



Braunston C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Bad weather

We regret that we were unable to open on Monday because of bad weather. Mr Allcott, our site supervisor, worked incredibly hard to get a safe pathway organised around the school grounds and we are grateful to him since this meant we were able to re-open the next day. Thank you also for bearing with us whilst school was closed and most of all thank you to those adults who braved the dreadful weather to join us for the first of our Christmas Performances. It was a great way to start our morning and I know that the whole school welcomed your support in difficult circumstances. We are looking forward to two further Christmas performances this week and this evening's performance by the children in the Years 2 and 3 choir at Holy Cross Church, Daventry.

Launch of New Braunston CE Primary School website

In response to parental requests for improved communication between school and home, we are delighted to launch our new website for the school which will be easier for us to keep up to date and for you to access for information. The new website address is www.braunstonprimary.org.uk

We will be updating the website on a regular basis and welcome any feedback you give us on what you would find helpful. We are very busy with various events between now and the end of term, so please do keep checking the school calendar on this website to ensure that you know what is happening each day. All of the information has already been shared with you via the school newsletter except that, in response to a request from the School Council and the Anti-Bullying Committees, we have agreed that on **Friday 15th December 2017** the children may wear a Christmas jumper or other Christmassy item of clothing. You do not need to go out and buy a Christmas jumper/outfit. It could be that your child wears Christmas socks or puts some tinsel in their hair. We are not collecting any donations – it is a fun event for the children to tie in with Christmas lunch for those children who have ordered it.

Launch of Braunston CE Primary School App

We are also very pleased to launch a Braunston School App which provides an additional source of communication between us. Please see the app letter attached which explains how to download the app if you wish to do so. The app will automatically alert you to any events that have been put on the website school calendar. As the app becomes embedded within school, we will also be able to post school news on the app. There are links to the school website and parentpay.

Rev Sarah's Leaving Assembly

We were very sad to say "Goodbye" to Reverend Sarah last week. She has been a huge support to the school not least in helping us to achieve our "Outstanding" judgement in our recent SIAMS inspection. Not only has she given her time every Wednesday to lead Collective Worship in school in addition to the church services she hosts but she has very willingly supported us in our teaching of Religious Education by visiting school and talking to the children including taking part in science versus faith debates. She has always been pragmatic in her approach and has won not only the respect but the affection of staff and children alike.

All of the children prepared a class "thank you" which they performed during Collective Worship. Here are some of the Year 5 limericks.

*There was a young vicar called Brown,
Who lived in a really small town.
We heard she was leaving,
The staff were all grieving.
And the children all felt very down.*

By Jack

*There was a young vicar called Brown,
Who liked dressing up as a clown.
She painted her nose,
As red as a rose.
And never did wear a frown.*

By Bethany

Rev Sarah will be leading our Carol Service in the Church on Monday 18th December 2017 and you are very welcome to join us for this service.

Sport

We have had two fabulous sporting successes since the last newsletter. A group of twenty year five and six children came second out of fourteen schools in the Daventry Sportshall Athletics. A team from our Hotshots basketball club also came second in a fiercely contested tournament. We are very proud of all of the children.



Music

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust came into school with a Rock Band. All of the children listened to the music and then NMPAT led a workshop for year 6 and Braunston Quavers.



School Nursing Team

The school nursing team sent us seven professionals to administer the flu nasal spray vaccination to children in the year groups from Reception to Year 4. We are incredibly lucky that this is available to our children on the NHS. The team were very caring to the children and we thank them for this fabulous service.



Achievements

Pupil of the Week			Our School Values - Relationships		Playground Behaviour Awards	
	17.11.17	24.11.17	17.11.17	24.11.17		
R	Clayton	Merin	Alicia	Peter	Billy, Enzo	Logan
1	Isobelle	Harry	Noah	Chloe	Annabelle	Daisy
2	Charlie	Sienna	Imogen	Annabelle	Madison Bethan	Noah, Rachel,
3	Thomas	Owen	Jacob	Ray		
4	Freya	Ellie	Pippa	Lily		
5	Eddie	Ted	Jazmin	Jemima		
6	Hayley	Joshua	Angelina	Holly		
<u>Best Attendance Years 5, 1</u>						

Pupil of the Week			Our School Values - Relationships		Playground Behaviour Awards
	1.12.17	8.12.17	1.12.17	8.12.17	
R	Henry	Tilly	Billy	Cruz	Pippa
1	Ayva	Alfie	Loui	Alex	Annabelle, Oscar, Oliver Olly, Jacob, Zane
2	Nicole	Jacob	Oliver	Nicole	
3	Alex	Alex	Ella	Andrei	
4	Pippa	Finnley	Sophie	Karvel	Jack
5	Dylan	Harvey	Billy	Jack	
6	Ella	Emily	Brooke	Emily	
Best Attendance Years 3, 4					

Maths Reasoning and Problem Solving Days

We are delighted that on 4th January 2018, The Happy Puzzle Company are running one of its Puzzle Challenge Days to enable the children to develop independent learning skills, communication skills, strategic thinking and problem solving. All children will have the opportunity to participate in problem solving using a variety of practical resources; solving problems through play. This links with our whole school focus of creating mathematical reasoning opportunities throughout the curriculum. The Happy Puzzle Company will run a shop after school selling a unique and fun collection of award winning 3-D puzzles, games and challenges for both children and adults from 3.30 pm to 4.00 pm. Please find attached your flyer with a £5 discount. For more information please follow this link www.happypuzzle/co.uk.

Countdown to Christmas

We very much hope that you will be able to join us for one or more of the Christmas events we have planned between now and the end of term. Parental support for the Christmas Fayre organised by FOBS and the Christmas Hoops and Baubles has been wonderful.



Some of the family Christmas wishes, reflections and prayers are:

“For no-one to be alone at Christmas” – Terri family

“Happiness and love” – Frankie Castell

“Peace, health, happiness and acceptance of all in the world” – Oliver Bennett

“Shine like a candle and never lose hope for every long journey needs the first step” – Shipley family

“No more wars” – Willow and Fiorenzo Smith

Children in the Worship Team will be reading out some more of the bauble messages during our Carol Service.

Tuesday 12 th December	9.30 am Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 th December	2.00 pm Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 th December	6.00 pm Year 2 and 3 School Choir at Holy Cross Church Daventry for Area Carol Service
Thursday 14 th December	5.30 pm Christmas Performance
Friday 15 th December	Wear something Christmassy. Christmas lunch for those who have ordered it.
Monday 18 th December	9.30 am Carol Service at All Saints Church Braunston – all welcome
Tuesday 19 th December	Class parties and special visitor in the afternoon
Wednesday 20 th December	9.30 am Carols Around The Tree followed by refreshments with Friends of Braunston School
Wednesday 20 th December	School closes at 3.15 pm. After School Club until 5.30 pm.
Wednesday 3 rd January 2018	School closed for Staff Training Day
Thursday 4 th January 2018	School re-opens to children. Breakfast club at 8.50 am Reasoning days across the school today and on Friday.

The Christmas Advent windows will be opened over the course of the week. Please do have a look around the windows in school once the weather has cleared. The pictures in the windows retell the Christmas Story in words and very beautiful pictures made by the children.

The children will be continuing with their curriculum work. This includes whole school foci in reasoning in maths, writing linked to the John Lewis Monster Christmas advert and exploring the Christmas story in depth in Religious Education.

Kind Regards.
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Headteacher