



## Newsletter February 2015

We are already into February! So far the weather has not been too bad, fingers crossed it continues to be so! We have another busy month ahead as you will see in the newsletter. We will try to keep in touch with you all if anything changes due to weather conditions. Should we need to close, we will put information on our website, on Facebook and it should also be on the Northumberland County Council website.

### Consultation Meeting

The consultation meeting at Branton takes place at 7pm this Tuesday, 3rd February. This is to find out about the different organisational models, including the two tier, three tier options, proposed for the whole of the Alnwick Partnership of schools, including Branton. The consultation will run until 10th March. Come along to find out more and ask any questions that you have. The consultation document is available from our school website and the Northumberland County Council Website.

### Two Year Olds

Our 2 year old taster sessions are doing really well with a fantastic take up. Thank you to all the parents who have expressed an interest, and to those already attending. With such support we are looking into the longer term organisation and will let you know as soon as we have further information.



### Friends of Branton First School

The fundraising by our PTA, the Friends of Branton First School has meant that we have been able to make a substantial investment in updating our reading scheme. A huge 'Thank You' to our PTA for their time and effort. Our children seem very taken with our new books and you should see them starting to arrive at home in book bags as they are now on the shelves and ready to go! They have lots of information for parents inside their covers too!

The Friends of Branton First School are holding a meeting at school before the consultation meeting on Tuesday at 6pm. Please do come along and support them, or if you can't attend but would like to help, return the slip at the bottom of the letter with your details so that Abi, Helen or Coco can contact you.

A big thank you to Claire Wood who did a fantastic job organising Christmas Cards, paper and gifts through the Christmas catalogue. Over £140 was raised!

We would also like to say a huge 'Thank you' to Sarah Nelson, the outgoing secretary/ treasurer of our PTA who has kept the PTA at Branton and its fundraising going almost single handedly for several years. Sarah was also instrumental in gaining funding for our Community Powers Nursery, so 'Thank you' Sarah!

## RAF Boulmer

A big thank you to Emma Landy who has organised a visit for us to RAF Boulmer on the morning of Monday 9th February, as part of our transport topic. Please complete the consent slip attached and return to school by Thursday 5th February.

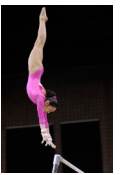


### Valentines Disco!

We are hosting a Valentines Disco at the Breamish Hall on Thursday 12th February from 5.00 - 6.30 pm. We are extending the invitation to children at all the other schools in our area, so please do come along. Tickets can be purchased from school for £2.50 beforehand, or on the door on the evening of the disco. Refreshments are included in the cost of the ticket. There will be music, dancing and games! Everyone is welcome! Please do come along and join us!

### Gymnastics

Our children are thoroughly enjoying their gymnastics sessions at Glendale on Wednesday afternoons. Please remember they need shorts, t-shirts and plimsolls on Wednesday afternoons, although they do also work in bare feet.



### Rugby

Our rugby sessions have restarted and although the weather has been cold we have had three out of the four rugby sessions. Along with trainers, track/jogging pants, t-shirt and a warm fleece or sweat top the children really need gloves at this time of year, so please can you make sure they have gloves in their kit bags?

### Easter Service

We have now arranged our Easter Service with Rev Penfold. It is to take place at St Maurice's Church, Eglingham on Thursday 26th March at 10 am. A change of venue, and closer to home for our Eglingham parents! We hope you can join us!



### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3rd February PTA meeting 6 pm, followed by Consultation meeting 7 pm, Branton First School

Tuesday 10th February Sharing Assembly 10 am followed by E-safety presentation

Thursday 12th February Valentines Disco, Breamish Hall, Powburn, 5.00 - 6.30 pm.

Friday 13th February school closes for half term 3.15 pm

Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th February Reception to Year 4 Parent Consultation meetings

Friday 13th March Comic Relief Day

Thursday 26th March Easter Service at Eglingham Church, 10 am.

Friday 27th March school closes for Easter 2.15 pm.

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