

# PRIMARY WORD

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Dear Parents

We are writing to you to tell you about our arrangements for supporting our children with their transition into their new classes for 2020-21.

As you know, we would normally give the children a chance to meet their new teacher and spend time in their new classes in the last couple of weeks of school. All children, whether or not they have had the opportunity to spend time in school this term, have experienced an extended period of disruption to their normal schooling and routines and we will be very mindful of this as they return to school next term.

At this moment in time the government has not given any indication of what arrangements might be in place for schools in the autumn term, other than to say that they are aiming for all children to be able to return. Discussions about possible scenarios are already happening within school and we will share more information with you about this as soon as we can.

As a school we believe that it is important to try to provide all our children with an opportunity to say goodbye to their current class and hello to their new class before the end of this school year. **In order to achieve this the school will not be open to pupils in foundation stage, year 1 or year 6 on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. It will however remain open for children of Key Workers.**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July classes in year 2-5 will be invited to return to school and spend an hour on the field with their class teacher. If their teacher is not in school they will be invited to see their class in the main hall and their teacher through a video link. We will of course ensure that we continue to follow the current social distancing guidance provided for schools. This will be an opportunity for the children to see their class, their teacher and say goodbye. The children in Foundation Stage, year 1 and year 6 will have the opportunity to meet with their class and current teacher during the course of the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Then on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July all children will be invited to meet their new class and new class teacher on the field for approximately an hour in school.

Our plan is that these events will take place on the school field unless it is extremely wet. If this was the case then we have an inside option and we would inform you nearer to the time about these plans.

More detailed information outlining specific times and arrangements will be provided nearer the time.

*Kathryn Young*

## School Parking



Please can we remind you that the area outside school entrances must be kept clear to allow an unrestricted view for approaching drivers and riders or children wanting to cross the road.

Please can you also be extra cautious when indicating and moving in and out of spaces that become available.

## School Uniform from Brigade



Please note that orders need to be made on the Brigade website (for September) by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020 for delivery before September 2020.

### Classes September 2020

Sadly, at the end of this academic year we will be saying goodbye to **Mr Langford** who is retiring after a teaching career spanning thirty-four years with the last thirty-two of those years spent here at Brixworth Primary. Keith has made a massive contribution to the development of many areas within the curriculum, has been an invaluable teacher to successive generations of pupils, and has made a difference to so many children in school. I am immensely grateful to him and he will be missed by his colleagues, parents of the pupils he has taught, and of course, by the children. I wish him well in what I hope will be a long and happy retirement. Unfortunately, the circumstances mean we are unable to give him the send off he deserves.

**Carly Murray**, who is currently working as a teaching assistant, is a qualified teacher, who will complete her NQT year over the coming year. I would also like to welcome **Miss Bond**, a Newly Qualified Teacher who is currently teaching one of our bubbles in school. I am sure they will both prove to be an asset to the school as they complete their first year of teaching.

I would like to thank everyone for giving us their choice of friends. Over the next couple of weeks, the teachers will be allocating children into their classes for the next academic year. At the moment, and assuming we are able to return to school as normal, the planned teacher placements are as below:

#### FS/KS1

Mrs Nourish/Miss Murray FS  
Mrs Sparkes FS  
Miss Redgwell FS

#### KS1

Mrs Hancock/Mrs Partridge Yr 1  
Miss Bradley Yr 1  
Mrs Pirie/Mrs Burrage Yr 1/2  
Mrs Willis/Mrs Walter Yr 2  
Mrs Stiles Yr 2

#### **Non class based**

Mrs Reynolds – **Deputy Headteacher**  
Mrs Burton - Teacher

Mrs Marsh is the **Inclusion Manager**.

#### KS2

Miss Worster Yr 3  
Mrs Devereux Yr 3  
Miss Homer Yr 4  
Mrs Varrier Yr 4  
Mrs Barber Yr 4  
Miss de Rossi Yr 5  
Miss Duckworth Yr 5  
Miss Bond Yr 5/6  
Mrs Casson/Miss Stockbridge Yr 6  
Miss Davies Yr 6

#### **Phase Leaders**

**Phase 1** Mrs Nourish  
**Phase 2** Mrs Stiles  
**Phase 3** Mrs Varrier  
**Phase 4** Miss Stockbridge

*Kathryn Young*

### **Parent Governor**

Parent governors are a vitally important source of information, and enable the parents view to be represented on the Governing Board. We currently have 2 parent governors **Rachel Rogers** and **Chris Marrum**.

