



Newsletter July 2016

July already and the end of the school year in sight! What a busy and emotional year it has been. We began the year under threat of closure, but thanks to our fantastic community and the amazing support we received we are moving forward to become 'Primary' in September. The community support is now the strength on which we move forward.

The continued support means that we can be viable as a Primary School and plan for the future! Our Primary Curriculum is now in place and the plans will be expanded and developed as we move forward, term by term. Our plans for increasing our teaching spaces are being developed and again, the fantastic community support, our resolute PTA and the enthusiasm of our parents is enabling us to do this. So 'Thank you', and 'Go Branton!'



School uniform

As we move towards the end of term we are thinking towards the new academic year and are asking that if you would like to order items of uniform for September and onwards, can you please have orders in school by Friday 15th July. The order will then be placed over the summer and be available for collection at the beginning of September. Parents will be emailed once the order arrives with times when school will be open for collection.



Friends of Branton First School

Thank you to our amazing PTA for the fantastic Summer Fete on Saturday 25th June. Even the weather was kind and a fantastic and enjoyable day was had by all. Thank you also to everyone who helped out and visited. An amazing fundraising push that will have a final total of around £1,000. Just brilliant! [Unclaimed raffle prize - Blue 61, please contact school!](#)

There will be a PTA meeting on Monday 4th July at 4.30pm to look at what fundraising events might be next, so if you have any ideas come along, or you can always phone or email.



End of year celebration and Leavers Assembly

We have our end of year celebration planned for Thursday 14th July, originally we had thought we'd hold it in the afternoon, however we would like our nursery children to be involved and so have decided to put it at our more usual time of 10 am.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it, and then afterwards for refreshments. Our parent baby and toddler group will run as usual, and are also welcome to join us for this end of year event.

Sports fun day!

We are planning our sports and fun day on Friday 15th July. We plan to start our sports at 10.30 in our usual teams lead by our oldest children. We will then have a family picnic and an opportunity for games and general fun after lunch! More information to follow!



Last two days of term

We appreciate that school closing on a Tuesday for the summer is unusual, so we have planned most of our end of term events the week before and plan to have a couple of fun days to end the year. Grant from the Alnwick Lawn Tennis club will join us on Tuesday 19th July for a fun sports morning when he will run a variety of different activities for our children, that will be followed by lunch and school closing at 2pm. We plan hold an outdoor learning day on the Monday, including Forest School, so children will need to be dressed appropriately.

Sports and after school clubs



Next year we have arranged for all our sports coaches to run after school clubs.

Ryan and Trident Soccer will be in school on the first day back, Wednesday 7th September and there will be an after school football club running that evening and throughout the autumn term.



From January (spring term), Thunder rugby will be in school and running an after school club on a Wednesday.

From April (summer term) Grant Watson will be back running a tennis club, this time on a Monday.



Children from our neighbouring schools are welcome to join in with these sports clubs.

Our Film Club will also run once a fortnight on a Thursday, dates and films to be announced!

Surestart Fun Bus

The Sure Start Fun Bus unfortunately had mechanical problems and didn't make it to Branton, however we have another date, and fingers crossed, this time the fun bus will arrive!
New date - Thursday 7th July 10-12 am.

Dates for your diary

Friday 1st July - Partnership Sports at St Michael's First School, Yrs 2, 3 and 4

Tuesday 5th July - Cross Country Event at Ellingham First School for KS2 (Yrs 3 and 4).

Friday 8th July - 'Bad hair day' watch for a letter home! Reports home to parents

Thursday 14th July - Leavers assembly 10.00 am, followed by refreshments.

Friday 15th July - Sports day 10.30 am and family picnic / fun afternoon.

Tuesday 19th July - Tennis and activity morning with Grant. School closes for Summer Holiday at 2 pm.

Wednesday 20th July - Training day.

Wednesday 7th September - School reopens for the new school year at 9am, football with Trident Soccer begins, with after school club.

Thursday 8th September - swimming begins at Willowburn.

The Branton and Breamish Team

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