



Newsletter June 2015

Welcome back to the start of what looks to be a very busy half term!. There are several events taking place for different year groups and a couple of celebration events to finish of the half term in the final week or so, so we look forward to seeing you all then.

Happy 90th Birthday Branton School!

To celebrate our schools 90th Birthday we are planning to hold a 1920 style 'Tea Dance'. We are hoping this will take place at Ingram Hall on Friday 10th July, and are just awaiting confirmation. Parents and members of our community will be invited to join the children of Branton First School and Breamish Valley Nursery, hopefully from 3- 5 pm at Ingram Hall, for afternoon tea and maybe some dancing! 1920s style dress is optional, the main focus being to celebrate the wonderful history of our school and to join together as a community, many members of which are past pupils of the school.



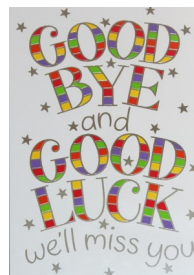
Music Concert

We are looking forward to the Music Concert at the Duchess High School on the evening of 24th June. We will send out information as we receive it, and a huge thank you to you all for such an enthusiastic response. It will be quite an experience for our children to perform on stage in front of an audience. Mrs Nicklen is so proud of all their efforts and has been practising a piece especially for the event.



Leavers 2015

This summer we have two children leaving Branton and moving on to the next stage of their education, our Head Boy and Head Girl of the last two years. We would like to invite you to join us in a celebration of their time at Branton, and in wishing them the very best for their next steps and for the future. This celebration will take place on Thursday 16th July at 10 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for our '2G' celebration! (Tissues at the ready, and that's just the staff!!)



Fathers' Day Assembly

We are again celebrating Fathers' Day on Friday 19th June. Last year we managed a fabulous turn out of Dads and Granddads who we appreciate are not always able to join us for our usual sharing assemblies. Sunday 21st June is Fathers' Day, and so to celebrate we are inviting all Dads and Granddads (Mums, Grandma's and other guests too!), to join us at 10 am on 19th June if they can.



Last day of the year

We would like to have a sports day and picnic again on the last day of term which is Friday 17th July (weather permitting!). Sports and games would begin at 10.30 am followed by a family picnic and family games afternoon with school closing for the summer at 2.15pm for our older children and 12.30 pm for nursery although everyone is welcome to stay!



Visit to Low Bleakhope

Sarah and Stuart Nelson have very kindly invited us to visit Low Bleakhope to see their renewable energy systems before the end of the academic year. We will let you know the date and times of the visit once details have been finalised.

Visit to Bulby's Wood

We have been invited to join Amble First School on their whole school visit to Bulby's Wood, in the Breamish Valley on Friday 26th June. More details to follow.

Whole School visit to Holy Island

We are planning a whole school visit to Holy Island on Monday 6th July. Our Year 2, 3 and 4 pupils will visit the Priory and find out about the Vikings landing on Lindisfarne. Our younger children will enjoy a look around the island and some time on the beach. This will be a full day visit with children arriving back at school by 3 pm. We will send out further information closer to the date of the visit. Our PTA have offered to fund the transport for this visit so there will be no charge.

Alnwick Partnership Consultation Report

The report containing the recommendations following the consultation on the reorganisation of the Alnwick Partnership of schools will be published on Thursday 11th June. The council meetings to discuss the recommendations will be held at 10.30 am (Scrutiny Committee) and 2.30 pm (Policy Board) on Thursday 18th June following a Petitions Committee meeting at 9 am on the same day.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 3rd June Activity Day for Y4s at Glendale Middle School

Thursday 4th June Countryside Day for Years Reception, 1, 2, 3 and 4. (Nursery in school)

Monday 8th June Glendale Sports for Yrs 3 and 4 at Glendale Middle School

Friday 19th June Fathers' Day Assembly 10 am

Tuesday 23rd June Y4 transition activity with cluster schools

Wednesday 24th June Alnwick Partnership Music Concert DCHS 6.00 - 7.30 pm

Friday 26th June visit to Bulby's Wood with Amble First School

Monday 29th June Marvellous Moths! 9 am, in school, for all children

Tuesday 30th June proposed visit from Director of Education, Dr Andy Johnson

Wednesday 1st July Maths evening 6pm

Thursday 2nd July Transfer Day, Year 4 to Glendale Middle (if appropriate)

Monday 6th July whole school visit to Holy Island

Thursday 9th July Grant Watson (tennis coach) running games and activities for all children and Phonics Evening 6pm

Friday 10th July Reports home and 90th Birthday Tea Dance at Ingram Hall 3-5pm?

Thursday 16th July Leavers Celebration 10 am in school.

Friday 17th July Sports morning, picnic and games. School closes at 2.15pm

The Branton First School team

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