



Newsletter March 2016



We can't believe we are already in March! This is such a short half term with Easter being very early this year, so we are squeezing lots of events in over the next few weeks. We are looking forward to our Mothers Day sharing assembly on Friday, our visit to Cragside next week, as well as our sponsored walk on Friday 18th! The final week of the term has our Easter Service at Eglington Church and our KS2 children off to Robinwood!

Visit to Cragside

We are taking our children on a whole school visit to Cragside House and Grounds on Tuesday 8th March. This will be a whole day visit so there will be no charge for additional nursery sessions for that day. We will leave school by 9.30 am and return for the end of the school day. We ask that children dress warmly in their own clothes but wear their school jumper or hoodie so they can be easily identified. We will be in the grounds in the afternoon so please send a warm waterproof coat and sturdy footwear too. Please sign and return the permission form attached. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £4.00 per child to go towards the costs for this visit.



Film Club

Our Intu Film Club is on this Thursday, 3rd March for our reception to year 4 children, we will be screening 'Shrek Forever after' with a collection time of 5pm, If you haven't signed up yet, it isn't too late! The next Film Club will be on 17th March, we will be screening 'Shaun the Sheep—The Movie' with a collection time of 4.45pm.

Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack and drink to keep them going!

Mothers Day Sharing Assembly

Our Mothers Day sharing assembly will take place on Friday 4th March at 10 am, with refreshments afterwards. We are looking forward to seeing Mums and Grandmas, and anyone else who would like to come and joins us!



Lambing at Brandon.

On Tuesday 22nd March we will be visiting Brandon to see the lambing. It will be a morning visit, so we will return to school for lunch. Class 1 will go by bus with Class 2 walking.

Friends of Branton First School

Our PTA the 'Friends of Branton First School' have arranged a Quiz night on Monday 14th March at the Queen's Head in Glanton, 7 o'clock for a 7.30 start. The entry fee is £10 for a team of four. There is a 'pop up' shop on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th April, so please save any items you were thinking of moving on and watch for further information of where to send them. Our PTA committee are holding a meeting at 3.30pm this Friday 4th March in school to discuss other fundraising activities including our summer fete.





Sport Relief

We are starting our sponsored walk at 9.30 am on the 18th, we will walk around the ponds and arrive back at school between 10.30 and 11am. Refreshments will be available on our return! Sponsor forms are attached and proceeds will be split 50/50 between the PTA and the Sport Relief Charity. Everyone welcome!

Mothering Sunday Service

Rev Marion has asked us to let you all know about the special Mothering Sunday Service that is taking place. Mothering Sunday falls on Sunday 6th March this year, and at the service there will be a collection of Easter Eggs for the charity **Children North East**, so it will be an Easter Egg Service!



Easter Service

Our Easter Service will take place at Eglington Church on Monday 21st March at 10 am, with Easter Egg donations gratefully received for Children North East, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and egg rolling! Refreshments will be available and our PTA will also be holding a cake stall so any donations of cakes will be gratefully received!

Uniform and PE kits

We have sent out Uniform order forms to all families and would ask that these are returned to school by Monday 7th March so we can send the order off and hopefully have it back before Easter. You will notice that all new items ordered will have Primary rather than First school as we hope the items will last for longer than we will remain a First School! There will be a further order towards the end of the summer term ready for September.

We are currently looking at the design of the logo for our Forest School and will let you know once we are ready to order these.

A PE kit has been added to the order form, a white t-shirt that will have the school name on it and navy shorts. We are asking that from Easter our children wear a standard PE kit of white T-shirt and navy shorts, and these items are now available to order should you wish to. Our supplier can also supply name tapes for uniforms so let us know if you are interested. We have enquired and unfortunately they are not able to provide a name embroidery service,

Dates for your diary

Friday 4th March - Mothers Day sharing assembly 10 am.

Friday 18th March - Sport Relief Sponsored Walk 9.30 am start.

Monday 21st March - Easter Service 10 am followed by Easter Egg Hunt and egg rolling!

Tuesday 22nd March - Lambing at Brandon

Wednesday 23rd—Friday 25th March - Robinwood residential for KS2 children

Thursday 24th March - school closes for Easter 2.00 pm.

Monday 11th April - Teacher Training Day, school closed

Tuesday 12th April - School reopens 9am.

Next Term we will be swimming and playing tennis!

The Branton and Breamish Team

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