTok. In early 2019, TikTok was hit with a record \$5.7m (£4.2m) fine in the US over child data privacy concerns for its record keeping while under the Musical.ly brand.

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# What parents need to know about TIKTOK



## ONLINE PREDATORS

By default, users accounts are automatically set to public when they first create an account. TikTok encourages users to share creative expression through their videos, but if posted publicly, anyone in the world can see your child's homemade content. There have also been concerns the Chinese government could access data or sway public opinion through the app. If your child's profile is open, strangers can use the app to comment on your child's videos. While this isn't always sinister, it gives potential predators the ability to contact your child through the platform.

## IN-APP PURCHASES

As with many apps, there's a paid element to TikTok. Users can buy virtual coins to be exchanged for virtual gifts – for example, if they like a specific video, your child can use coins to purchase emojis to show approval. These can be expensive and easily purchased – there is the option to buy 10,000 coins for £99.99 with a one-click buy button.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok lets users lip-sync to their favourite songs and produce their own music videos. Some of the music choices contain swear words or sexual themes. So not only can children be exposed to potentially inappropriate content but they can broadcast themselves miming or singing these lyrics. In addition to this, some of the outfits and dance moves in videos can be overtly sexual and provocative. There have also been reports of some users sharing concerning content, such as videos that promote anorexia, porn, self-harm and violence.

## BEING INFLUENCED

More than one third of children aged 6-17 consider 'social media stars' to be among their top role models. There are millions of creators on TikTok, showcasing their 'talents, moments and knowledge', from singing to dancing to stunts and comedy skits, which receive thousands of likes and comments from around the world, quickly turning people into 'stars'. There is the danger that children may develop unrealistic expectations of how they should look and behave on the app in order to become the next 'star'. They may have feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem or become swayed by certain opinions. On TikTok, there are always 'trending challenges' and hashtags that users can copy or build upon. Sometimes these challenges can pose risks to young people.



**National Online Safety**



# Top Tips for Parents

## DISCUSS THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING

Encourage your child to always think before they do, say, like or post anything online. Explain that their 'digital footprint' shapes their online reputation and the way that other people see them. Something they may find funny and entertaining now may impact them in the future. Talk about how to deal with peer pressure and how doing something they think will impress others could affect them. Remind them that they do not have to do anything they are not comfortable with. To ensure that there's no way of anyone tracking your child's location or identity, make it clear to them that they should never film a video in their school uniform or near a landmark that gives away where they live.

## HANDLING CRITICISM

While it's fantastic to see your child being creative and expressive and bonding with people with similar interests, they need to be aware that not everyone will be supportive online. Comments can be negative or even cruel. Make sure your child knows how to comment respectfully and handle negative feedback. In the app's Privacy and Safety settings, your child can decide who can react to their videos, who can comment, and who can send them private chat messages. We suggest altering these settings so only their friends can interact with their posts.

## REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you or your child sees something inappropriate on TikTok, you can flag up an account, video, comment or chat by simply tapping 'Report'. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there's also an 'Enhanced Restricted Mode', limiting appearance of videos which may be inappropriate.

## USE A PRIVATE ACCOUNT

Setting up a private account means that only people who you and your child approve of can see their creations. To make an account private, tap the three dots at the top right of the screen to access settings. Click 'Privacy and Safety'. Scroll down until you find 'Private Account' and turn this setting on.

## SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE

When signing up, users are prompted to input a their date of birth. If the inputted date of birth means your child is under 13, the app will block them. However, this doesn't prevent your child from lying about their age. The app is intended for users aged 13+, so explain the rating is there for a reason; to keep them protected from online dangers. It is actually possible to watch TikTok videos without creating an account, so make sure your child, if under 13, hasn't downloaded it.

## USE THE 'DIGITAL WELLBEING' SETTING

If you're concerned about how long your child is spending on TikTok, it has a setting called 'Digital Wellbeing' which allows you to manage the amount of screen time your child can have. We also advise that you turn off push notifications in the settings to prevent your child from receiving 'spam-like' notifications from TikTok that encourage users to go on the app.

## DISCUSS IN-APP PURCHASES

To lower the risk of your child making accidental in-app purchases, teach them exactly what in-app purchases are and the risks of making them without permission. Tell them that they are not essential to enjoy the app and that if they want to make a purchase, they should always ask you beforehand. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is the option to disable the function of purchasing coins and sending gifts.

Users can also follow the account @tiktoktips, Tik Tok's official account fronted by established Tik Tok users which offers useful online safety tips for promoting safety on its platform, rather than hiding information in FAQs.

SOURCES: support.musical.ly/knowledge-base/community-guidelines, edition.cnn.com/2019/02/28/tech/tiktok-ftc-fine-children, techcrunch.com/2019/02/27/tiktok-is-launching-a-series-of-online-safety-videos-in-its-app, theguardian.com/technology/2019/feb/28/tiktok-video-sharing-app-fined-for-collection-of-childrens-data, tiktok.app - Apple App Store, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TikTok, mediapost.com/publications/article/2119720/social-media-stars-influence-kids-but-parents-still.html, metro.co.uk/2017/03/17/musically-everything-you-need-to-know-about-the-app-your-children-are-obsessed-with-6516068/, youtube.com/watch?v=aN05s4FCdUs, youtube.com/watch?v=YVcZ1ZQ4kM, static.musicdn.com/website/pdf/creatorPlaybook.pdf, youtube.com/watch?v=8tAlQOCNtM



## PTA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2019



A HUGE thank you to everyone who attended the  
PTA's Christmas Bazaar.  
It was so lovely to see you all!

The PTA Committee would like to express particular thanks to the following who helped enormously in the setting up and running of the event: -

- The PTA Committee members and Parent Helpers – events like this would simply not happen without your support – thank you for everything
- Teachers, members of staff and Year 6 children who helped out on the day
- The fabulous ladies in the school office who have helped us tirelessly
- Miss Dobson who made sure everyone got their entrance tickets and to see Father Christmas
- Mrs Young and Mr Salter for their continual support and help
- To Mrs Jacks and the Computer Club for producing amazing posters
- To all of the children who chose to wear mufti clothes in exchange for a gift or donation towards to Bazaar. Without you and your parent's kind generosity and support many of the stalls we run wouldn't happen
- Father Christmas for taking time out of his hectic schedule, the children loved seeing you, and to Mrs Sparkes and her elves for making sure he got to see all the children on time.
- To all our external Stallholders! We hope it was a fun and busy event!

And finally, thank you to all the businesses and parents who contributed to our raffle, including Blasons Garage for sponsoring our Toys and Games stalls.

It was amazing to see so many local businesses supporting our event.

Horts Estate Agents	Wilson Browne
Able Mortgages	Bull Dog and Bear
Boden	Raybell & Sons
Beckworth Emporium	Tesco Extra
Emma Saxton - Beauty by Emma	Brixworth Community Church
Waitrose	The Hub
Becca Perry Body Shop	Pip Peach Design
Mighty Magnus	Paris Robinson - Shine with P
AMC Electrical	Rob Rowe
Mercedes	Ann Foley -The Feel Good Factory Holistics
Freddie Fudge - Flat Cap Cabs	Lisa Smith Love Nails
KP Oven Clean	Paul Blakemore
Louisa Nycz at Cakery Bay	Pinnacle Climbing
Pro-move Relocation Ltd	

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas!

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