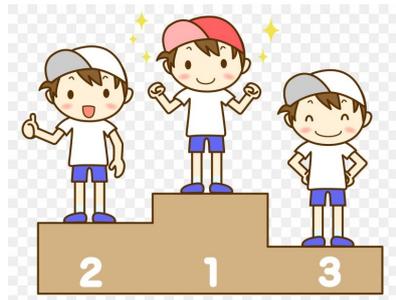
If you wish to speak to a parent governor about any aspect of school life, including things you think we can improve, or things you think we should be doing they can be contacted on [parentgovernor@brixworth.northants.sch.uk](mailto:parentgovernor@brixworth.northants.sch.uk)

Please note this is not the forum for complaints or grievances. Anything of this nature should be addressed to the chair of the Governing Board **John Trenfield** who can be contacted on [chairgov@brixworth.northants.sch.uk](mailto:chairgov@brixworth.northants.sch.uk)

A full list of the members of the Governing Board can be found on the School Website.



# Sports Day 2020



Traditionally we would be holding our sports days next week, however, in the current situation we are going to adapt the format and **all events will be for fun**. The events we have chosen mean children who are at home can take part and children are encouraged to let their teacher know their results.

The events for KS2 children are:

- Keepie up challenge- how many keepie ups can you do with a toilet roll?
- Shot Putt – How far can you throw a toilet roll using the shot putt technique?
- Standing Long Jump – from a standing start how far can you jump and land on 2 feet?
- Toilet Roll Race – how long does it take you to run 20m with a toilet roll between your legs?
- Tattie and Spoon Race – how quickly can you run 20m without dropping the tattie?

The events for Foundation Stage and KS1 are:

- Keepie up challenge- how many catches can you do with a toilet roll?
- Underarm throw – how far can you throw a toilet roll using an underarm throw?
- Standing Long Jump – from a standing start how far can you jump and land on 2 feet?
- Toilet Roll Race – how long does it take you to run 20m with a toilet roll between your legs?
- Tattie and Spoon Race – how quickly can run 20m without dropping the tattie?

The children who are in school will participate in the events on the following days:

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 and Key Worker bubbles

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Foundation Stage and Year 1 bubbles.

Children who are at home will have the events set on Google Classroom and over the week they can send their results (and photos) to their teacher.

We hope all the children have fun completing these events.





# UNIFORM SALE



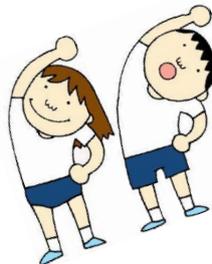
Having now successfully moved over to using Brigade for our school Uniform via their website the school office has been left with surplus stock from our old supplier (The uniform is exactly the same). We are offering these items at a reduced price for you. Please visit ParentMail to check stock and sizes available and please note that not all sizes may be available. Items are to be purchased direct on ParentMail and social distancing will be observed when collecting from the school office.

**PE Tshirts  
£2.00**

**Polo Shirts  
£2.50**

**Fleece Jacket  
£5.00**

**Sweatshirts  
and  
Sweatcardi  
£6.00  
(Very limited  
stock)**



**PE Shorts  
£2.00**



**Reversible Coat  
£10.00**

## Applying for free school meals

Should your circumstances have changed over the last few months you may be eligible for free school meals, even when your child is not in school.

### Who's eligible?

Our school is providing free school meals for pupils who would usually receive benefits-related free school meals whilst in school. You're eligible for meals if your child is between 5 and 16 years old and if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of pension credit
- Child tax credit (if you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working tax credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit
- Universal credit - if you applied for it on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

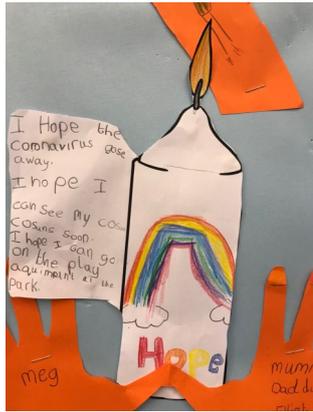
If you've started receiving any of these benefits since the coronavirus outbreak, you're eligible for this support.

