



Newsletter September 2015

Welcome back! It is so lovely to see our children back at school. They all seem to have grown so much! We are at the beginning of a very busy term at Branton and Breamish and there will be other information coming out to you about the various dates of events. We do hope you will be able to join us.

A huge 'Thank you'!

Thank you so much to all the parents and friends of Branton who have been so active over the summer break. We have had representatives at the different shows and events and also a visit to Downing Street where our magnificent petition of over 18,000 signatures was presented by Charlie, Immy, Claire and Ann! Thank you all so much for your continued support for our school and nursery. Our school is so very important to us all and we all want to be able to plan for our future for many years to come! Thank you also to Cllr Anthony Murray, always so supportive of our school, who has kindly funded our wonderful new canopy which has made such a difference to our early years area.



Friends of Branton First School

Our Friends (our PTA) are holding a **Coffee Morning at Glendale Hall in Wooler** this coming **Saturday , 5th September, starting at 10am**. If you have donations for the tombola or raffle, or cakes for the cake stall, please send them into school or take them to the hall on the morning. At the moment Helen and Diane are manning the coffee morning between them and could really do with some additional helpers. If you are free to help in any way please let us, Helen or Diane know.

Visit from Anne-Marie Trevelyan



Thank you to Anne- Marie Trevelyan who came to school on Friday 28th August to meet with parents and offer support. She is intending to submit her own proposals as part of the ongoing consultation process and after speaking to our parents has a good understanding of the issues that would impact our families. There is still time to complete Anne-Marie's survey should you wish too.

Consultation meeting and councillor visit.

There is a public consultation meeting taking place at 7pm on Tuesday 6th October with Dr Andy Johnson Director of Education. This meeting is open to everyone in our community and we would encourage you to attend, if at all possible, to continue to demonstrate the support our school has. Information about the meeting has been given to the elected council members of the Scrutiny Committee and they have been encouraged to attend to see for themselves the level of support and also the opposition to the current proposals. Mrs Capper our Chair of Governors has also invited Councillors Robert Arckless and Bernard Pidcock, and the Scrutiny Committee members to visit our school during September. We will let you know when we have more information about their visit.

PE in the autumn term

Ryan Jobson and Trident Soccer began our football sessions today! Please remember football kits for Thursday afternoons, and as the weather becomes more autumnal, warm fleeces or jumpers, hats and gloves will be important additions to the kits.



Swimming will be on a Wednesday afternoon at Willowburn throughout the Autumn Term. Nursery parents and children will be welcome to join the school at the pool for these lessons which will run from 1.15—1.45 pm. As now, please let Mrs McCann know as this is not a general swim time, so payment will be made through school for any children joining us.

Tour of Britain Bike Race

The tour of Britain bike race will be speeding through our area on Wednesday 9th September, and if there are any parents or nursery children able to attend we were allocated a position in Eglingham for it passing by at approximately 1.30pm. The time of the race passing us unfortunately clashes with our swimming lesson at Willowburn, and as the race passes through our area so quickly we have decided to swim on that day rather than watch the race. We hope you understand our decision.

Dressing for the weather!

We very much hope that the weather in September is kind to us and that we will still need our sunhats and sun cream, so please remember to send these into school so we have them when we need them. Mrs Bone has also asked that we can ask for hats scarves and gloves to be sent into school once the weather starts to get a little cooler. We love to be outside and like to be dressed for the weather, whatever it throws at us!



Spare clothes



If you have been having a clear out to make way for new uniform, and you have any unwanted items we are always grateful for spare clothes! We are particularly short of boys underpants and swimming costumes (boys and girls).

Dates for your diary

Thursday 3rd September Trident Soccer begin our football sessions

Saturday 5th September PTA Coffee Morning, Glendale Hall Wooler 10am.

Wednesday 9th September Swimming begins at Willowburn

Saturday 12th September Ingram Show

Monday 21st to Friday 25th September Miss Plunkett and Mrs Bone at Forest School Training

Tuesday 6th October Consultation meeting with Andy Johnson Director of Education 7pm.

Thursday 8th October Weetabix Harvest Festival—Eglingham Church 10 am followed by coffee morning in aid of Macmillan (rather than 25th September)

Thursday 22nd October Sharing Assembly and coffee morning 10am and Halloween Disco (TBC)

Friday 23rd October school closes at 3.15 pm for half term

The Branton First School team

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