

## Newsletter February 2017



February is here at last, and with it come the lighter nights, which make such a difference! We have lots of things planned over the coming months, from visits and visitors to residential trips and fundraising events, so lots to look forward to at Branton and Breamish! You are also invited to join us for a sharing assembly on Wednesday 15th February at 10 am in school followed by refreshments.

### Visit to the Hancock Museum

Our children in Class 2, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4, will be visiting the Great North Museum : Hancock, on Monday 13th February. This will be an all day visit where our children will be finding out about the Ancient Egyptians, as well as having the opportunity to explore the museum. They will leave school immediately after registration and return for the end of the school day. The Early Years children and staff will remain in school and nursery and reception will operate as usual on that day. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £6.00 per child to go towards transport costs.



### PTA -The Friends of Branton and Breamish



Our PTA are planning several events this academic year, and will be sending more information out to you very soon. This month they are planning a cake stall and uniform sale at our sharing assembly on Wednesday 15th February, so donations of cakes and outgrown uniform would be gratefully received, on or before 15th February.

### Film Club

Film club will run this half term on Thursday 9th February. We have a choice of films of slightly different lengths so pick up time will be approximately 4.45pm. Last time we finished slightly earlier, but it did mean we were ready to go when parents arrived!



### Staffing

Mrs Jacqui Lillie will be leaving Branton and Breamish on Friday 17th February and we wish her well for the future and her planned travels, and thank her for her years of service to Branton and Breamish.

Mr Jack Bell, a student teacher from Sunderland University is currently with us on placement in Class 2 and will be with us until Friday 3rd March. Miss Charlotte Reed, a student from Northumberland College is also on placement with us and will be in school every Monday and Friday assisting Mrs Bone in Class 1.

Miss Heather Ives is volunteering for a morning a week in Class 2, our children know Heather from our summer tennis sessions with Grant Watson.



## Violins

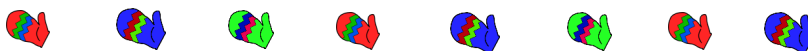
Mr Davies who has been tutoring our pupils since March of last year will have his final session with us on 31st March, Mrs Nicklen will be returning after Easter. So we would like to invite parents to a violin recital on Friday 24th March at 1.30 pm and afterwards to then take part in our fundraising activities for Comic Relief. We are planning to again be part of the music event at Alnwick Gardens on June 29th with other schools in our partnership.



## Forest School and outdoor learning



Forest School sessions are continuing on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings (Reception and Nursery only). We also will be outside each day at least for morning, lunch and afternoon playtimes. All of our children have learning opportunities outside each week. At this time of year it is essential that all our children are well wrapped up for learning outside. Layers are best and extra socks and gloves help their hands and feet to stay warm. Hats are also essential for keeping heat in. Spare clothes are also useful for changes should we get wet!



**If you have any odd gloves at home and are wondering what to do with them, please don't throw them out, please send them into school where we can make up spare pairs!**

## PE

Our children will take part in their final trampoline and boulder wall sessions on Thursday 16th February. After half term we will return to swimming on a Thursday afternoon.

Our children in Years 3 and 4 have been invited to take part in a Multi-skills session at Willowburn on Wednesday 15th February. They will leave after an early lunch, returning for the end of the school day. Please complete the reply slip attached and return to school by Friday 10th February. (Full PE kit, joggers or leggings to travel in)

Our street dance sessions are very popular with all our children on a Friday morning and continue next half term.

## Dates for your diary -

Wednesday 15th February -Sharing assembly 10 am

Friday 17th February -school closes at 3.15 pm for the half term break

Monday 27th February -School reopens 9 am

Thursday 2nd March - swimming restarts at Willowburn.

Friday 24th March - Comic Relief and Violin recital in the afternoon, 1.30pm.

Thursday 6th April - Easter Service Ingram Church 10 am followed by Easter activities at school

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



*The Branton and Breamish Team*

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**Visit to the Great North Museum - Years 1, 2, 3 and 4**

I give permission for my child/children.....  
to attend the educational visit to the Great North Museum on Monday 13th February.

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I enclose a voluntary contribution of £6.00 per child

Total amount enclosed £..... cash/cheque



Signed ..... Name .....

**Multiskills event - Willowburn - Years 3 and 4**

I give permission for my child/children.....  
to take part in the Multiskills event at Willowburn on the afternoon of Wednesday 15th  
February.

(Full PE kit, joggers or leggings to travel in)

Signed ..... Name .....