



## Newsletter January 2015

Happy New Year and welcome back for the start of what looks to be another busy term! A final reminder to our nursery and any other interested parents that the application window for our Reception class for September 2015 closes on 15th January.

### Two Year Olds

We are starting a two year old session on a Wednesday afternoon, starting on Wednesday 14th January. This is a free session and open to all two year olds. We ask that you contact school to book a place. Funding is available for eligible two year olds, so please speak to Mrs McCann to see if this applies to your child. Sessions will run from 12.45 to 3.15 pm. If we find there is enough interest we can look at increasing the number of sessions we provide. (There may be a charge for any additional sessions if your child does not receive funding.) We hope to see you soon!



### The Alnwick Partnership of schools

The consultation for the organisation of the Alnwick Partnership of schools is now open and will run until 10th March, with the consultation meeting for Branton taking place on Tuesday 3rd February at 7pm. The consultation document is available from the Northumberland County Council Website.



### Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

A huge 'Thank You' to our PTA for organising the coffee morning in Wooler on 20th December. Mrs Cowens has given the figure raised as about £480.00. A fantastic amount raised which we hope will go towards updating our reading scheme. Well done to everyone involved!



'Thank You' to Hedgeley Estates who provided our lovely Christmas Tree!



We are sure you will have noticed (no more puddles or pot holes!) our lovely new car park. A huge thank you to the Shell family and to Terry Lowes for their hard work in the week before Christmas. It has made such a difference! We also need to say a well done and thank you to Mrs Capper who has persevered on our behalf to arrange for the gravel and coordinated the job being completed.



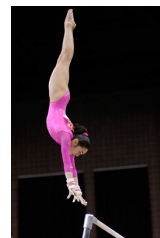
A further Thank you to Mr Dixon Snaith at Hedgeley Quarry and CEMEX who provided the gravel!

We are so grateful for all your wonderful support!



## Gymnastics

We start our gymnastics lessons at Glendale Middle School with Sam Dronsfield on Wednesday 7th January. Can all children please bring a PE kit (shorts and T-shirt) and also a pair of track pants to wear over the top of their shorts for travelling as we will get changed in school before leaving, they will take their indoor plimsolls to wear if appropriate, depending on the activity. Can we ask that you please check that these still fit after the holidays and if Velcro fastened, that the Velcro still works?



## Rugby

Our rugby sessions recommence with Thunder Rugby on Thursday 8th January, Please can all children bring trainers, track/jogging pants, t-shirt and a warm fleece or sweat top (in addition to school jumpers as there is a strong chance we will get muddy!)

## Muddy feet ....

We have been asked by Mr Malthouse to remind our children travelling on school transport to wipe their feet before getting onto the minibus and to keep their feet on the floor to minimise the mud getting onto the backs of seats. We have spoken to the children in school and ask that you also remind them when getting onto the transport in the mornings. Thank you!



## Clothing

So we can be out and about can we please ask that all children have wellington boots, water-proof coats, hats, scarves and gloves in school. Spare clothes and indoor shoes also mean we can enjoy outside and keep ourselves and our school clean and tidy!

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 7th January Gymnastics lessons begin

Thursday 8th January Rugby lesson begin

Tuesday 3rd February Consultation meeting 7pm, Branton First School

Tuesday 10th February Sharing Assembly 10 am

Friday 13th February school closes for half term 3.15 pm

Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th February Reception to Year 4 Parent Consultation meetings

Friday 13th March Comic Relief Day

We also hope to have an Easter Service in the last week of term, date and venue to be confirmed.

Friday 27th March school closes for Easter 2.15 pm.

*NOTE* We have been informed that a grey hat and black gloves were found in the Breamish Hall after the school performance.

*The Branton First School team*

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