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Dear Teacher

Dear teacher, please give us more homework, we haven't got nearly enough.
We'd love you to bits if only you'd set a hundred more tons of the stuff.

Find us mathematical problems with sums that will make our brains churn, and tables with piles of equations that aren't at all easy to learn.

Dig out those dusty old textbooks which haven't been opened for years. If you refuse, then I'm sorry to say your whole class will burst into tears.



Tell us the titles of essays, reports that you'd like us to write. Each one can be over three million words long so we will be up through the night.

Lend us those thick books on history, geography, English and such. They bored us to death in the classes you took but now we cannot get too much.

And don't forget first thing next Monday to hand out a test in ten parts.

No one will grumble for everyone knows tomorrow our holiday starts.



Champion of the World

I'm in the next Olympics, that's where I'm going to be, winning a gold medal. You'll see me on TV. I don't need too much training, my talent is so great. I'm number one world champion at coming to school late.





Tired In Class

Last night I didn't sleep a wink as I lay in my bed.

My teacher says I'm half awake – I'm half asleep instead.



History Lesson

Sam is good at history, he's learned the dates by heart. You'd think with all the knowledge Sam would be quite smart. His memory's colossal, he knows his facts off pat. But ask him what his breakfast was, he can't remember that.

Another thing that proves to me his head is just like cotton, I've lent him my best comics but it seems he has forgotten.



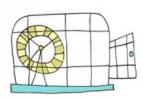


Coco the Hamster

Coco the hamster was happy to be up on the cupboard in classroom 3C. She looked down and watched them all working away from when they came in to the end of the day.

She loved every lesson, was never off sick and hamsters are clever, they learn pretty quick. So when it was time for the end of term test, what a surprise! Coco was best.

Coco the hamster, I'm sorry to say, packed up and scarpered the following day. Never again will she be in 3C - she's winning the quiz shows on national TV!





Locked Out

Arriving at the school one day,

all our class was shocked. When we tried the classroom door we found that it was locked.

A note was pinned for all to see written out in red.
Our teacher must have stuck it there and this is what it said:

'I've never known such pupils, they really are the best. They always get the highest marks in every single test.

They never ever mess around, they're tidy and they're neat.
To stand in front and teach them all was certainly a treat.

But now I've shut the classroom and here's the reason why – to say they should be studying would only be a lie.

Instead, they need a day of rest, a visit to the zoo. I'm sure that they know so much more than I will ever do.'



At first we gave a happy cheer but then the bubble burst for underneath, the date was there. It was April the first. The sentences which we had read were just an April Fool. We didn't have a holiday, we had to stay at school.

We might not be too clever but one thing's very clear, we've learnt our lesson very well. We won't get caught next year.

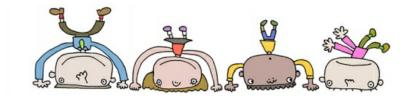
Useless

In games I tend to drop the ball, I'm useless I've been told.
The only thing I always catch is everybody's cold.



Upside Down

Our teacher came in and stood on his head.
'My shoes will not wear out so quickly,' he said.
We followed his lead, put our feet in the air.
Our shoes are like new but we've terrible hair.



Answering Questions

I'm wondering why,

why is it so?
There must be a reason that I do not know.
The questions for others I answer with ease but when it's my turn, I suddenly freeze.
My mind is a blank, it's really unfair.
All that I've learnt disappears in thin air.
Perhaps I should seal up my ears with thick tape so all of that knowledge can never escape.

A Dazzling Student

At school all my answers are right.
They delight my French teacher, Miss White.
When I'm in her classes
she puts on dark glasses
because I'm so brainy and bright.





Funny School

I really love my funny school, I think it is the best. We never learn mathematics or have a spelling test.

We start the day by telling jokes, the funniest we know.

And then it's target practice time with custard pies to throw.

After lunch, banana skins are dropped upon the floor so we can slide right from our seats to outside the hall door.

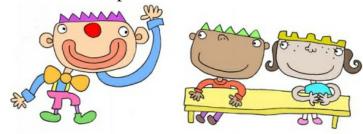


The afternoon begins with pranks and other exercises. We give out false moustaches to the best ones as their prizes.

The lesson that we like the most is chuckle-ometry. It's easy once you've had a go at tickle-ology.

We have such fun, it seems a shame to stop and have a break. But if we don't, we'll suffer from a case of grinning-ache.

Our uniform is special a shiny paper crown. Our teacher, just like yours perhaps, comes dressed up as a clown.



Some times we only manage to chortle for a bit. At other times we laugh so much our sides feel they might split.

That's why we have a medicine, it's meant to stop a cough. We keep it near for just in case we laugh our heads right off.

There's no need for fine feathers, or laughing gas and stuff. A smile and sense of humour always seems to be enough.

