



# Newsletter October 2015

We somehow find ourselves in October, and I don't think we can quite believe how quickly the first month of the new year has gone!

Our children have quickly settled into school and our routines and are already showing progress, so well done to them all, we are so proud of them!

## Friends of Branton First School

Our Friends (our PTA) will be holding their Annual General meeting, hopefully before the October half term. Please look out for the invitation that will be on it's way to you very shortly. Please remember this is open to all of our parents, school and nursery. We know our PTA Committee would love to see you all!

## Community Meeting

There will be a Community Meeting next **Tuesday 6th October, at 7pm** in school when you will have the opportunity to meet with Council Officers, share your views and ask questions about the current consultation process that includes the proposal to close Branton Community First School and by doing so, Breamish Valley Community Nursery. This proposal will have an impact on all our local schools, so please do try to attend and demonstrate the fantastic level of wonderful support we have had from our parents and local community!



There is still time to complete a consultation response form if you haven't already done so, we will collect any forms brought along to the meeting and submit them all by the end of next week or you will be able to complete one on the night.



**TAPESTRY**  
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

## Tapestry Online Learning Journal

We have now set all our children up with online Learning Journals and all parents should have received an email inviting them to sign in to Tapestry, so that we can share your children's achievements with you. Our Nursery and Reception parents have had access to these journals since February, and we are hoping you all enjoy logging in and sharing your child's successes and achievements with us. If you have not yet signed in and need to be resent the information, please do let us know and we will email the information out again. For our nursery and reception parents, could we please ask that you complete the All about me section that enables us to find out about your child at home, their family, their routines their likes and dislikes.

## Councillors visit to school

Mrs Laura Capper our Chair of Governors welcomed Councillor Robert Arkless, Councillor Bernard Pidcock and Councillor Eileen Burt to our school on Monday 28th October. They had a look around our school and site then Mrs Capper took them on a tour of our catchment area, returning to school for lunch, which they all enjoyed! A big thank you to Laura for showing them around.



## PE Kits

We have been asked to supply a list of clothing and equipment for our different PE sessions. This information is also available on our school website and in our school brochure, which can be downloaded from our website. Please ask if you would like a paper version.

For football we ask that all children have trainers that can get muddy, shorts and track pants, a t-shirt and a fleece or jumper to cover all weather conditions! Once the weather gets colder, hats and gloves are also needed.

For yoga our younger children need clothes they can move freely in, so leggings or track pants are ideal with a t-shirt and fleece or jumper.

For swimming all our children need a towel and swimming costume in a bag.

## Harvest Festival

We have arranged with Rev Marion that our Harvest Festival will take place in **Ingram Church** on **Thursday 8th October at 10 am**. As we have now exceeded the number of children that will fit on the smaller bus we have arranged a larger bus that can accommodate all our children in school and nursery! This year we are asking for donations of breakfast cereals, so we are having a 'Weetabix Harvest'. You can either send your donations into school from the beginning of next week or bring them to the church on the day. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are holding our Macmillan Coffee morning after our Harvest Festival on Thursday 8th October 2015. We expect to be back at school by approximately 10.45-11.00 am, although Mrs McCann will be in school if you arrive before we get back! Last year we had a fantastic turn out so we do hope you will be able to join us again this year. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Donations of cakes for a cake sale (and to consume at the event!) would be gratefully received. Please send them into school on either Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6th October Consultation meeting with Andy Johnson Director of Education 7pm.

Thursday 8th October Weetabix Harvest Festival—Ingram Church at 10 am followed by coffee morning in aid of Macmillan (rather than 25th September)

Thursday 22nd October Sharing Assembly and coffee morning 10am and Halloween Disco (TBC)

Friday 23rd October school closes at 3.15 pm for half term

Monday 2nd November school reopens at 9am.

Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th November Parent -teacher meetings in school.

Monday 9th November Scrutiny Committee Meeting 10am County Hall

Tuesday 10th November Cabinet Meeting 10 am County Hall

*The Branton First School team*

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