



Christmas Newsletter 2015



Here we are at the end of a very busy term and we really hope the children have enjoyed their topics with the various activities and visits too. We know the last two weeks have been very busy but hope the children have happy memories to look back on! The children and staff are very ready for the break to recharge their batteries!

A HUGE 'Thank you'

A huge thank you to Alice and Simon Landale who very generously donated our Christmas Tree this year with the help of Uncle Henry. It has looked so beautiful in our hall and helped us all prepare for Christmas. Thank you to the Landales!



Christmas Production

We hope you enjoyed our Christmas Production of 'Hey Ewe!' What a fantastic turn out we had for both afternoon and evening performances. We are very proud of our children and how they acted and sang. Thank you for the lovely positive comments we received afterwards. We raised an amazing amount in ticket sales and our PTA ran a very successful raffle and Silent Auction. The total amount raised was £782.00, just fantastic, and it all goes to help fund visits, equipment and events for the children of Branton and Breamish. A huge thank you to everyone who donated items, food and drink, time or services, to make it such a successful event.



After school activities

We had fantastic attendance at our Film night and as that was so successful we will be holding regular 'Film Club' nights in the new year, so look out for further information when we return in January. Ryan Jobson is going to return to do a football afterschool session once each half term, and the first of those will be on Thursday 12th February, again further information will follow.

Christingle Service at Ingram Church

The Christingle Service will take place at Ingram Church on Sunday 20th December at 3.30pm. A lovely family service, everyone welcome!



Lantern making and Lantern Parade

We had a very busy afternoon on Monday making our fabulous lanterns! It was very enjoyable too, and the children are very rightly proud of their beautiful lanterns! If you would like to take part in the parade, the meeting point is the disabled car park at Alnwick Gardens at 5.15 pm for the parade to start at 5.30pm. Ideally the lanterns need to be collected by an adult on Thursday or Friday from school so they get home safely.

Visit to the Planetarium



We had a fantastic and very informative visit to the Planetarium at the Life Centre in Newcastle, so much so that we will be looking out for any other workshops taking place that would be relevant to our work in school. A very worthwhile visit! .

Goslings and 2 year old sessions

Our Parent, baby and toddler group will restart in the first week back on Thursday 7th January, as will our **2 year old sessions** on Wednesday 6th January 2016.



Gymnastics and Rugby

Gymnastics and Rugby both begin in the first week back in January. Children will need shorts and t-shirt for gymnastics (Wed pm), and for rugby (Thurs pm), they need joggers/leggings, t-shirt, a warm fleece or hoodie, hat and gloves and trainers that can get muddy as we will be outside in all weathers! Mrs Kate Thompson will take the gymnastics sessions at Glendale as Sam Dronsfield is no longer able to. The Rugby sessions are run by coaches from Thunder Rugby.

Forest School



We had a fantastic couple of days to start off our Forest School Experience! In the New Year we intend to make Mondays our Forest School Days, so can you please send your children to school **every Monday** ready to learn outdoors? We will be outside for part if not all of those days, so warm waterproof clothes, a change of clothes please.

Christmas Carol Service

Our Christmas Carol Service will take place on **Friday 18th December at Eglington Church at 10 am**. We will transport all our children in school and nursery and hopefully see as many of you as possible there on the day and afterwards back at school for Christmas teas and coffees and mince pies! School will close for the Christmas break at 2pm.



Alnwick Partnership reorganisation

The period of Statutory Notice came to an end at midnight on Thursday 10th December and we now await the outcome of the Councils Cabinet meeting on Tuesday 12th December.

Dates for your diary

Friday 18th December Carol Service at Eglington Church 10 am. School closes at **2 pm** for Christmas.

Monday 4th January Teacher Training Day—School Closed

Tuesday 5th January School reopens at **9 am**

Wednesday 6th January Gymnastics at Glendale and 2 year old sessions restart

Thursday 7th January Our Parent baby and toddler sessions start and Rugby starts in the afternoon

Thursday 14th January Film Club 5pm finish and PTA meeting at 6pm.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from The Branton and Breamish team

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