All our days are funny but what gets the biggest grin is thinking of another school - that one which you are in!

Noise

My teacher told me 'Listen! Whatever can that be? It's something I've not heard before, a brand new sound to me.

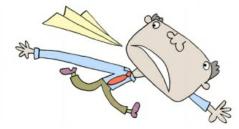
What does that noise remind you of? The rumbling of a train? Oh, now I think I've worked it out, it's just your rusty brain.'



Dart

In class I made a paper dart and threw it for a dare. It didn't crash but looped the loop and zoomed on through the air.

It circled round and round the room and then went in a spin.
Our teacher was it's target - it hit him on the chin.



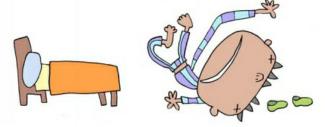
I had to own up straight away and bravely took the blame. Since then I've learnt my lesson well before a throw, take aim.

Three Unwritten School Rules

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- 2.
- 3.

Bad Morning

Miss Lynn, do not shout, don't be angry with me. I've had a bad morning, I'm sure you'll agree. I pulled down the curtains, I fell out of bed. I tripped on my slippers and then banged my head.



I swallowed my toothbrush, kicked over my chair, I sat on my watch and spread jam on my hair. I tore my pyjamas, and lost all my clothes, I ironed my eyebrows and hoovered my toes.

I bathed in the toilet, got cold to the bone, I tripped on the dog and fell flat on my phone. I didn't quite manage to walk through a door that somehow had moved to a new place, I'm sure.

I stamped on a fork,
I burnt all the toast.
I polished the goldfish
then ate up the post.
I watered the piano
and switched off the cat.
I put on a saucepan
instead of a hat.

No matter how awful, how bad these things are, there's something I've done that's more dreadful by far; Miss Lynn, please be kind and don't make a fuss - I've left all my homework behind on the bus.

Hot

It was hot in the classroom all yesterday, Christopher Clarkson melted away. He sat by the window and steamed in his chair; by late afternoon he just wasn't there.

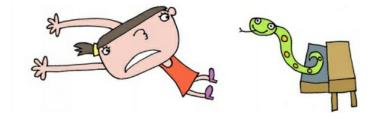
To stop the same fate occurring to you, here's a suggestion for what you should do - on reading all this, then you might conclude when it is hot come to school in the nude.



My Crazy Teacher

It's clear that my teacher is bonkers and barmy as barmy can be.
If you spent a day in our classroom I'm certain that you would agree.

She laughs at things that aren't funny but gets cross at pranks that we make. For instance, the time when she opened her drawer and out popped my toy rubber snake.



Or else when we stuck down her ruler; she got it unstuck but it broke.

We all had to pay for a new one so perhaps it was not a good joke.

To look at, she's really quite normal apart from the glint in her eyes. She'll give you a glance and you'll know in advance you'd better behave if you're wise.

She has a tin box of gold stickers, they're something I've misunderstood. Without any warning I got one this morning. But why? I've never been good!









As end of the day is approaching she reads a short story or rhyme and says it is best if she had a small rest, though it's us who've worked hard the whole time.

I've told her I think she's bananas. She nodded and said, 'Yes, it's true. The reason is really quite simple, I've a class full of nutters like you!'

School Play

I hoped I'd be the star in our end of term play I learned all of the speeches the main roles had to say.

But then in the auditions I had my turn to speak, my voice came out peculiar, more like a mouse's squeak.

My teacher took a day or two

to find a part for me.

There weren't too many lines to learn she cast me as a tree.



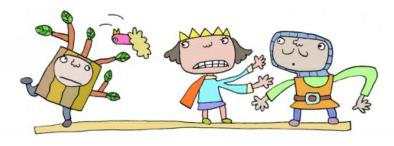
Now, you might think a tree might be a silent kind of thing. It never tries to chat away or whistle or to sing.

But I've been in a forest where branches moan and creak, so I put in some groaning instead of words to speak.

I rustled all my leaves just as the breezes do and bent my trunk a little as a stronger wind blew through.

To stop my toes from going numb I had to move about.
A little hop from foot to foot was needed, without doubt.

I hope nobody noticed when on stage I had a cough and then the nest I'd tied up high slipped and fell right off!



Too soon the show was over, and I was very proud.

Never has an oak tree been applauded quite so loud.

The audience was wonderful, my part was a success. The other players might have felt some jealousy, I guess.

For when the final curtain fell they disappeared from sight. They didn't even stop to say 'Well done,' or else 'Good night.'





And now the stage is empty, the hall is quiet and dark. There's no one to unstrap me and I'm stuck inside my bark.

The play is over. But next term we'll have another one. I won't request the role of Jack, the beanstalk looks more fun!

