



Branton Community First School
and
Breamish Valley Nursery

Newsletter June 2014

Welcome back! We are hoping for some lovely weather for the last half term of the year, so fingers crossed as we have lots of events planned!



On **Thursday 5th June** our children will be attending the Countryside Day at Glendale. This will be a full day visit for our 4 to 8 year old children. All children can wear comfortable clothing with their school sweatshirts so we can identify them easily! Sun hats and sun cream and waterproofs please to cover all weather conditions! Mrs Wyld will prepare the packed lunches for the children.

On that day Breamish Valley Nursery will be open as usual, however there will be no swimming or lunches, so please collect children at 12pm.

In the first part of this half term we will be finding out about the Great War as it is the Centenary. If you have any information about family members who were involved or photos or information about this time we'd love to see them. Relating these events to family members makes the history so much more real to the children.



A huge, huge thank you to Helen and Gary Cowens and parents and friends of Branton First, who bought and erected our wonderful hen house and run. Our hens really do have a fabulous new home and are just about ready to move in!

We are holding a Fathers' Day Sharing Assembly on **Friday 13th June**, all Dads and Granddads please do try and come if you possibly can, as always everyone is welcome! It will begin at **10 am** with refreshments afterwards.

**Happy
Fathers'
Day!**



On **Sunday 22nd June** we are holding a 'Community Day', where families and friends of Branton First School and Breamish Valley Nursery are invited to join us for a day of activity! We are hoping to tidy up our school field to make areas more accessible to our children. We are also hoping to take out some of the hedging and fencing to make access to the field more open. We need a 'mud' play area digging out and lots of trimming to bushes and trees. So please, if you are able to, do come and join us. Bring a picnic, and members of our PTA have also offered to set up barbeques where you would be able to cook your own food.

There will be bats, balls, ropes, hoops etc. for children to play with and adults could also help by organising games. Bring your spades, secateurs, wheelbarrows and energy and come and join us. School will be open from **9.30 onwards** and we are hoping for fine weather!

The Wooler Shop will be open on Monday 9th June for setting up, our PTA will be there getting everything ready, so if you have items you want to take directly to the shop, you can from 9.30 onwards. The shop will then be open **from 9.30 each day from Tuesday 10th June to Saturday 14th June**. All proceeds go to help us at Branton Community First School and Breamish Valley Community Nursery. We do have a wish list, and this year i-pads are top of that list!

On **Wednesday 9th July** our friends from Amble First School will be visiting us for the day. They will be enjoying our wonderful outdoor space and local area. Our children will be able to join in with the activities on offer and will be able to mix with groups of children the same age. We might be able to get some team games going on the school field, too! Fingers crossed for fine weather, and please do come and join us for the day if you are free. More information will be in the July Newsletter.

Keep **Friday 18th July** free if you can to come and join us for our last day of term. More details to follow!

And finally, uniform. If you have enquired about uniform recently you will be aware that we have been looking at refreshing our school uniform. Our Governors have approved our new colour and we are just waiting for the final version of the new badge, which we hope will reflect our local area. We will send information home when it is available to buy and put images of items on our school website. Order forms will be able to be downloaded or ask Mrs McCann in the school office for a copy.

The new colour is a dark jade with our new school badge. The polo shirts will be in sky blue, a colour readily available at supermarkets and stores, although they will also be available with the logo, should parents wish to buy these. Round necked sweatshirts will be available along with cardigans, as we offer currently, in the dark jade. Trousers and skirts as now, a dark colour such as grey or black, summer dresses in the pale blue check. Caps, legionnaire caps, beanies will be available in the sky blue. The book bags and PE bags will be in the jade. We appreciate the cost of uniform so there is no expectation for any of our children to switch for September, they will be able to wear our current uniform until they have outgrown it. As always, we will encourage our children to wear their uniform, however it is not compulsory.

The Branton First School Team

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