

Welcome back

I hope you all had a lovely summer enjoying the sunshine!

Thank you from all the staff for all the gifts you sent in at the end of last year, you are so kind and thoughtful.

What a smart school we have. The children have all settled very well into their new classes and are so smart in their uniform. I would like to welcome our new reception children and their parents as they begin their journey with us. We value the relationship we build up between home and school so please remember to come and talk to us if you have any issue no matter how small. Don't forget to come along to a coffee morning on Monday 17th September once your children have begun their first full day in school.

Apologies for such a long newsletter – there is so much to share at the beginning of the school year.

The Curriculum

Our final whole school theme 'The Great Exhibition of the North' was enjoyed by all the children. They loved sharing their art work with parents and friends in our Art Gallery. Thank you for all the support. The children really love learning and are so enthusiastic about the themes across the year. We monitor the children carefully to ensure all children make progress in their learning.

The staff and I would like to thank you for your support with their learning and we all know how important it is to work together to ensure all children achieve their potential. We have a new set of themes this year which are available on the website - I know the children are very keen to research their themes already.

Thank you for all the positive comments about your child's report. All children made progress and should be proud of their achievements last year. We look forward to building on their achievements this year.

Safety

Please ensure your child's safety in and around school.

We have a lot of children walking/cycling/scooting to school which is fantastic – BUT please remember to **dismount and walk through the car park and playground**. Please make sure your child's bike is in our new cycle store and that the scooters are in the scooter pods.

Parking

If you are parking, please use the bays in the car park rather than park in the traffic flow area.

Please do not park outside the hall as we have disabled drivers who are allowed to park there as we only have 2 disabled bays.

If parking outside school, please consider the residents. Do not park across driveways or in any area which prevent pedestrians and road users from seeing clearly.

Remember it is only a 5 to 10 minute walk from the Park and Stride where there is plenty of parking.

Curriculum and Coffee

Thank you to all parents who came along to the meetings. It is important you are aware of what your child will be learning so we can work together as a team. **We look forward to welcoming our new reception parents on Thursday 20th September** so they can find out all about their child's learning this term. This meeting will take place in the small hall.

New Staff

We welcome all our new staff to the Brunton family. Mrs Wood our year 4 teacher, Miss Moore our year 2 teacher. We also welcome our new teaching assistant Mrs Cogle in Reception.



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School Lunches

Remember all Reception, Year 1 and 2 children are 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. When your child is on a school visit for the day school will provide a packed lunch for your child. Information about school packed lunches is on our website.

For years 3 and 4 the lunches are £2 per day, £10 per week.

Please give one week's notice should you wish your child to change from school lunch to packed lunch and vice versa.

School Uniform

Please ensure every item of your child's uniform is named as by the end of last year we had a huge amount of lost property. All sweatshirts look the same and cannot be identified without a name.

Please ensure that all children have a coat in school. We go outside at breaktimes and at other times during the school day and we cannot rely on the weather!

Friends of Brunton

A big **thank you for raising** funds to go towards the new computers in the IT suite. They are so fast and the children love the touch screens.

Paperless and cashless

Thank you for your patience as the paperless and cashless systems are working with just a few problems. We hope that all parents will receive the information needed for their child. Please let the office know if you have any problems. We try to keep the website up to date and is a good resource.

Attendance

We had a final attendance of 97.05% last year. This is the lowest attendance since the school opened. Already this term school has had numerous requests for leave of absence during term time due to holidays. Please can you all endeavour to use the school holidays for family holidays. Children can miss important work especially at the beginning of the school year.

Beginning and end of the school day

Most of the children are coming into school sensibly and independently. Some children find a new class and area of the school a little more daunting so please encourage your children to come into the cloakrooms by themselves. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, then either call into school before the start of school or ask for an appointment for after 3.15pm. Any messages can be given to the adults at the cloakroom doors.

Please ensure your child arrives on time - doors open at 8.45am. No child should be left on school premises unsupervised before 8.50am for safeguarding reasons. Registers are open until 9.10am but if your child arrives after 9.00am they will receive a late mark. After 9.10am it would be an unauthorised absence unless we had prior notice for example a medical appointment.

