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**So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13**

Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Looks like we have made it! What a year to reflect on. These last two weeks have been incredibly busy and children have continued to accomplish many things; socially, academically and emotionally.

We entered July to the sound of children playing outside in the bright, warm sunshine wearing their sunhats, keeping hydrated and liberally covered in suncream. Let me rephrase that – we entered July (the height of summer) to the sound of water crashing down to earth in heavy downpours and the sounds of children and staff screaming as they became soaked through without a moment's notice!

Open Gardens was well supported with a steady stream of visitors taken on a tour of the school grounds to admire the horticulture carefully tended throughout the year by Sue Barnwell and Sue Allinson. We look forward to reaping the rewards of our work when we harvest our vegetable patch.



Our Covid restricted sports events were held in small bubbles and no spectators were allowed – similar to how the Tokyo Olympics will now be run. They were successful despite the deluge that seemed to follow us, meaning a restart of year 5/6 on a different day. Our Year 4 team mirrored the success of England's Euro 2020 team and took part in a PDET wide sports competition. We came home with silverware and we now proudly display our 'Going for Gold' sports cup for third place – well done to all those involved. We are very proud that all the children tried their very best and worked together as a team.





After a wet and chilly start, the pool has been regularly used to improve water confidence of all children and ensure that by the end of year 6 they can swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres using a range of strokes.



This year we also entered a team from Years 5 and 6 into the world of sequins and glitter by joining Strictly Schools UK at The Deco, Northampton. It was a fantastic experience for all the pupils that took part, they thoroughly enjoyed it and would like to have the opportunity to take part again. Mrs Storer worked hard on getting them all glitter ball ready!

Our Year 6 Leavers have shown all our school values as they have started their transition to secondary school. They have supported each other, laughed together and made the most of every opportunity presented to them. Each individual member of year 6 has displayed courage and confidence and we know that they have had a very strong start to the next chapter of their learning journey. Thank you to the children and their families for working together with us. You will all be missed.

I speak on behalf of the staff when I say thank you to the school community. Thank you for helping us to keep the children and each other safe. Thank you for supporting the many guidelines and restrictions in place due to the pandemic. Thank you for the kind words spoken or emailed and for all the presents and cakes that we have received. All of the support demonstrated has been appreciated and helped to make the challenging year that we have faced less overwhelming.

Today marks the end of my second year as Headteacher at Braunston. My eternal thanks to you all for supporting me in this role, particularly the staff who show their unwavering support and commitment to whatever is thrown at them with humour and resilience.

Operational changes to next academic year are provisional at this stage. I received provisional guidance from the Trust today and am due to receive further guidance from the DfE in August. We are hopeful that we will not continue with bubbles and that there will be greater freedoms for mixing both in and out of the classroom. Control measures will be in place including good hygiene, increased cleaning and ventilation. The school will continue to prioritise the health, safety and happiness of the school community and will be requesting that you work in partnership with this. With our current robust measures in place, we finish today with 96% of our pupils being in school. This is a fantastic effort.

We will start the term without our staggered times, although this may be subject to change due to advice received at a later stage or if cases rise at Braunston.

Reception children will continue to enter through the EYFS door as normal and have received information in their new intake packs.

The school gates will open at 8.45am for all children to arrive at school between **8.45am and 8.55am**. Children must be in school by 8.55am. Allowing 10 minutes at the start of the day enables staff to greet each child individually, deal with any potential issues, settle the children into early morning learning tasks and provides a calm start to the day. We will continue with the 'Drop and Go' approach and children will enter through the doors that we practised during transition day. Parents and carers with more than one child to drop off should continue to drop the youngest child off first.

After school, Reception and Year 1 should be collected outside of their classroom external door. Year 2 should be collected through the same door that they enter in the morning with parents and carers waiting next to the orange gate. There are changes to how Key Stage 2 children should be collected. Year 3 will be collected outside the hall exit nearest to the year 3 classroom. Years 4, 5 and 6 classes will be collected from the playground and you will see signs on the playground where parents and carers will need to collect their child/ children from. Again, always pick the youngest child up first. **All children will finish at 3.15pm.**

Any urgent messages should be sent to bursar@braunston.northants-ecl.gov.uk during term time or to the class teacher who will respond within 48 working hours.

If it is necessary to send an email during the school holiday, then please email me.

Finally, if your child tests positive with COVID before Monday 19th July, please let me know so that I can inform the relevant bubble. Fingers crossed that this does not happen!

Wishing you all a very safe and happy summer. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 6th September.

With very best wishes

Lianna Willis
Headteacher



Pupil of the Week			Our School Values – Respect & Reverence		
	9.7.21	16.7.21	9.7.21	16.7.21	
R	Isaac	Alfie	May	Sergio	
1	Jessica	Mya-Poppy	Molly	Archie	
2	Owen	Scarlet	Ben	Sam	
3	Alicia	Fearne	Billy	Tilly	
4	George	Ayva	Dylan	Jessica	
5	Barleen	McKenzie	Willow, Brooke, Leila	Brooklyn & Sienna	
6	Owen	Alex	Hermione	Daisy	
<u>Best Attendance 1 and 6 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for Always Being In School)</u>					

Hello from Forest School.

It was great to see Year 1 at Forest School. We enjoyed bark rubbing and then we turned our pictures into woodland creatures. We also collected lots of nature's treasures and made pictures with them. We used our brand new pond dipping equipment for the first time. We couldn't find our elusive newts, but we did find leeches, pond snails, a water louse and other pond creatures. The children thoroughly enjoyed digging in our new digging area and found lots of minibeasts. Even though the weather was warm we still enjoyed our hot chocolate and biscuit.

