



Brunton Matters

January
2018

All the very best for a happy and prosperous New Year

Thank you so much for all your kindness and generosity this Christmas.

The children all had a wonderful time in the last few weeks, thank you for your support with all the Christmas activities. We raised £242 from our Christmas jumper day for Save the Children – thank you.

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 around the car park.

We still have a lot of people parking outside the hall and at the bottom of the car park. Outside the hall is for disabled drivers use only. Parking at the bottom of the car park prevents the flow of traffic around the car park. Please do not park there.

Clubs

Thank you for bearing with us as we trialled Parentmail to sign up to a club. The system seems to be working well but we are reviewing it and adapting as we need to. There is still space in the Friday morning Spanish club for years 3 and 4. Please contact the office for details.

Gregg's Cancer Run - Sunday 20th May 2018

We were pipped at the post to retain 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 the applications to take part in the Gregg's Cancer Run 2018.

Autumn Term's Attendance

The whole school attendance was **97.0%** which is much lower than normal. We have a target of 97.8% for this academic year.

There has been a huge number of requests for leave of absence for a 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. We have year 3 learning to play African drums and year 4 learning to play the Bamboo Tamboo.

Year 4 are going on their residential visit to Dukeshouse Wood just before half term.

Year 4 will be working to improve their cycling skills ending with a cycle ride in the summer term.

All the staff are planning an exciting STEM(science, technology, engineering and maths) week after half term for all year groups.

We have class assemblies for Reception, 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.

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.



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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
Tuesday 23 rd January	6.00pm	Dukeshouse Wood meeting for parents and Y4 children
Wednesday 31 st January	am	30 Reception children to go to a Multi Skills event
Monday 5 th February	9.00am	E-safety session for parents
Tuesday 6 th February	All day	Children's e-safety sessions
Wednesday 7 th February	am/pm	Reception visit to the Centre for Life – RAH and RGB
Wednesday 7 th – 9 th February		Y4 residential visit to Dukeshouse Wood
Thursday 8 th February	am	Reception visit to the Centre for Life – RNR
Friday 9 th February	3.15pm	School closes for Half Term
Monday 19th February	8.50am	School reopens
Week beginning 26 th February	All week	STEM activities
Tuesday 27 th February	9.00am	KS2 football Tournament at Broadway East
Thursday 1 st March	All day	World Book Day – details to follow
Wednesday 7 th March	am	Year 3 visit to Seven Stories
Thursday 8 th March	9.00am	SATs meeting – Year 2 parents only
Thursday 8 th March	am/pm	Year 4 Smart Walker activity
Friday 9 th March	2.00pm	Mother's Day Assembly – mums only
Friday 9 th March	All day	Year 4 Cycling – details to follow
Tuesday 13 th March	9.00am	RAH class assembly
Tuesday 13 th March	6.00pm	SATs meeting – Year 2 parents only
Wednesday 14 th March	9.00am	RNR class assembly
Thursday 15 th March	9.00am	RGB class assembly
Thursday 15 th March	All day	Year 4 Cycling – details to follow
Wednesday 21 st March	9.00am	2LB class assembly
Thursday 22 nd March	9.00am	2AB class assembly
Thursday 22 nd March	All day	Year 4 Cycling – details to follow
Friday 23 rd March	9.00am	2MH class assembly
Monday 26 th March	3.30 – 7.00pm	Parent's Evening – details to follow
Tuesday 27 th March	9.00am	4GT class assembly
Tuesday 27 th March	3.30 – 6.00pm	Parent's Evening – details to follow
Wednesday 28 th March	9.00am	4NM class assembly
Thursday 29 th March	All day	Year 4 cycling – details to follow
Thursday 29 th March	3.15pm	School closes for Easter