



## Newsletter February 2016

January has whizzed by in a flurry of winds and rain and we have still managed to be outside in our Forest School and making the most of our fabulous school grounds!

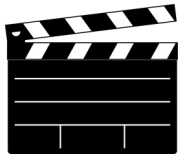
Outdoor education is so important so the weather doesn't stop us at Branton and Breamish!

Spare clothes are essential, so we always welcome donations of any outgrown items, just in case!



### Parents Consultation Meetings with staff

We will be holding two evenings of meetings directly after half term on Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th February, for parents of the children in reception to year 4 to meet with teaching staff. Please return the attached form to indicate your preferred appointment times. Appointments will be given on a 'first come, first served' basis. Nursery parents are asked to speak to Mrs Ryan or Mrs Bone to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.



### Film Club

We will be holding an after school Intu Film Club on Thursday 3rd March and Thursday 17th March for our reception to year 4 children. Please indicate on the reply slip attached if you would like your child to attend. On 3rd March we will be screening 'Shrek Forever after ' with a collection time of 5pm, and 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!

### Friends of Branton First School

Our PTA the 'Friends of Branton First School' are busy planning several events over the next few months, including another '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.



They are going to be very busy fundraising to support our transition to Primary Status from September 2016, and we are looking at what events might be held. Speak to Abi, Diane, Coco, Helen or Sarah R if you would like to be involved!

Thank you to Claire Wood who again organised the Web Ivory fundraising Catalogue in the run up to Christmas which raised £108.16 which will be added to the money raised by our Christmas Production, Raffle and Silent Auction. Fantastic!

### Sport Relief

This years Sport Relief is from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th March.

At Branton and Breamish we are planning a sponsored walk on Friday 18th March with any funds raised being split equally between Sport Relief and School. We will begin our walk at 9.30 am and when we return to school there will be refreshments available. Everyone is welcome!

**SPORT RELIEF**  
**2016**  
  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**



## Mothers' Day Sharing Assembly

We will be holding a Mothers' Day Sharing Assembly on Friday 4th March at 10am. Everyone is welcome although we would love to see as many 'Mothers' as possible! Refreshments will be available afterwards. Please do come along and join us.

## Mothing Sunday Service and Easter Service

Rev Marion has asked us to let you all know about the special Mothing Sunday Service that is taking place. Mothing 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! We will also be asking for donations of Easter Eggs at our school Easter Service on Monday 21st March, more information to follow!



## Wicker shopping basket

We have a lovely traditional wicker shopping basket in school, we think sent in close to Christmas, possibly with food or costumes in. If anyone is missing a basket, please do come and see if it's yours. It's a lovely basket that needs reuniting with it's owner!



## And finally ..... parking and gritting!

Can we please ask that the beginning and end of the school day priority is given to the school transport? For Health and Safety reasons we need the minibus and Landover to be able to park on the gravelled area so that the children can be escorted safely to the vehicles. On Wednesday afternoon we have extra vehicles picking up so this can particularly be a problem at the end of the school day.

We have now been told that our route to school from the A 697 will be gritted as a matter of course, and a pile of grit is available close to 'the' corner should extra be needed.



## Dates for your diary

Thursday 11th February -Football club 3.15 - 4.15 pm with Ryan and Trident Soccer

Friday 12th February school closes for half term 3.15 pm

Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th February Reception to Year 4 Parent Consultation meetings

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.

*The Branton and Breamish Team*

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