

Newsletter January 2017



A Happy New Year to you all! We are back in school and busy very early this year and for once this spring term is 13 weeks long plus our half term break as we work through to 7th April, so a busy and very full term ahead!

We have some new activities beginning which are detailed later in this newsletter, and we also hope to hold some fundraising events both for school and of course this year will be a Comic Relief year, so watch out for more information!

Christmas Performance!

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Christmas performance, in the afternoon or in the evening. We had a fantastic turn out and we raised an amazing £249 for school funds from ticket sales. This helps us fund some of the special events for our children over the festive period. We are so proud of all our children and how well they performed, especially in front of such a large audience!



PTA -The Friends of Branton and Breamish

Our fantastic PTA were very busy in the run up to Christmas with their raffle and Silent Auction at our Christmas Performance and also preparing and serving a lovely Christmas Lunch for children and staff. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out. We are awaiting the final figure for the fundraising, and this will be sent out very soon along with the outcome of the Silent Auction.



Film Club

Film club will run this half term on Thursday 12th and 26th January and 9th February. We will begin the year with a screening of Hotel for Dogs (U cert) with a pick up time of 4.50pm. Other films will be notified. Please return the attached slip if you would like your child to attend any or all of the film Club evenings.



Rugby

Our rugby sessions begin on Wednesday 4th January, and from Wednesday 11th January we propose holding an after school rugby club. This will be dependent on take up as a minimum number will be required to make the sessions viable. The after school rugby club would run from 3.15 to 4.15 as after that we begin to lose light at this time of year! Please can you let us know if you would like your child / children to attend this after school club by returning the reply slip and we will notify you if it is able to go ahead, the cost of the session will be divided between the numbers attending and we will notify you of this amount once we are sure it will go ahead (no more than £5.00, but hopefully less) All children will need a warm rugby kit as we will be outside in all weathers, so hats and gloves are also essential for these sessions.

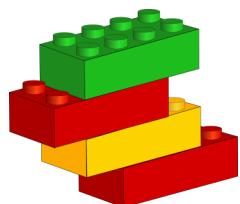


Street dance!

We are so excited that our new streetdance sessions will begin this Friday, 6th January. We think our children will really enjoy these sessions! All of our children from nursery to year 4 will need clothing that they can move easily in and also not become overheated. For the first week we suggest leggings or joggers, a t-shirt and black plimsolls (school indoor shoes). It may be that shorts are more appropriate once we find out just how warm we get!



After school Lego Club



Miss Birdsall and Miss Plunkett are planning an afterschool Lego Club this half term, which will run each Tuesday evening from 3.15 to 4.15 pm. There will be six sessions this half term from Tuesday 10th January to Tuesday 13th February. Please return the reply slip if your child / children would like to attend.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will continue on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings (Reception and Nursery only). At this time of year it is essential that all our children



are well wrapped up for learning outside. Layers are best and extra socks and gloves help their hands and feet to stay warm. Hats are also essential for keeping heat in.

Violins

Our violin lessons with Mr Davies will restart on Friday 13th January at 1pm. Could we ask that parents ensure that all violins are in school that day? We need to carry out an audit of instruments for the music service and it would help us enormously if all the instruments were in school. We do need to ask all parents for £10 for the cost of the insurance for the term for violins being taken home.



Dates for your diary -

Tuesday 3rd January 2017 - School opens at 9 am

Wednesday 4th January - Rugby sessions begin

Thursday 5th January - Willowburn PE sessions restart, Trampoline and boulder wall

Friday 6th January - Dance and drama begins

Friday 13th January - Violin sessions restart

Friday 17th February - school closes at 3.15 pm for the half term break

Monday 27th February - School reopens 9 am

Thursday 2nd March - swimming restarts at Willowburn.

Friday 7th April - school closes for Easter at 2pm.

The Branton and Breamish Team

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Intu Film Club

I would like my child/childrento attend

- Thursday 12th January - Hotel for dogs

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- Thursday 26th January - film TBC

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- Thursday 9th February - film TBC

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Signed Name

Rugby After School Club

I would like my child/childrento attend the Rugby After School club each Wednesday from 3.15 to 4.15 pm beginning on Wednesday 11th January 2017. I understand there will be a charge for these sessions.

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Lego Club

I would like my child/childrento attend the Lego after school club beginning on Tuesday 10th January for 6 weeks.

Signed Name

Violin Insurance

I enclose £10.00 per child for the violin insurance for the spring term 2017.

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for my child / children

Total amount enclosed £.....

Signed Name