



Brunton Matters

January
2019

Happy New Year

All the staff wish you a happy and healthy New Year. A big thank you for all your kind Christmas wishes and gifts – you are very generous.

Thank you also for supporting all our Christmas performances and Church Services. I know the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

Keeping children safe in school

Please can all parents be aware that you are responsible for your children coming safely into school. The car park is a dangerous area and some children are still running across the car park. Please keep hold of your child's hand around the car park.

We still have a lot of people waiting for spaces which prevents the flow of traffic around the car park.

Fitbits

We have a lot of children wearing fitbits in school. They can be used as a watch and to count the steps taken each day but please ensure the facility to receive texts is switched off. School will not be responsible should a child lose or damage their fitbit. It is your child's responsibility to look after it.

Curriculum and Coffee meetings

These were once again well attended – thank you very much for your support.

Winter Weather

We like our children to enjoy the winter weather but need to make sure that children have suitable coats and footwear for the cold and often wet weather. If the weather is snowy – a change of socks is always advisable just in case the children have wet feet.

Autumn Term's Attendance

The whole school attendance was **97.8%** which is our target for this year.

There has been a huge number of requests for leave of absence for a holiday, a lot being an extra week after a school holiday – **we are only at school for 190 days a year which leaves 175 days for holidays.** Please try and take your family holidays in the school holidays.

Please ensure that if your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea they must be absent for 48 hours (2 days) after the last bout. This is to stop the spread of the 'bug'.

Spring Term

We have lots of exciting events this term. Year 3 are learning to play African drums and year 4 are learning to play the Bamboo Tamboo.

Year 4 are going on their residential visit to Robinwood just after half term.

Year 3 have an interesting topic and are very keen to learn about the Egyptians.

Year 2 have The History Bloke to give them an insight into Roman Britain and will be visiting one of the Roman sites.

Year 1 are hoping to visit an enchanted forest – how exciting!

Reception are hoping to be able to travel into 'space'!

Don't forget to ensure your child has their trainers/sandshoes in school every day so they can take part in the Brunton Mile.

All the staff are planning an exciting ECO-week, after half term for all year groups.

We have class assemblies for year 2 and year 4 towards the end of the Spring term.

We will be arranging parent's evening appointments via Parentmail. – details to follow.

Gregg's Cancer Run - Sunday 19th May 2019

We were pipped at the post to win the Sandy Weir trophy last year so we would love to be the school who raises the most this year for such a good cause. Keep a look out for information coming out for you to apply online. The closing date for applications is 30th April.



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These dates are as accurate as they can be. I will update the dates in every newsletter.

Dates for your Diary – Spring Term

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 17 th January	All day	Smart Walking – for year 4
Friday 18 th January	All day	3MH visiting the Laing Art Gallery
Thursday 24 th January		Bags to School - drop off your bags by 9.00am
Friday 25 th January	All day	3PP visiting the Laing Art Gallery
Friday 1 st February	am and pm	The History Bloke working with year 2
Monday 4 th February	am	The History Bloke working with year 2
Monday 4 th February	am and pm	Michael Morpurgo workshops for year 3
Wednesday 13 th February	6.00pm	Robinwood meeting for parents and Y4 children
Friday 15 th February	3.00pm	Friends of Brunton sweet stall
Friday 15 th February	3.15pm	School closes for Half Term
Monday 25th February	8.50am	School reopens
Wednesday 27 th February		Year 4 residential visit to Robinwood
Thursday 7 th March	All day	World Book Day – details to follow
11 th to 15 th March	All week	ECO-week
Wednesday 13 th March	6.00pm	SATs meeting – Year 2 parents only
Thursday 14 th March	9.00am	SATs meeting – Year 2 parents only
Monday 25 th March	2 weeks	The Big Pedal
Tuesday 26 th March	9.00am	2LB class assembly
Wednesday 27 th March	9.00am	2AB class assembly
Thursday 28 th March	9.00am	2JM class assembly
Monday 1 st April	3.30 – 7.00pm	Parent's Evening – details to follow
Tuesday 2 nd April	9.00am	4GT class assembly
Tuesday 2 nd April	3.30 – 6.00pm	Parent's Evening – details to follow
Thursday 4 th April	9.00am	4NM class assembly
Friday 5 th April	3.15pm	School closes for Easter