



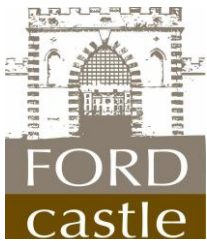
## Branton Community First School and Breamish Valley Nursery

### Newsletter April 2014

It is hard to believe that we are already in our last week of the term. What a busy term we have had!

#### Branton Sport Relief Mile on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Thank you so much for the fantastic support we had for our Sport Relief Mile. We raised an astounding £412.00!

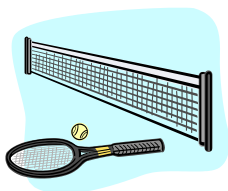


#### Ford Castle

Our Year Two and Three pupils will be taking part in a residential visit at Ford Castle from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April when they will have the opportunity to team up with another Northumberland school and take part in a variety of exciting activities.

#### Swimming

A big 'Thank you' to our adult volunteers, parents past and present who have helped with our swimming sessions this half term. Swimming will begin on the first Thursday after Easter for Nursery, Reception and Year One, as our Year Two and Three pupils will be away on their residential at Ford Castle. As always please let Mrs Capper or Mrs McCann know if you are able to help.



#### Rugby / Tennis

Today would have been our final rugby session of the year, but unfortunately it was cancelled. Our children have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions so a big 'Thank you' to the coaches at **Thunder Rugby**. From Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, the first day back, our children will be taking part in tennis sessions each Tuesday afternoon throughout the summer term, run by **Grant Watson**.

#### Our PTA and Wooler shop

Following on from a really successful week of fundraising last year, our PTA have again booked the charity shop in Wooler from the week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any items that could be donated to sell and help our PTA raise funds for our school please send them into school or contact our PTA directly.

Our PTA are also registered with EasyFundraising.org which is an organisation that helps causes, such as our PTA, to raise funds. All you have to do is register with [easyfundraising.org](http://easyfundraising.org) and each time you visit a website that supports the scheme a pop up will ask if you wish to donate. There is no additional cost to you the customer, the fundraising is from the

companies you visit, they pay Easy Fundraising a percentage of your spend online for directing custom to them. Our PTA is registered as [Friends of Branton First School](#).

### **Easter Service**

Our Easter Service will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at St Michael and All Angels Church, Ingram, at 10 am. Rev Marion Penfold and our children will lead the service. Everyone is welcome to join us for the service and afterwards at school for some Easter activities and refreshments. Join us for Egg Rolling, an Easter Egg Hunt and 'hop'-fully a visit from a special visitor!



### **New Curriculum**

Thank you to those parents who returned our questionnaire. We will take your ideas along with those of our governors, pupils and staff to design a curriculum that will hopefully meet the needs of our pupils in the coming years.

### **Staffing**



We are pleased to welcome Mrs Lillie back to school after her operation and we are also pleased to hear that Mrs Wyld is healing well. A big thank you to Mrs McCann, Mrs Bone and Miss Symonds who have all taken on a variety of jobs around school to help. Mrs Bone will continue to help in the kitchen during Mrs Wyld's absence. Miss Symonds has now moved on to work at another First School in Northumberland.

### **The end of the school day**

After the Easter holiday we would like to ask parents and adults collecting our children to come through the outer gate and collect the children from the front of school. Our school staff will bring the children to our side gate and dismiss them from there. We are always so conscious of safety and feel that this would be a safer place for our children to be collected.

### **Next Term**

We are looking forward to some new arrivals next term! In the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> May we will have an incubator and eggs delivered, that should hatch out that week. We will then be looking after the chicks until they are ready to go outside. Our long term aim is to keep any hens; any cockerels will need to be rehomed and can also be sent back to the living eggs project. Should anyone be interested in rehoming any cockerels so we can maintain the link with them, please let us know?

Everyone at Branton First School and Breamish Valley Nursery wish you a happy and enjoyable Easter holiday. As is the tradition, school will close at 2.15 pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March and reopen at 9 am Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, which will also be the day of our first tennis lesson.

*The Branton First School Team*