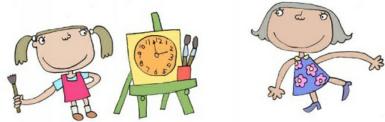
Art Lesson

It was Art at school Wednesday morning, we had to paint something we like.
Cathy drew kittens in ribbons,
Jo sketched his new mountain bike.

But me, I sat there quite clueless,

I'm not clever like Cathy or Jo. And then, inspiration! I painted the time we could pack up and go.

The teacher came round and I told her I'd put down what I liked the best. I thought she'd be angry but to my surprise she said she was really impressed.



'Amazing!' she gushed. 'You're a genius! You put what you feel into art.' I can't wait till lesson next Wednesday when I'll draw the time that we start.

Multiplication

One times one is one. Two times two is four. Use a calculator if you're multiplying more.

Geography

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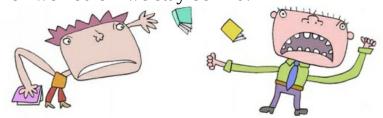
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Keeping Attention

Some teachers like to scream and shout. A few, I've heard, throw books about. But ours, I'd say, is more unkind - when we nod off we stay behind.



It's not as if we have a choice, we have to hear the teacher's voice. The droning noise just will not stop, our minds go numb, we want to flop.

Strangled yawns and stifled sighs, matchsticks propping up our eyes, pinching till our palms feel sore - all these tricks we've tried and more.

We watch the clock whose hands move slow. We're killing time till we can go.

The only thought that fills each head is where else might we be instead.

There must be better ways to keep the class from falling sound asleep. Offer us a nice reward with that nobody would get bored.

Don't threaten us with long detention, give us sweets is my suggestion.





Dishonest

I really love to go to school and here's the reason why; I'm super-good at everything, I never even try. In all the tests I am the best, I get the highest score. My teacher says there's never been such cleverness before.



But ...

In case you think I'm brainy then I'll put the record straight; at night when no one's looking I slip past the school gate, I sneak across the playground, unlock the classroom door and find tomorrow's test placed neatly in a drawer.





Now ...

I may not be too honest, because I always cheat, but I have higher grades than anyone you'll meet. I'm shown as an example to all those who are slow, but how long this will carry on I really do not know. For last night when I tried the door I had a nasty shock - they'd gone and lost the old key so they've had to change the lock.

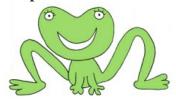


Remembering Names

Our teacher is useless at names. Mine is too long, so he claims. He calls me Susana, Tessa or Hannah. Why can't he remember it's James?

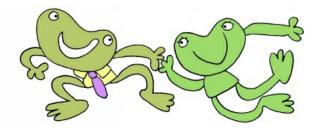
Frog Magic

Jason brought a frog to school, he did it for a joke.
But then right in the lesson time that naughty frog went CROAK!
The teacher turned around and said, 'This silliness must stop!'
The frog then leapt upon his head in one gigantic hop.



Our teacher was surprised and cried, 'What on earth is this?'
The frog leaned over past his nose and gave a big wet kiss.
It must have been strong magic, a most amazing spell; our teacher in a puff of smoke became a frog as well.
We hardly could believe it but all of us then saw both the pretty froggies went a-hopping out the door.

So if you have long lessons that you really really hate, bring to class a friendly frog, sit back and simply wait.



My Bunny

I do not know who wrote the rule we must not bring our pets to school. Why can't we try for just one day? I'm sure they'd not get in the way.

I'd bring my bunny in with me, he'd sit politely as could be. He wouldn't lounge around and dream, we'd work together as a team.

You might say he would have no clue, for most things that perhaps is true. But doing sums we'd not come last - for rabbits multiply so fast.





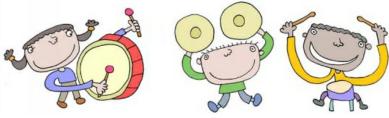
Music Lessons

If you asked me for the lesson I enjoy the best, more than any other, better than the rest, I wouldn't choose mathematics, writing or P.E..
Music is just much more fun, at least it is for me.

Our lessons start with singing but that is just at first.
Compared to any fog horn our voices are much worse.
And so we swap to instruments,

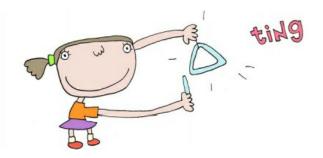
and none of us complain. All would be quite happy if we never sung again.

Instead, we crash the cymbals, it makes the windows rattle. If anyone was listening, they'd think there was a battle. The drums of course are favourites, they make the loudest sound. When they're walloped hard enough they shake the walls and ground.



The teacher pleads and whimpers 'Quiet now, girls and boys.'
He doesn't know how good it feels making so much noise.
No one cares an awful lot to keep a steady beat.
Although it has no melody our playing is so sweet.

