



## Branton Community First School and Breamish Valley Nursery

### Newsletter May 2014

Welcome back! We are at the beginning of a very busy summer term with lots happening in school. This first half term is very short as we break up for half term on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

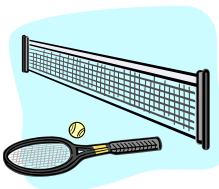


#### Ford Castle

Our Year Two and Three pupils did fantastically well at Ford Castle in the first week of term. If you haven't already looked, there are many photos of their adventures on the school website. They all challenged themselves and completed activities that they really didn't believe they could do.

#### Swimming

As we now have more children swimming, we do need more adult helpers to go in the water with our youngest children. We are relying on the same adults each week and it would be really helpful if we could get a pool of volunteers to ease the load. Thank you to Mrs Wilson and Mrs Capper who are our regular volunteers. Please let Mrs Capper or Mrs McCann know if you are able to help, particularly in June.



#### Tennis

Tennis began in the first week of term and our children really enjoyed themselves. The lessons will continue throughout the summer term, so please make sure your child has their PE kits in school each Tuesday.

#### Garden Party

Following our Easter Service we received an invitation to the Garden Party at Brandon on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May. We have been asked if the children would like to be involved. Could you please let us know by returning the slip at the end of this letter if you would be able to take your child to the Garden Party? We appreciate that it falls in the school half term holiday and that families may be away on holiday.

#### Hats and Suncream!

We hope to make the most of our beautiful outdoor areas during the summer months, so we are asking that all pupils have sunhats in school every day. If sun cream can be applied in the morning before school it would be really helpful, and the children are welcome to bring cream to school to reapply themselves. Parents of our nursery pupils can give permission for the adults in school to reapply sun cream that they send into school with their child (clearly named), by returning the slip at the end of this letter.





### **Nursery start times**

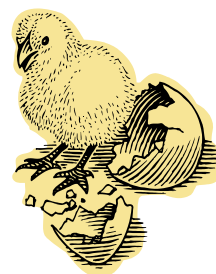
Now that all our nursery pupils are well settled into nursery, can we please ask that all children are in school for 9 am? It means that activities in the nursery can begin straight away and include all the children. It also allows us to lock the side gate promptly keeping all our children safe.

### **Lunches at Branton**

We now have more children staying for school lunch which is wonderful. However, it is taking slightly longer for everyone to have their meal. Can nursery parents please come to collect their children at 12.45 pm rather than 12.30 pm? Should lunch be finished earlier, a very rare occurrence, the nursery children can go outside to play with the other children. Please can nursery parents let Mrs McCann know which days you would like your child to have a school lunch at the beginning of each the week so we can order and prepare the meals accordingly?

### **Chicks!**

We are all excited about our new arrivals next week. The eggs should arrive at the beginning of the week and we hope they will have all hatched by the end of the week. A big thank you to Mrs Cowens who has arranged for a local tradesman, to build our hen house. We are now waiting with great anticipation to see what hatches, I'm sure your children will keep you informed, but you are welcome to come and see for yourself. We are planning to have a 'Chick Celebration' on the last Wednesday of this half term, 21<sup>st</sup> May, when we will share our findings with you, so please put that date in your diary.



### **Fathers' Day sharing assembly**

We don't want our Dads' and Granddads to feel left out so we are planning on holding a Fathers' Day sharing assembly on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, again, please put the date in your diary. Let's see if we can get as many of our Dads or Granddads into school that day as possible!

### **Our PTA and Wooler shop**

As mentioned in our April newsletter, our PTA have again booked the charity shop in Wooler for 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. The following week, on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June Mrs Wilson has organised the air ambulance

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

A reminder to parents and adults collecting our children to come through the outer gate and collect the children from the front of school. Our school staff now bring the children to our side gate and dismiss them from there.

*The Branton First School Team*

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