



Newsletter May 2016

Here we are in May and yet in some ways it still feels like mid-winter! We are hoping that the weather soon returns to more normal temperatures for the time of year, and so sun hats and sun cream are very important. If you have not yet returned the reply slip with regard to sun cream, can you please do so as soon as possible so that when we get that lovely sunny day, we are ready! If you haven't received a sunhat and sun cream letter, please let us know.

Forest School

I know sometimes when talking about classes that this becomes confused with the year groups, so can I just clarify Forest school days and requirements?

All children in school on a Tuesday afternoon will take part in our Forest School activities. We ask that they bring clothes to change into that can get muddy, and waterproofs, as well as warm hats and gloves or sunhats depending on the weather!

Class 1, that is Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will also take part in Forest School activities on a Thursday morning. They again need a change of clothes and their waterproofs as on a Tuesday.



Film Club

Our Intu Film Club will take place on Thursday 12th May. We don't yet know what the film will be, always exciting to see what arrives in the post! The films are roughly 80 to 90 minutes long and so pick up time will be approximately 4.45pm.



Visit to Alnwick Castle



As part of our topic on Castles (class 1) and our Anglo Saxons topic (Class 2), and with Alnwick Castle being built at the end of the Anglo Saxon period, we have arranged a whole school, whole day visit on Thursday 19th May. Our younger children will take part in a workshop called 'Castles and stories' and our older a workshop called 'Arm the knight!'. We will also have time to explore the castle itself and visit the Dragon's Quest where we will be able to dress up and take part in some activities. For those of us who feel brave enough we may even visit the dragon! We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £6.00 per child to cover some of the costs. Please return the reply slip attached.

Breamish Valley Nursery

We are pleased to say that we have had several enquiries about our nursery, both our 2 year old sessions and our nursery sessions for 3 and 4 year olds. So if you have or know about a child who is pre school age who would be interested in attending our nursery, please get in touch for further information and an application form. Once we have your and your child's information on record we can let you know about the sessions that are available and when they would be eligible to attend.

Contact Mrs McCann on 01665 578225 or email admin@branton.northumberland.sch.uk .

Friends of Branton First School

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with or donated items to our Pop up Shop.



Our PTA are very pleased with the total so far, and will be adding the total to the amount raised in our **Air Ambulance collection this coming Friday, 6th May.** Please ask if you need any more bags or use black bin liners for donated items and ensure everything is at school no later than first thing Friday morning.

Our PTA committee are holding a meeting at 3.30pm on Monday 9th May in school to discuss our summer fete which will take place on Saturday 25th June.

Uniform and PE kits

Can we please ask that all items of uniform and PE kits are clearly named. We have already had newly purchased PE kits going missing, and the only way we can match them up to their rightful owners is if they are named. Can we also ask that you do a weekly check to make sure that the uniform that comes home is the right uniform? We do have items going astray every week, and it would be really helpful if you can all check regularly to make sure items are reunited with their owner!

Countryside Day



On Thursday 9th June we will again be taking part in the annual Countryside Day at Glendale. This is a whole day visit for our children in Reception, Years 1, 2 3 and 4.

They will leave school first thing and then the children will have a day full of learning about the countryside. They will return to school for the end of the school day.

Our nursery children will have their usual day in school with Mrs Ryan and Mrs Bone as it is a tiring day even for the adults! Please complete and return the reply slip to give your permission for your child to take part in this fabulous day.

Dates for your diary

Monday 9th May - PTA meeting re school Summer Fete and Open Day

Thursday 19th May - Whole school all day visit to Alnwick Castle

Friday 27th May - Sharing assembly and violin performance, refreshments, then school closes at 3.15 pm for half term break.

Monday 6th June - School reopens at 9am

Thursday 9th June - Countryside Day, all day visit for Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4.

Saturday 25th June - Summer Fete

Tuesday 28th June - Music Festival at Alnwick Gardens, all day event.

Friday 8th July - Reports home to parents

Thursday 14th July - Leavers assembly 2pm

Friday 15th July - Sports day 10.30 am and family picnic

Tuesday 19th July - Last day of the school year, School closes for Summer Holiday at 2 pm.

Wednesday 20th July - Training day.

The Branton and Breamish Team

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