

Newsletter April 2017

Our children have been making the most of the warmer weather and have been very busy outside in our Forest School and also beginning our Roots and Shoots Project, hopefully much more to see next term as we begin to see things grow. We will welcome our hens back to school after Easter, they have been 'on holiday' during the period of concern with Avian Flu, but will be back soon!

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will take place on <u>Thursday 6th April</u> at St Michael and All Angels Church Ingram. It will begin at <u>10 am</u> and we then invite you all to join us back at school until 11.30 am for our Easter activities, PTA Cake stall and refreshments and we know our children are hoping that a special visitor may have hopped by while we are out at the church!



Can we ask that all children bring a decorated hard boiled egg to school to take part in our egg rolling? There is every possibility that these may crack during the event, so we will make sure our children know that this might happen.



Our parent, baby and toddlers are invited to join us at the church and then afterwards for our Easter Egg hunt, so can you please let us know if you are able to attend so we can make sure the Easter Bunny knows! A slightly shorter Goslings session will also run in school from 9.30 to 10.45am, so that everything is organised for when we return from the church.

PE in the summer term

Grant Watson from Alnwick Lawn Tennis Club will be returning to Branton for the summer term on a Monday afternoon to take our tennis sessions, starting on Monday 24th April. All children need shorts, t-shirts, trainers, sunhats and sun cream. Please send extra layers just in case! Grant is also planning on running an after school tennis club from 3.15 to 4.15 pm on a Monday, so if you are interested in your child taking part, please return the attached reply slip before 7th April.

Swimming will continue on a Thursday afternoon for the reminder of the school year, with our nursery children who were born between September 2012 and August 2013 being invited to join us with an adult in preparation for swimming with school in September.

Lambing at Brandon

Thank you to everyone at Brandon for another fantastic visit to the farm to see the lambing. Our children love to see all the animals and in particular feed the lambs and also find out about the crops that are grown on the farm. We always receive such a warm welcome. Thank You!



Red Nose Day 2017

Can we please remind everyone that if you have not already done so,

can you please send your sponsor forms and money into school so that we can send it
to Comic Relief before the end of term.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a great fundraising event!

New Treatment Works

We have a further meeting in school this week to discuss the final arrangements for the installation of our new treatment works. We will keep you informed of any changes to our usual routines for our return to school after Easter, if any are necessary, to accommodate any ongoing works. Parents will be emailed should we need to share any further information with you.

The Friends of Branton and Breamish

Our PTA have been so busy organising several furure fundraising events over the coming months. A letter from them was sent home last week, but just to recap a few we have -

<u>Easter Raffle</u> for a lovely hamper, tickets on sale from PTA members and also in school, to be drawn at the Easter Service on Thursday.

<u>Cake Stall</u> at school after our Easter Service, all donations of cakes greatly appreciated and please send into school beforehand.

<u>Children's tombola</u> - If children could bring a small amount of money into school on the last day of term (Friday 7th April), to take part in this event.



Dates for your diary -

<u>Thursday 6th April</u> - Easter Service Ingram Church 10 am followed by Easer activities and PTA cake stall at school

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

Monday 24th April - school reopens 9am, tennis begins

Tuesday 25th April - Class 2 Roots and Shoots at Alnwick Gardens, class 1 in school

Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th April - Years 3 and 4 residential to Kielder

Tuesday 23rd May - Reception to Y4 visit to Heatherslaw Mill and Ford to Etal Railway.

<u>Friday 26th May</u> - school closes for May half term.

<u>Tuesday 13th June</u> - Class 2 Roots and Shoots at Alnwick Gardens

Thursday 29th June - Musical Roots event at Alnwick Gardens

<u>Saturday 8th July</u> - Summer Fayre

The Branton and Breamish Team

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