



## Newsletter October 2016

We have had a very busy first month back at school! The weather has been very good to us on the whole and we have had lots of opportunities for the children to learn outside, and thankfully not needed all the layers we sometimes need at this time of year! As the days shorten and the weather cools can we ask that all children have coats, hats and gloves in school every day.

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday 6th October at 10 am in Eglingham Church. This year we are collecting for the Peoples Kitchen and Children North East for Harvest, and are asking for tins, breakfast cereal, baby food in jars, pasta, toothpaste, woollen gloves and hats. Anything that isn't fresh to avoid problems with storage.



This year our Harvest is on a Thursday which is also our swimming day, and early lunch day! We will give the children an opportunity to greet their families at the church before we head back to school for our early lunch. Transport has been arranged to and from the church for all year groups including nursery, so we will meet everyone at the church.



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to our Macmillan coffee morning, it was lovely to see so many of you joining us for such a good cause.

We raised a fantastic £62.25 through donations for teas and coffees and the 'Guess the number of spots' game, which was successfully guessed by Di Faulkner!

Our PTA cake stall raised a fantastic £131.62 for their fundraising for our future needs. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and tray bakes and to Coco and Sarah for running the stall, and Mrs McCann and Mrs Wyld for serving teas and coffees!

### Film Club

We have a showing of Disney Pixar's Up (U cert), on Thursday 13th October with a finish time of approximately 4.50 pm. This is open to all our children from Year 1 to Year 4 and all our children are welcome to bring a healthy drink and snack. The next Film Club will be after half term. Please return the attached slip.



### Halloween Disco!

Our PTA will be holding a Halloween Disco in Ingram Village Hall on Monday 31st October 3.30 - 5pm. Everyone welcome!



There are also plans for a Christmas Quiz night, more information to follow.

## New Chair of Governors

Mrs Laura Capper, our very respected, longstanding and supportive Chair of Governors has made the decision to step down from the role. Our new Chair of Governors is Mrs Janice Woods, Mr Tom Oates continues as Vice Chair. Full details of our Governing body is available on our school website. <http://www.branton.northumberland.sch.uk/website/governors/100360>



## Violins

Thank you to all parents who have sent in the £10 per child for the violin insurance. Could we please ask that if you have not yet sent this into school, that you can do so as soon as possible? We have been asked by the Music Partnership North to request this so that all loss, damage and breakages are covered.

## PTA AGM

The AGM of our PTA the Friends of Branton Primary School' will take place on Wednesday 12th October at 4.30pm, everyone is welcome, so do come along and join Abi, Diane, Coco and Sarah , making plans for future events and also for future fundraising.

## Dates for your diary -

Thursday 6th October - Harvest Festival at Eglington Church 10 am

Wednesday 12th October - PTA Annual General Meeting 4.30pm in school, all welcome.

Wednesday 19th October -sharing assembly, in school 10am

Friday 21st October -school closes for half term

Monday 31st October -School closed - training day, PTA Halloween Disco at Ingram Hall

Tuesday 1st November - School reopens, Parents Evening 3.30—6pm

Thursday 3rd November -Parents Evening 3.30—5pm

Wednesday 23rd November -'James and the Giant Peach' at Northern Stage(Y1,2,3&4)

Wednesday 7th December -'Luna' at Northern Stage (Reception and Nursery)

Thursday 8th December -Dress Rehearsal at Breamish Hall

Friday 9th December - Christmas performances at Breamish Hall, 2pm and 6pm

Tuesday 13th December - visit to Alnwick Gardens a.m. and Christmas Party p.m.

Thursday 15th December - Christmas Service Eglington Church 10 am.

Friday 16th December - End of term school closes at 2pm.

Monday 2nd January 2017 - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd January 2017 - School opens at 9 am

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