



Branton Community First School
and
Breamish Valley Nursery

Newsletter February 2014

I hope we are not speaking to soon, as we have had a super start to the New Year and been able to make the most of opportunities to get outside, something we can't always do at this time of the year. As we do enjoy being outside, can we please ask that all children have suitable footwear and clothing to allow us to do this? Hats, scarves and gloves are essential, along with sensible footwear. Please remember to send an indoor pair of plimsolls or sandshoes so that we can keep our school clean and dry.

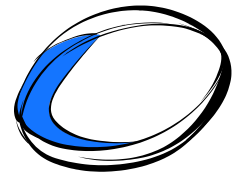


Swimming

Swimming has been arranged to begin the first week back after half term, so will begin on Thursday 27th February at its usual time of 9.10 am to 11.00 am. Nursery parents please speak to Miss Plunkett with regard to swimming.

Rugby

Rugby will move to a Tuesday afternoon after half term. The first session will take place on Tuesday 25th February so please ensure your child has their full PE kit on that day.



In school events!

We are holding a coffee morning on Friday 14th February, at 10a.m. in school. The children will be helping, and preparing some treats. Everyone will be welcome. Please come and join us for our end of half term event.

After half term we will be holding our usual Spring Term Parents Meetings. These will take place on **Thursday 27th February between 2 pm and 5 pm**. Please see the reply slip at the end of this newsletter. Please return all slips to school by Friday 7th February, indicating a time slot that would be most convenient for you. Individual appointments will be sent home before half term. These appointments will be for Reception to Year Three. Nursery parents can make individual arrangements with Miss Plunkett.

On **Friday 21st March** we will be taking part in a Sport Relief 'Mile', and you are invited to join us. We are hoping to take the children on a walk around The Ponds, to the bridge and then back into Branton. You are very welcome to join in with this event and help to raise funds for Sports Relief. Refreshments will be provided on our return to school and all donations will be



gratefully accepted on behalf of Sports Relief. A sponsor form is attached. Please contact the school for more forms if required. We look forward to seeing you on the day!



You are invited to join us for a sharing assembly on the theme of Mothers' Day, so please come and join us on **Friday 28th March at 10 am** and afterwards for a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds will go towards school funds.

Parent and Toddler Group

Mother and Toddler Group sessions will revert to the Thursday morning time; 9.30 - 11.00 am after half term as swimming is restarting. We look forward to seeing you there! As always, Miss Plunkett will be around to answer any questions.

Telephone Tree

Please find attached a copy of our telephone tree. Contact will be made with the family at the top of the tree and they will then contact the next family, and so on. If you are unable to contact the next person, please go to the following to enable the tree to continue. The final person in the tree will contact the school mobile number to confirm the tree has operated successfully.



Easter Service

We are planning a visit to the church on Friday 4th April as our Easter service and everyone is welcome to join us. Time to be confirmed.

School Website

Just a reminder to please check the school website regularly for updated information and news items. There is also an important message alert on the homepage and any important messages will be posted there. If you think there is a possibility of school closure then please check our website for the latest information.

Find us at <http://www.branton.northumberland.sch.uk>

And finally ...

As yet no further information has been received from the Director of Childrens' Services however meetings have been held both locally and county wide in response to her letter before Christmas. The Executive Directors of the various services are now in post and we understand that the heads of service posts within each department are now being reviewed. We will keep you informed of any further changes, as and when they happen.

The Branton First School Team