

The end of another successful year

Thank you all for your support over the year with your children's learning and the many school events. Your children have been absolutely delightful and have worked so hard all year. Your children love learning and have such fun. We are all extremely proud of them.

Thank you to all the staff who work so hard to provide the very best for your children. I know our year 4 children will continue to shine and make us proud in Middle school – best wishes to all of them.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Cooley – after 8 years at Brunton. We wish her all the very best for her future in Ireland with her family. We wish Miss Mackintosh all the best for next year when she will be teaching in France.

I hope the sun continues to shine and that you all have a super holiday. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes
Gill McKay

Transition Morning

There was great excitement during transition morning. All the children thoroughly enjoyed their morning with their new teacher.

GDPR

With the introduction of GDPR we can no longer give you class lists. We also will need to ask you to sign up to non-essential communication – such as this newsletter/information about events etc. We need your permission so we will be sending a parentmail in September which you need to agree to or we cannot send you any emails etc unless it is directly concerning your child's education.

Twitter - Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @bruntonfirst - let us see how much you are enjoying your summer holidays!

Coffee and Curriculum meetings

First week back we would like to invite you in to find out what your child will be learning during the Autumn term:

Year 1 on Wednesday 5th September

Year 2 on Thursday 6th September

Year 3 on Friday 7th September

Year 4 on Monday 10th September

Attendance

We have not reached our attendance target of 97.8%. We have had a lot of holiday requests since Easter. Please remember to try not to take holidays during term time. The children have 190 days in school and 175 days not in school.

Parent helpers

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who came to help to hear readers, help to run our library or help on visits out of school. We really appreciate your support.



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School Lunches

Remember all Reception, Year 1 and 2 children will be entitled to a free school lunch. Please make sure you have informed school if you do not wish your child to have a free lunch. For years 3 and 4 the lunches are £2 per day, £10 per week.

Great Exhibition of the North

The children have had a fabulous time exploring the North East in this whole school topic. The Brunton Art Gallery was excellent and we received some lovely comments about the children's art. What a talented school we have! The money we raised from the sale of the children's work has paid for a playhouse in Reception outdoor area.

Arrangements for September

We will continue to open the doors just before 8.50 so the children can go straight into the cloakrooms and then to their classrooms. There will be a member of staff on each cloakroom door. All the children in years 1 to 4 are able to come into school on their own. Please encourage this independence.

Please remember the only bags allowed to be brought into school are reading book bags and PE bags. The cloakrooms and pegs are not big enough for huge bags. Please do not buy your child a new bag for school as they will be disappointed when they can't bring it into school.

Clubs

All clubs run by school will start in the third week of term (week beginning 17th September). Please refer to your club letter for dates.

Gosforth School's Trust News

The Trust Art Gallery was a great celebration of art across all 11 schools in the Trust – we have some very talented artists.

Please follow Gosforth Schools' Trust on Twitter @GST

Reminders for September

- Please ensure all clothing is named especially coats and PE kits.
- Please ensure all children have a clearly named water bottle.
- All girls with longer hair need a bobble for PE to tie their hair back.
- Outdoor trainers or sandshoes are needed for PE and the mile run each week.
- No earrings to be worn in school

Bishop visit

The north of England Bishops are visiting as many local communities as possible in September. Bishop Jane will be visiting us on Friday 7th September. The visit will begin by walking to school with families from Brunton Park, through Melbury, and onto school, followed by a whole school assembly. Please feel free to join the walk.

Friends of Brunton

Thank you to the Friends of Brunton for a great year of events. The summer fayre raised £4100 which is a fantastic amount. Thank you to all the parents who have supported the events



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Dates for your Diary –Autumn Term

| Date | Time | Event |
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| Tuesday 4 th September | 8.50am | School opens for the new term |
| Wednesday 5 th September | 9.00am | Year 1 Curriculum and Coffee meeting |
| Thursday 6 th September | 9.00am | Year 2 Curriculum and Coffee meeting |
| Friday 7 th September | 9.00am | Year 3 Curriculum and Coffee meeting |
| Monday 10 th September | 9.00am | Year 4 Curriculum and Coffee meeting |
| Monday 17 th September | 9.00am | Coffee morning for new Reception parents in the small hall |
| Wednesday 19 th September | 6.00pm | KS2 – years 3 and 4 parents' meeting – Reading and spelling |
| Thursday 20 th September | 9.00am | Reception Curriculum and Coffee meeting |
| Wednesday 26 th September | 6.00pm | Reception parents' meeting – phonics, reading, maths |
| Tuesday 2 nd October | am | Year 3 Squash taster session |
| Wednesday 3 rd October | 6.00pm | KS1 – years 1 and 2 parents' meeting - reading and spelling |
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