Above the loudest sound you'll hear the triangle go 'ting.'
And even after we've all stopped our ears still hear it ring.
We all love music lessons, they're certainly a hit.
We might leave class with headaches but at least it keeps us fit.



My Sister and Me

My sister wants to go to school, she's only two years old. It's nicer where she is right now but she will not be told.

Lucky her! She stays at home when I must work and sweat. If only she was in my place she'd change her mind, I bet.

Can someone wave a magic wand and make her dream come true? And at the same time take me back. I'd happily be two.



Absent-Minded

To call our teacher absent-minded hardly need be said. I'm sure if it was not attached he would forget his head.

He'd come in class one morning, he'd sit down in his chair and try to put his glasses on but nothing would be there.

At break he'd have a cup of tea like normal, I would guess. He'd tip it where his mouth should be and make his shirt a mess.



And when the end of day came he wouldn't even know we hadn't stayed till bell rang. We'd gone home long ago.

Believe Me

I told my teacher
'Your pants are on fire!'
She said 'My dear,
don't be a liar.'
The fire engine came
and put out the flames
and now my teacher's
stopped calling me names.



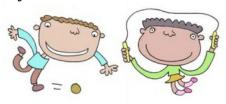
Playtime Exams

I don't know if you've heard about the new exams we'll take; the tests, they say, will find out how our feelings are at break.

They'll make all kinds of measurements and draw them onto graphs.
They'll see how big our smiles are, the loudness of our laughs.

I've always done my best in tests but this time I'm not sure, for if I fail then would that mean I'd need ten break times more?

In fact, I think it might be wise at playtime to pretend it's horrible. For then, perhaps, my break would never end.





Staffroom Fun

I passed the staffroom window. Looking in I saw all the teachers laughing and rolling round the floor. What they found so funny weren't either jokes or jests. Instead they had our answers to the end of year school tests.



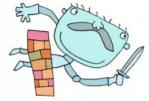
School Ghost

There once was a ghost, a terrible ghost, who haunted our school, I've heard say. He started at eight and continued till late without any break in the day.

Often he'd pause outside classroom doors to clang and to clunk his chain mail. It made the boys quiver and all the girls shiver. The teachers would turn very pale.



He'd moan and he'd sigh as he glided by, it wasn't the pleasantest sound. Not stopping at all he'd float through a wall or rise upside-down from the ground.





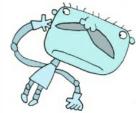
The school had been fine in 1069

but for sure it needed updating. Its classrooms were old, draughty and cold, great if you wore armour plating.

The builders were called, fresh plumbing installed, the roof and electrics fixed, too. It seemed light and airy, not damp, dark and scary. Everything sparkled like new.

Without any doubt fresh carpets throughout made the rooms cosy and warm. But it was amazing how good double glazing turned the ghost sad and forlorn.





A phantom's alright if you like a fright, they'll make any heart rattle fast. But modern conditions don't suit apparitions. Ghosts are a thing of the past.

He found that he hated the school now updated. It wasn't at all in his taste. He gave one last cry as if he would die and left with inordinate haste.

I can not pretend the school in the end

was sorry that he had moved on. Instead, cries of joy from each girl and boy filled the hall after he'd gone.

Where did he go?
Not many know.
He didn't give up going haunting.
Let's just say beware
at your local fair,
the ghost train is not disappointing.





Meditation

Our teacher said, 'To meditate means being calm and thinking straight. I want you all to follow me, close your eyes when I count three.'

Perhaps that long word 'meditation' is the same as 'relaxation'.
But for me the word I'd use is shorter. I would just say 'snooze'.

We sat in class, our eyes shut tight to meditate with all our might. We liked the lesson, that's for sure. We didn't wake till half past four.

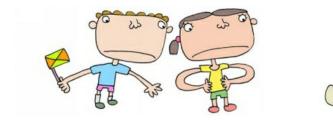
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I'm like a river rushing past, a torrent that is gushing fast.

My teacher, though, last week let slip he thinks I am a little drip.

Egg and Spoon Race

We had an egg and spoon race, it wasn't too much fun, for eggs and spoons are legless which means they cannot run. They stayed quite still, not moving when we fired the starting gun. You can't say either lost the race but neither of them won.



Red Socks

My teacher wears red socks to school. They suit him, I suppose. For though they might be oh so bright, they match his big red nose.



Class Size

The inspector came in to make her report with boxes to tick

from ten down to nought.

She counted us twice, she did calculations. Our class size was bigger than school regulations.

Next day I was shocked. Did I need glasses? The walls had been moved to make smaller classes.



The Bell

I love to hear guitar and drums, pianos and the rest, although above all other sounds the break time bell's the best.

Whenever I can't concentrate or if I'm bored to tears, to hear that jangling clanking noise is music to my ears.





Final Poem

Hurrah! Three cheers! You've made it! Well done!

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