



PRIMARY WORD

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Events for week beginning 2nd October 2023

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Taken By
Mon		<u>Flu Vaccination</u>		
	15.30-16.30	Yr 1-4 Freestyle Soccer	School Field	Freestyle
Tue	12.15-13.15	Home Learning Club	Miss de Rossi's Classroom	Miss de Rossi
	12.15-12.45	Beginners Recorder Club	Miss Duckworth's Classroom	Miss Duckworth
	13.45-15.00	Notivate (Selected Children)	Small Hall	John Bowman
	15.30-16.30	Yr 5/6 Football	School Field	Mrs Reynolds
	18.15-20.00	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Wed	09.00-11.00	Yr 3, 5/6 Guitar	Library	Mr Smith
	18.00-19.00	FS Parents Phonics Evening	Main Hall	FS Teachers
	19.00-20.00	PTA AGM	Main Hall	PTA
Thurs	09.00-11.20	Yr 3/4 Guitar	Library	Mr Smith
	10.00-15.00	Peterborough Cathedral - Yr5 Choir	Peterborough	Mr Tyler
	13.10-14.10	Woodwind	Library	Miss Retford
	15.30-16.15	KS2 Choir	Main Hall	Mrs Varrier & Mrs Marsh
	15.30-16.30	Yr 1-4 Freestyle Dodgeball	School Field	Freestyle
	17.30-19.45	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Fri	09.00-10.20	Violin	Library	Mr Ebrahim
	12.30-15.00	Selected YR5 Swimming	The Mounts	Mrs Reynolds
	15.30-16.30	YR3-6 Freestyle Dodgeball	School Field	Freestyle
Sun	10.30-11.30	Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service	Main Hall	Rev Andy Lloyd Williams

Reminders

Data Collection Sheets

If you still have your child's data collection sheet please return it to school as soon as possible. If we do not receive the signed Acceptable Use Agreement your child may not be able to use the school technology.

Parents Evenings

Monday 9th October 3.45pm - 6.15pm
Wednesday 11th October 4.30pm - 7.00pm

Appointments are now available to be booked via ParentMail.

Please ensure you make an appointment for each of your children who attend the school.

Bag2School Clothing Donations

Your child has been sent home with the Bag2School donation bag this week.



If you wish to donate any unwanted, good quality clothing or accessories please fill the bag with your donated items and return to your child's classroom on **Tuesday 10th October.**

If you fill the donation bag and have extra items please feel free to use your own bags. The more you donate, the more money we raise for new school resources!

PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA AGM will be held on **Wednesday 4th October at 7pm**. This is an opportunity to discuss previous successes and future events. Everyone is welcome.

Foundation Stage Phonics Evening **Wednesday 4th October at 6.00pm - Main Hall**

We are holding a phonics evening for parents of children in Foundation Stage on the above date. The teaching of phonics is a vital part of children's yearly learning and is central to their reading and writing development. As such we believe it would be extremely beneficial for parents / carers to come along to see how the phonics process works. We will be explaining what phonics are, why and how we teach them and what you can do to help your child at home.

School Photos

Photo proofs have been sent home with your child this week. Please place your order by **Tuesday 10th October** for your photos to be delivered to school free of charge. After this date there will be an additional delivery charge for postage to a home address.

Harvest Service - Thursday 19th October 2023

Year 1 children will be going to **All Saints Church** in Brixworth on the morning of **Thursday 19th October** to celebrate Harvest.

The remaining year groups will celebrate Harvest in the school hall.

We plan to distribute harvest gifts to senior citizens in the village or to any family who may benefit from such a gift. If you would like to make a contribution please can you kindly ensure that your donation is in a form suitable for use by a Senior Citizen.

Made up boxes/baskets are most welcome as are individual items that we can then make up into boxes at school.

(Please avoid large, perishable items, and check use by dates of food donated.)

Donations should be taken to your child's classroom by Thursday 19th October.

Year 6 children, supervised by members of staff, will then deliver the donations to the individuals concerned on **Friday 20th October**.

Using information from yourselves and the Wardens of the Senior Citizens' establishments in the village, we have compiled a list of persons to receive your harvest donations.

Further additions and amendments to the list may be made by contacting the school office. Please note this year we would also welcome details of any families who may benefit from a harvest parcel.

The Song of the Week
This week is...

Shine A Light by McFly



Assembly Theme Week Commencing 2nd October 2023 Be the Best You Can Be Physical Bee

Celebration Assembly

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



Academically

Noah B
Silvana A
Seren E
Isla V



Socially

Brody C

Emotionally

Jolan F

We're making our own Christmas Cards

This year our school children will be creating their own personalised Christmas Card designs. Parents will be able to purchase the cards in packs of 12 at a great price, whilst also helping the school to raise additional funds. So there's no need to buy your Christmas Cards anywhere else!

From just one drawing you can order lots of different products and help to raise funds for your school.

mugs, bags, cards, tea towels, wrapping paper, gift bags

Class Fundraising Tel: 01 642 489000 www.classfundraising.co.uk

School Christmas Cards

We know it is early, but - Hold fire on buying your Christmas cards!

We are running an art project again this year where each pupil will be asked to create a piece of Christmas art. The resulting masterpieces will then be available for parents to purchase as very high quality greetings cards, writing paper, gift wrap, gift labels, posters or canvases.

We are very excited to see the resulting art work and creativity of our children. And what's more every pack helps raise money for our school.

Dear Parents and Carers,

For a number of years now the school has had a whole school vision linked to our Christian ethos. This is:

Be the Best You Can Be – academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually within a safe, healthy, inspirational and enjoyable environment.

It is linked to the bible verse below, taken from Ephesians 2.10.



This vision for all our school family being the 'best they can be' is very important to us and something we want the children to really focus on. At the same time the school also had nine Christian Values that ran through each term and four additional values that we used in our celebration assemblies. These were 'Excellence, Aspiration, Inclusion and Respect.

Having thirteen different values that did not particularly link to the vision was a little confusing and not easy for the children to remember. Over the summer term we looked at our vision and values to see how we could make it clearer for the children.

We have, of course, kept our vision but we have decided to link our celebration assembly to the five areas that we want the children to be their 'best in'. So now each class will have a fortnightly award, just as before, but linked to one of these aspects, Academic, Social, Physical, Emotional and Spiritual.

To make these more child friendly we have used the artwork, that was in the school, that links the vision to actual bees. Our School 'Bees'.

In addition to this change, we did speak with all the staff and the children about what they felt were the main values we should have in our school. From their input we have selected eight to use across our school year in worships and as part of our half termly focus. The values selected are:

Our School Bees



Love, Peace, Courage, Thankfulness, Kindness, Service, Forgiveness and Truth.

I know the children will embrace these changes and will to continue to strive to be their very best.

Mr Tyler.