**Please note:** we only receive funding for pupils who get food support because their parents receive any of the benefits listed above. If your child usually receives universal infant free school meals you will not be eligible.

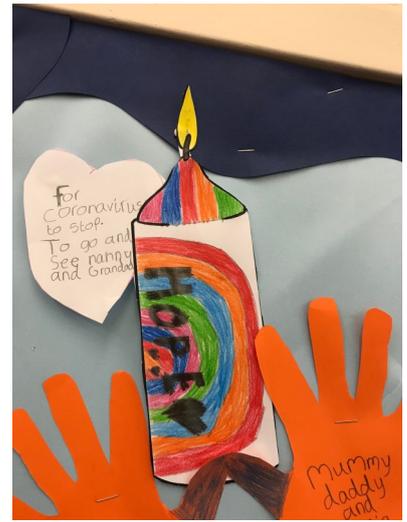
### How to apply

Visit <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx> and complete the online application form.

# Our Learning...



This week the Year 1s have thought about Hope in their class based worship. They made decorated hope candles and wrote down some of the things they are hoping for. They added the Hope candles to the worry & cares hands from the first week back on the class worship display board.



Harry K Yr 4 with his lava lamp for science.



**Write a description of the man who lives in Cogston House.**  
By Amelia H Yr 6

His skin is old leather, as crinkled as a sheet that has never been ironed. Worn-out ill-fitting clothes draped over his hunched back. His pale face concealed small beady eyes, with evil depths to the deepest, darkest sea. A malicious smile sat smugly, warning anybody that came near to stay away! Hands white as snow, with fingernails as long as claws gripped onto the slowly degrading banister. Whispy grey hairs hung of his near bald head, Greasy and unkempt.

Stubby legs shuffled down the staircase barely holding him up. What was wrong with <sup>this</sup> man? Why was he still living here? A rusty golden key was what seemed to be his precious thing clenched into his sweaty, dirty palm; him definitely not letting go anytime soon.

Year 6 have been making Silhouette Art where they draw what makes them unique and what they like inside their silhouette. Also they made structures out of sticks for an outdoor challenge.

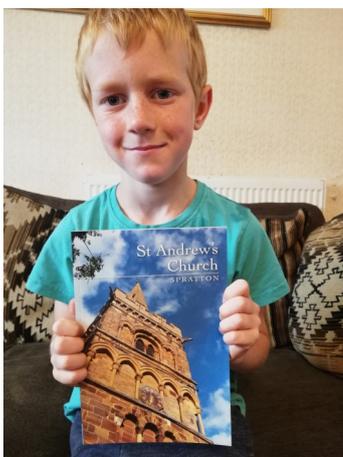
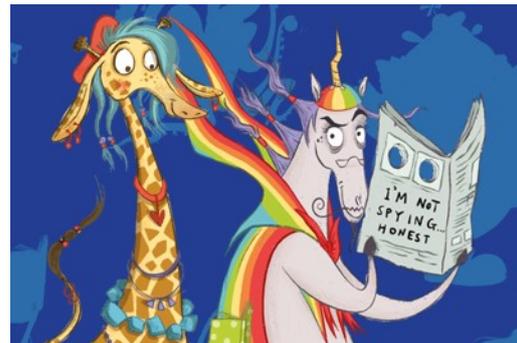




The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help prevent the summer reading 'dip'.

Each year the Challenge, delivered with the support of public libraries, motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence. This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020, will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!

Sign up at [sillysquad.org.uk](http://sillysquad.org.uk) to join the Squad!



### Well Done Fraser!

A massive well done to Fraser L in Year 3. He took a photo of Spratton Church last year and the photo has been chosen by a panel to be the front cover of a book celebrating 900 years of Spratton Church. Here is Fraser holding one of the first published copies of the book.



On the 4th of June Betty-Grace T in Year 3 decided to run a marathon by the end of June to raise money for the NHS. She finished it yesterday 18th June! So far she has raised £840 and didn't miss a day!

**What an incredible achievement Betty-Grace!**