

ACADEMY NEWS

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Congratulations Mrs White!

This is the first chance I have had to comment in writing about the governor's decision to appoint Mrs White as my successor Headteacher. As I'm sure you would expect I'm delighted that Louise is taking up the role in September, obviously I have offered her my congratulations privately and I am now taking the opportunity to do so publically. I can assure you that in my professional opinion, as well as my personal one, she has all the skills and qualities to be a fantastic Headteacher and I'm thrilled to be leaving the school in such capable hands. She will, I have no doubt ensure that our school continues to go from strength to strength.

Mrs White has already made a massive contribution to Brill School as part of the Senior leadership team and that makes the job of handover all the easier and we will be working together closely over the next 3 months to make it a smooth and seamless transition.

You'll have worked out that as a result of Mrs White's appointment we need to appoint a new Yr 6 teacher for next year: that process is now underway and we have already received expressions of interest—I'll update you with any news in due course.

Parking / driving down The Firs: Groundhog day!

You must be bored of reading it and I am certainly tired of writing it, but yet again I have received comments from residents of The Firs concerning the inappropriate and dangerous speed of drivers at school drop off and pick up times. (With the permission of the people involved, I'd like to share one of two of the comments emailed to me in recent weeks— names are withheld to protect the innocent!)

"There appears to be too many cars (normally late parents) zooming down the firs and parking by the garages."

"I can't let my eldest (nearly 9) walk the short distance to school because I'm scared about him crossing the bit of road by the garages."

"The parking marshals you had a while ago seemed to work for a short while."

Ladies and Gentlemen—Please, I urge you—think about your actions; you do not want a badly injured child on your conscience! Following other similar feedback the Yr 6 parking marshals will be returning to The Firs very soon!

Art on the Hill a great success!

I know many of you enjoyed visiting school last weekend for our annual art extravaganza 'Art on the Hill'. As always the PTA did an amazing job; putting on such a large and complex event is no mean feat! Friday's preview evening was a real highlight for me personally, particularly as it was the last time I shall attend as Headteacher (although I very much hope to be there next year

as a visitor). The early indications are that it was a very successful evening (and weekend). On behalf of the staff and pupils I'd like to offer a huge thanks to all involved, to all the volunteers who performed a multitude of different roles at 'front of house', to visitors who led workshops and those who sold coffee or cakes, to those who hoovered, and set up before/tidied up afterwards— Thankyou!

But my biggest thanks (and congratulations) are reserved for Liz Cotgreave who led and coordinated the whole thing so very effectively and, it has to be said, so very calmly!

*I had a massive ego [at youth]. Massive. But that's not such a bad thing. Because at least you're aspiring to be something, you consider yourself great because you want to be great.
Prince (RIP) 1996*

Notices

HM Queen Elizabeth II : 90th Birthday

Yesterday, as I'm sure you're aware, Her Majesty the Queen celebrated her 90th birthday. To commemorate this historic royal event, we held a special assembly in school and with the generous support of Brill Parish Council are pleased to present every pupil with a commemorative medal to keep and remember the occasion by.

Headlice

Sadly, unpleasant as they are, headlice are a fact of life in Primary schools. Many parents are worried about their child getting head lice and I'm sure you hate getting the dreaded headlice alert letter! But there are things you can do to slow down or stop repeated infections in school— It is very important to check your child's head for lice regularly and treat them if necessary, especially if you know they are present in your child's class, it only works if everyone does it!

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/head-lice>

Breakfast Club

We are losing a key member of staff at the end of this term and if we cannot recruit someone to replace them we will not be able to continue providing this service. If you know of a person who is able to work for one hour every morning during term time from 7.30-8.30am this is the job for them! Please see the attached advert for more details.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The deadline is looming for collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers, and our collection box is looking woefully empty. Please do send any vouchers that you have lurking at home in to school with your children. Last year we were able to 'buy' several items of sports equipment with the vouchers that were collected, including balance kits, target games, and sequencing spots. There are several larger items on our 'wish list' that would make a great addition to our PE equipment, so please do continue to collect until the deadline on 3rd May, and then send your vouchers in to school.

Charity fundraising success

Well done to Lula S, Eavie F and Tilly J from year 4 who raised a whopping £500+ (for Cancer Research) at The Pantry (in Piddington) on Saturday.

They worked incredibly hard, showed great citizenship and commitment to their cause and should be very proud of themselves.

Prayer Space

The children will be spending time in Prayer Space at school next week, and we would like to invite parents and young children to come into school to enjoy Prayer Space as well on Wednesday 27th April. They can drop in any time between 2.15 and 3.15pm.

School Photos

Van Cols will be coming into school to photograph the children on Tuesday 3rd May.

High 5 Club

A reminder that there will be no High 5 Club on Monday 25th to allow the (parent) coaches to attend the Breatton Park Meeting.

Two week diary

w/c 25th April

Monday	No High 5 Club 3.00-4.00 Yr5&6 Boreatton Park Meeting
Tuesday	3.15–4.15 Computer Xplorers (Yr1,2,3)
Wednesday	2.15–3.15 Prayer Space Parent Drop In 3.15–4.15 Computer Xplorers (Yr4,5,6)
Thursday	3.00-4.15pm Rugby Tots Yr1&2 3.00-4.00 pm Dance Club Yr5&6
Friday	3.00-4.45 pm Friday Club

w/c 2nd May

Monday	Bank holiday—school closed
Tuesday	School Photos 3.15–4.15 Computer Xplorers (Yr1,2,3)
Wednesday	3.15–4.15 Computer Xplorers (Yr4,5,6)
Thursday	Yr1 Trip to Meadow Farm 3.00-4.15pm Rugby Tots Yr1&2 3.00-4.00 PM Dance Club Yr5&6
Friday	3.00-4.45 pm Friday Club