

Newsletter December 2016



December is upon us, this term really has flown past! We can't believe that the end of term is so close and yet we still have lots to do! Thank you to all the parents who have contacted us about or sent in costumes for our production. Can we please ask that all costumes are in school no later than Monday 5th December? Our dress rehearsal will be on Thursday 8th December at the Breamish Hall. End of school pick up will be from the **Breamish Hall** on that afternoon at 3.15pm.



Christmas Performance!

Our Christmas Performance will take place at 2pm (with nursery) and 6pm in the Breamish Hall, Powburn on Friday 9th December.

We are performing 'A Midwife Crisis', a nativity by Gaynor Boddy and Rebecca Kincaid. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us! Tickets are on sale in school or on the door at each performance. If you can buy in advance it really helps us to predict numbers for refreshments.

For the afternoon performance we will be bussed down to the Breamish Hall straight after lunch, and if you are not attending the afternoon performance, the children will then need to be collected from the **Breamish Hall** at 3.15 pm, the school buses will collect from there on that day. Refreshments will be available after the performance with juice and biscuits for the children.

For the evening performance, can we please ask that all children from Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 are back at the hall for 5.30pm to get into their costumes?

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the performances, and we feel sure you will enjoy this slightly different Nativity story!

PTA -The Friends of Branton and Breamish

At the Christmas Performance our PTA will be holding a raffle, cake stall and Silent Auction, a list of 'Lots' is attached. There will also be some of our wonderful fundraising bags on sale too! We are attaching a bid form for those of you unable to make the performances, if you would like to put in a bid for any of the items in the Silent Auction before the evening of 9th December, and return it to school in an envelope, they will be included in the auction. Please include a contact number so we can let you know if you have been successful!



Silent
Auction



Christmas Service at Ingram Church

Our Christmas service will take place on Thursday 15th December at Ingram Church beginning at 10 am. Please do come along and join us for this festive service, and then join us back at school for refreshments afterwards.



Nursery children are welcome to join us at the church if they would prefer. Could we ask that if you intend to take **nursery** children home after the service/refreshments that you let us know so in advance for lunches?



Northern Stage

Our older children thoroughly enjoyed the production of James and the Giant Peach, there was lots of excitement on their return! Now it is the turn for our younger children in nursery and reception to go to the Northern stage to see a magical production called Luna, all about friendship, the moon and being afraid of the dark, aimed at children from 2 to 4 years of age. Our visit is on Wednesday 7th December and we will be leaving school just after 9am, so can we please ask that everyone arrives at school at around 8.50am, and that all children are wearing their school sweatshirt or cardigan?



Alnwick Gardens and Christmas Party!

We will be visiting the Alnwick Gardens for a 'festive' morning on Tuesday 13th December. Afterwards we will return to school for our Party Lunch, followed by our Christmas Party in the afternoon. Can all children come to school dressed in their school uniform? We will not be the only school at Alnwick Gardens and it really helps everyone to identify our children. The children are then welcome to bring a change of clothes for their party which they will change into after lunch.



Christmas Lunch

Our PTA have very kindly offered to make our Christmas Lunch for us this year. They have rallied around at a time when it looked like we wouldn't be having a Christmas lunch at all, due to forthcoming works in the Glendale Kitchen. Our Festive meal will take place on Wednesday 14th December. It will also be a 'Thank you' to Mrs Wyld who keeps us all well fed throughout the year!



Dates for your diary -

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

Thursday 8th December - Dress Rehearsal at Breamish Hall, pick up from there please.

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

Tuesday 13th December - visit to Alnwick Gardens a.m., party lunch, Christmas Party p.m.

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas lunch (kindly provided by our PTA!)

Thursday 15th December - Christmas Service **Ingram** Church 10 am followed by refreshments

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

Christmas Holiday

Monday 2nd January 2017 - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd January 2017 - School opens at 9 am

Wednesday 4th January - Rugby sessions begin

Thursday 5th January - Willowburn PE sessions restart



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Silent Auction items

Lot 1

Wheelbarrow of Logs. kindly donated by Dave Pattern (x 2, so highest two bids).

Lot 2

Homemade Traditional Christmas Cake. Kindly made and donated by
Mrs Sybil Telford.

Lot 3

A signed copy "Training a Sport Horse ". Kindly signed and donated by Chris Bartle.

Lot 4

A Wooden Snowman. Kindly donated and made by Richard Blackman.

Lot 5

A Reindeer Sculpture. Kindly donated and made by Graham Smith.

Lot 6

A seasons fishing permit for the river Breamish on Hedgeley Estate. Kindly donated
by the Carr-Ellison family

Lot 7

1 full day (8 hours) of labour from Rogerson Contracting. Kindly donated
by Tim Rogerson

Lot 8

A 'Relaxation/ Therapeutic' Massage. Kindly donated by Angela Huddleston

Lot 9

A bottle of Champagne. Kindly donated by Jonny Wilson

Lot 10

A manicure by Kimberley Verrill. Kindly donated by Kimberley Verrill.

All bids to be received by 6pm on Friday 9th December