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**Helping our children become better independent learners
and thinkers!**

**Making them more resilient and encouraging them to
preserve!**

Dear Parents

We are very excited because The Happy Puzzle Company are coming to Great Easton Primary School on **Monday 4th September** (the first day back!) and will be working with every class on their Brain Blaster programme! So instead of a house team day on the first day back the children can come in to school wearing their lovely smart uniforms and have a fun day tackling challenges. A HUGE thank you to the PTA (And all of you) for paying for this for us - it should be a brilliant day and a fun start back to school.

At the end of the day there is the opportunity for parents/grandparents/aunties/uncles to come along and join in with the fun for approximately one hour. Please complete and return the slip overleaf to let us know if you are able to come to the school hall at 3:15pm.

Brain Blaster is a completely new concept in school workshops. Nothing like this have ever been done before! It uses audio-visual mind trickery, bizarre maths, 3D team challenges, blindfolded fishing and Big Ben's chimes...

The theories are based on Art L Costa's 'Habits of Mind' - a series of life skills which every person needs in order to confront and overcome problems and challenges and operate effectively in society.

This set of workshops will help to arm our children with the skills to work through real life challenges and situations, allowing them to respond with awareness, creativity and deliberate strategies, in order to achieve a positive outcome. It will help them to become resilient and encourage them to persevere.

The Brain Blaster workshops really will improve these key 'Habits Of Mind': *Persisting, Thinking and communicating with clarity and precision, Managing impulsivity, Listening and understanding with empathy, Creating, imagining, innovating, Thinking flexibly, Thinking about thinking (metacognition), Taking responsible risks, Questioning and posing problems, Thinking interdependently, Applying past knowledge to new situations, Remaining open to continuous learning.*

Yours sincerely

Claire Jackman
Headteacher

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Happy Puzzle Day - Monday 4th September 2017

We will/will not be attending the session (please delete as appropriate) 3:15-4:15.

No of people attending

Child's name Class

Date Signature