



# Braunston C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Poetry Jam

As part of the English curriculum our children need to listen to, discuss, respond to, perform and write poetry. More importantly, poetry develops a love of language and rhythm and helps the children to cultivate a love of reading and experimenting with language.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April we held our third Braunston Poetry Jam. Each class held their own poetry jam in their classrooms so that they had the opportunity to practise their class poems and for all children to share their own poems with their classmates. Later in the day we held our whole school Poetry Jam. The hall was filled with family and friends who came to support all of the children taking part. Each class performed a class poem followed by a few children who shared their chosen poem with our audience. We had a lovely variety of different poems about Mummies and Manners, The Morning Rush and The City Sleeping. Thank you to everyone who learnt a poem, to the adults that came to share the event and the children who listened to each other.

I liked the poetry jam because even though I felt nervous I was still excited. I liked sharing 'Rainbow Unicorn'.  
Ruby

It felt exciting to be reading my poem in front of the whole school and parents and being selected for our class. It took a lot of effort to practise. I felt nervous. However, I enjoyed reading 'It's raining in my bedroom'.  
Clayton

I enjoyed that I got to read it aloud.  
Georgia

I liked the poetry jam because I liked the funny parts in the 'Cheese Sandwich' poem.  
George

I liked the actions we did as a class.  
Christoph

It was interesting. I learnt a lot of new, exciting poems and I had a lot of fun with my friends.

I liked all the classes sharing their poems with each other and when you were not reading a poem you could listen to poems people had worked hard on.  
Pippa

### **Parent Drop in Session**

We were delighted to welcome family and friends to our drop in session yesterday. The children very much enjoy sharing their learning and love having the opportunity to read with you. At Braunston we are always looking for ways to further engage the children in their learning so that they are able to make the best possible progress. We have introduced a number of initiatives over the course of this year including "Text Detective" work, the creation of satellite libraries and an investment in new and exciting curriculum books. Many of you will know that the money that you have kindly donated to the Friends of Braunston School will be put towards updating our library area. All of these are exciting developments in school. Thank you to those parents who gave us feedback about reading at home and school.





## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Mrs Lawson has written to you about our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations later this term. We have two coffee mornings on 6<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm and 12<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. We will be having a special celebration day on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 including collective worship to which everyone in our school and village community is invited and a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary picnic. We will be advertising the events around the village so if you know of anyone who would be willing to share their memories and/or old photographs with us please encourage them to come along to one or more of the events.

## **Rev Nat**



We are delighted to welcome Rev Nat to our school. She has already been into school twice and is booked to help with the Reception “wedding”. We very much value our close links with the church and it is good to know that these will be continuing.

## **SATs & Breakfast**

The year six statutory assessments begin in school on Monday and finish on Thursday. Whenever I see our year six children around school I am always so very glad that each and every one of them are part of our school. They have so very many talents. We have artists, scientists, actors, engineers, musicians, sports people and comics as well as fantastic authors, mathematicians and readers. They have an amazing work ethic and are the living, breathing embodiment of our school values. Next week is an important week for them but regardless of SATs we are so very proud of them. They have a great team of school and family around them.

We want the year six children to have a chance to settle into school each morning before the assessments begin. We have therefore invited them to join us for breakfast each morning in year 6 from 8.15 am onwards. If your year six child has a younger sibling in school, who does not usually go to breakfast club, then you are welcome to bring them at the same time so that you do not have to make two journeys. They will be looked after in the year four classroom by Mrs Marengi-Smith.

The year two statutory assessments are underway and will continue throughout the rest of this term. The year one phonics assessments will begin on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018. It is vital that children are not absent from school during their assessment periods.

## Reception Class Photos

We are very pleased with the school photographs and hope that you like them. There is a delay in sending out the reception class photographs; we expect them to be ready by next week.

## Swimming

The swimming pool has been filled but it not yet ready for use. We have had the pool contractor out today and will let you know when swimming lessons will begin. We are doing all we can to get the pool open and know that the children are very much looking forward to their swimming sessions.

## Lost Property

Mrs Byrne's has sorted the lost property and the named items have been returned to the children. She has a bag of un-named lost property which she will keep for a month and then it will go to charity.

## Homework

Our photocopier is not working so homework may be delayed. It is due to be repaired on Monday.

## School Value

Our school value this term is resilience. All of our children are working hard but the following children merit particular praise:

Pupil of the Week			Our School Values - Relationships		Playground Behaviour Awards
	4.5.18	11.5.18	4.5.18	11.5.18	
R	Freddie	Harriet	Henry	Jessie	Isabelle Josie Ellie, Maddie
1	George	Alex	Frankie	Aimee	
2	Lilly	Brooke	Elizabeth	Charlie	
3	Isla	Clayton	Shay	Olly	
4	Andrew	Oscar	Lily	Maria	
5	Jack	Madison	Harvey	Eddie	
6	Brooke	Whole class	Noah	Taylor	
<u>Best Attendance 5 &amp; R</u>					

As always, thank you for your continued support for all of our children in school. We firmly believe that working as a partnership together really does make a difference. We look forward to seeing you over the course of the term.

Kind Regards  
*Gwenda Barker*  
Headteacher

Dates for your diary –

Date	Event
23.4.18	Frankie McVeagh in to talk to Yr.6
25.6.18	Music Yr.3 (Guitars)
26.4.18	Class Photos - am
27.4.18	2.30 Whole School Assembly + Parents for Poetry Jam
1.5.18	Yr.2 SATs assessments throughout this month
2.5.18	Collective Worship Rev Nat with Kim & Jean
3.5.18	KS2 Year 6 SATs meeting for parents 6.00 – 7.00 pm
10.5.18	9.30 Yr.5 Puberty talk
	PM Parent class drop in
All week 14.5.18	SATs KS2
	Whole School RNLI assembly
25.5.18	Pentecost Picnic - TBC
5.6.18	12.45 Parker – Yr.6 Transition Day
6.6.18	1 – 2.30 PM 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration tea event
	6-7pm Frontier Centre Residential Meeting
8.6.18	Magistrates Yr.6 am
11.6.18 all week	Phonics screening Yr. 1
12.6.18	1 – 2.30 PM 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration tea event
13.6.18	Yr.4 Twycross Class Visit
15.6.18	Non uniform - FOBS
18.6.18	Reception Health screening am – School Nurses
20.6.18	Reception Health screening am – School Nurses
21.6.18	6pm New Reception Parents Induction Evening
21.6.18	Reception Class Wedding at the Church
22.6.18	Chris Heaton Harris MP Visit with Fitter Future
25.6.18	Choir to the Friendly Club
27 28 29.6.18	Frontier Camp
27.6.18	PM New Reception children induction
28.6.18	PM New Reception children induction
3.7.18	Inter-house Sports Afternoon
5.7.18	Parker transition day
6.7.18	Values Day - Children are able to dress up as a character from a book or bring in an object/picture/photograph which shows one of our school values (details to follow)
7.7.18	Summer Fayre 11 am dances start at 11.00 am
9.7.18	Yr.6 reflection day PDET
12.7.18	PDET sports some children from 2,3,4,
13.7.18	Bastille Day activities
	PM Sports Day
18.7.18	50 <sup>th</sup> Celebration Day including special collective worship (Children may dress up in sixties clothes - details to follow)
20.7.18	Leavers Assembly 9.30 am