The playground gate closes at 9.00am so if you arrive after this you need to go the school office.

The playground gate is closed at 3.30pm. As parents you are responsible for the safety of your children in the playground. Please do not leave them unsupervised - especially on the play area.

Reminders

- All girls with long hair need a bobble for PE to tie their hair back.
- Outdoor trainers or sandshoes are needed for PE each week.
- No earrings to be worn for PE.
- No jewellery should be worn in school except for a watch and stud earrings.

Fruit and milk

All Reception, year 1 and year 2 children receive a piece of fruit every day through the Fruit in School Scheme.

Children in years 3 and 4 are enjoying buying fruit from the fruit shop. Thank you for your support with this. A piece of fruit is 20p and it is run by our year 4. Any profit goes to equipment for playtimes which the year 4 and Brunton Voices choose.

If you wish your child to have milk then you need to register with Cool Milk – please see the office if you need more information.

All children need a water bottle in school.

Water can be drunk freely during the school day but please do not send juice or flavoured water into school.

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

Dates for your Diary –Autumn Term

Date	Time	Event
Monday 17 th September	9.00am	Coffee morning for new Reception parents in the small hall
Monday 17 th September	8.50am & 2.30pm	No Outsiders Y4 parent's meeting
Tuesday 18 th September	8.50am & 2.30pm	No Outsiders Y1GA parent's meeting
Wednesday 19 th September	8.50am & 2.30pm	No Outsiders Y1JG parent's meeting
Wednesday 19 th September	6.00pm	KS2 Parent's meeting – spelling and reading
Thursday 20 th September	9.00am	Reception Curriculum and Coffee meeting
Thursday 20 th September	8.50am & 2.30pm	No Outsiders Y1AR parents meeting
Monday 24 th September ** please note the change of date	8.50am & 2.30pm	No Outsiders RGB parent's meeting
Tuesday 25 th September	8.50am & 2.30pm	No Outsiders RNR parent's meeting
Wednesday 26 th September	8.50am & 2.30pm	No Outsiders RAH parent's meeting
Wednesday 26 th September	6.00pm	Reception parent's meeting – Phonics, reading and maths



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Date	Time	Event
Thursday 27 th September	am	Y4 visit to Gosforth Junior Academy
Tuesday 2 nd October	am	Year 3 Squash taster session
Wednesday 3 rd October	6.00pm	KS1 – years 1 and 2 parents' meeting – Read Write Inc and guided reading
Thursday 4 th October	am	Y4GT Live Tales creative writing workshop at the Live Theatre
Friday 5 th October	am	Y4HW Live Tales creative writing workshop at the Live Theatre
Tuesday 16 th October		Individual and sibling photographs
Wednesday 17 th October		Individual and sibling photographs
Monday 22 nd October	3.30pm to 7.00pm	Parent's Evening – details to follow
Tuesday 23 rd October	3.30pm to 6.00pm	Parent's Evening – details to follow
Thursday 25 th October		School closes for half term
Friday 26 th October		TRAINING DAY – School Closed
Monday 5 th November	8.50am	School re-opens
Monday 5 th November	am and pm	Come along and do some crafts with your child - Reception parents – details to follow
Friday 16 th November	All day	Children in Need day
Tuesday 20 th November	9.00am	Year 1GA Class Assembly
Wednesday 21 st November	9.00am	Year 1AR Class Assembly
Thursday 22 nd November	9.00am	Year 1JG Class Assembly
Tuesday 27 th November	9.00am	Year 3PP Class Assembly
Wednesday 28 th November	9.00am	Year 3MH Class Assembly
Thursday 29 th November	9.00am	Year 3SL Class Assembly
Friday 30 th November	5.00pm	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 11 th December	10.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Reception Christmas Performance – adults Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance Year 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 12 th December	10.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Year 2 Christmas Performance – adults Reception Christmas Performance Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 13 th December	10.00am 2.00pm	Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance – adults Year 2 Christmas Performance
Friday 14 th December	am	KS1 Christmas Crafts (years 1 and 2)
Friday 21 st December	3.15pm	School Closes



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