



Newsletter July 2015

Here we are in the last couple of weeks of the school year, and what a busy year it has been! We are so very proud of our children and all they have, and continue to, achieve. When we are out and about we always receive such positive comments about their conduct and manners, their behaviour is exemplary!

Happy 90th Birthday Branton School!

We hope you are able to join us, with your dancing shoes on, for our 90th Birthday celebrations this Friday, 10th July, 3- 5 pm at Ingram Hall. Join us 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. Please spread the word! We are asking for a 'pooled tea', of items for a typical 'High Tea', scones, dainty sandwiches and cakes! So any donations would be gratefully received either on the morning of 10th or indeed at the Hall itself. We hope to see as many of you as possible there!



Music Concert



We hope you all enjoyed our little concert last Friday. I'm sure you will agree that our children have done so well in such a short period of time! From September we will access the 'Music for All' grant, which means the school pays an amount upfront and by doing so we access a grant which will mean that all our children will benefit from the tuition and instrument hire at not cost. We were not able to do this before now as we began our lessons mid year.

Leavers 2015

A reminder that our leavers 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!!)



Planning Meeting to address Consultation Proposals

Our parents have arranged a planning meeting at 7pm on Thursday 9th July to discuss a way forward over the consultation period. Please do come along and join us, everyone is welcome!

Friday 17th July

We are again having a sports/games 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!



PE in the new school year

We will again be having football coaching from Trident Soccer during the Autumn Term, we think on a Thursday afternoon, and will let you know if that changes. Swimming will be on a Wednesday afternoon at Willowburn throughout the Autumn Term.



Nursery parents and children will be welcome to join the school at the pool for these lessons which will run from 1.15–1.45 pm. As now, please let Mrs McCann know as this is not a general swim time, so payment will be made through school for any children joining us.

Fathers' Day Assembly

Thank you to all the Dads and Granddads who were able to join us, and of course everyone else too! It is always lovely to see so many people at our sharing assemblies!

Pupil Reports

If any parents have any questions following our reports being distributed last Friday please contact school, and if appropriate, meetings can be arranged. Nursery and reception parents will be contacted separately with regard to appointments to go through the Foundation Stage Profiles.

Autumn Term Topics

We have some exciting topics next term! We will be starting the year with our topic 'Out of this World!'. We will begin by looking at the Ancient Greeks and the Myths and Legends. This will be followed by looking at Planets, Stars and Space and the advent of Space travel. So lots of exciting things to look forward to next term!



Dates for your diary

Thursday 9th July Grant Watson (tennis coach) running games and activities for all children from 10 am–12pm and 1pm–3pm. Shorts, t-shirts and trainers needed.

Phonics Evening 6pm, followed by parents planning meeting at 7pm.

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

Tuesday 14th July Zoo Lab, mini beasts galore for all the children to see! 9.30–10.30 am.

Thursday 16th July Leavers Celebration 10 am in school.

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

Thursday 3rd September School reopens at 9am.

Everyone at Branton Community First School and Breamish Valley Community Nursery wish you a happy and restful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back at school in September!

The Branton First School team

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