



# The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last July I wrote to advise you of some changes within our Senior Leadership Team; Mr Morley-Smith was taking on an interim Head of School position at Christ the Sower and Mrs Abby McStraw was being seconded from Drayton Park to be Head of School at Brooksward, covering Miss Swain's maternity leave. It seems hard to believe that another academic year is drawing to a close!

In the Autumn Term, Mrs McStraw will return to Drayton Park as Head of School. I know you will agree that she has done an absolutely brilliant job here. Many of you have had the opportunity to get to know her and have seen for yourself how passionate she is about Brooksward School delivering an all-round excellent education for your children. I would like to thank her for taking on the role and giving it her all - even coming in at weekends with her family to improve the allotment areas!!!

Miss Swain and Mr Morley-Smith will return as joint Heads of School at Brooksward, both with teaching commitments. Mrs Sarah Ross will also return as SENCo. As the Leadership Team of the Delta Federation, they will continue to work extremely closely together with Mrs McStraw and I will be keeping an eye on everything and ensure that all runs smoothly.

We say a temporary farewell to Mrs Whitbread as she begins her maternity leave this month. In September, Miss De'Ath will take on the role of upper KS2 Leader. We will welcome back Mrs Rebecca Barrington who will be teaching in Year 4.

## 'Brooksward Summer Fair Fayre'

Our Summer Fayre was held last Friday and proved to be a huge success. The children are now familiar with the concept of working hard in class and being rewarded with a token card which they get to 'spend' how they wish on the various stalls and activities during the afternoon in school. The Fayre was then opened up to families from



3.30pm and the items designed and made during Enterprise Week were sold during the fundraising part of the Fayre. Another great life lesson in profit and loss and the manufacture of goods which



people want to buy. Mr Mac and Mr Garcia did a fantastic job with the BBQ and many of you had great fun throwing wet sponges at Mr Roberts! The Zorbing and inflatables also proved very popular and along with external vendors helped boost our fundraising. We would like to thank our wonderful staff and parent volunteers for all their hard work – a great deal of preparation goes into organising an event like this. A record breaking amount of just over £1800 was raised after expenses with Year 4 and their Roman mosaic coasters making the most profit. The money raised from this event will be

put towards out STEM projects. We would like to extend a massive thank you to parents for your support with this and our other fundraising events this year.

### SATs Results and Year 6 Leavers

We would like to congratulate our Year 6 children on their excellent SATs results. They scored well above national average in all subjects with over 40% of our children achieving Greater Depth in all subjects. One parent told us in their report response form "Thanks to all the staff...I couldn't have wished for a better school for him. You have all set him up ready for his next adventure at secondary school". The year 6 children delivered a wonderful performance of Joseph to friends, family and the rest of school last week – we were very impressed by their enthusiastic delivery of this much loved play. We will be celebrating their past years at Brookward during the Graduation event on Friday afternoon and wish them all well as begin a new chapter.



We wish you all a relaxing Summer break and look forward to seeing the children refreshed and in their smart school uniforms and smart school shoes at the start of the new academic year on 29<sup>th</sup> August.

*Jo Alikhan*

Executive Headteacher

#### **Diary Dates:-**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – 6pm School Disco

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Break up for Summer

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August – Return to school for Autumn Term