



# Brunton Matters

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## Welcome back

I hope you all had a great summer and enjoyed the sunshine.

We now have a full school of 15 classes. The children have settled really well into their new classes and are all ready to learn. 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. 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.

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

## Ofsted and School

What a fantastic end to the 10<sup>th</sup> year. Ofsted agreed we are a good school and we enjoyed showing them how wonderful our children are. The children really love learning and are so enthusiastic about all the work they do and the fun they have. 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 reviewed and changed some of the themes this year - the curriculum overviews are on our 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.

No child should be left in the yard on their own and the children cannot walk into the car park at the end of the school day. Please ensure you know where your children are at all times.

We have a lot of children walking, cycling or 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 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 19th September** so they can find out all about their child's learning this term. This meeting will take place in the small hall.

## Friends of Brunton

A big thank you for raising funds to go towards the new i-pads so all 3 classes in a year group can use i-pads at the same time.



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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!

## Elmer parade

Don't forget to see how many Elmers – large and small you can find. We would love to see your Elmer trail – such as a scrapbook and we will be looking for some winners across school.

## Attendance

We had a final attendance of 97.4% last year. This is one of the lowest full school attendances 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.

## 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.
- No back packs allowed in school as the cloakrooms are too small. Please use the book bags and PE bags.

## 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 to 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.



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## **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 Fresh and Fruity 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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am	Reception Curriculum and Coffee meeting
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Septemebr	9.00am	Reception parents' meeting – phonics and reading
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00pm	Reception parents' meeting – phonics and reading
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	morning	Archery competition at Dinnington for year 4
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	morning	Audio screening for reception children
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	morning	Audio screening for reception children
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	3.00pm	Operation Encompass next steps drop in for parents
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	6.00pm	KS1 – years 1 and 2 parents' meeting - reading and spelling
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	morning	Audio screening for reception children
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	am	Year 3 Squash taster session
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	morning	Audio screening for reception children
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	morning	Reception heights and weights
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	6.00pm	KS2 – years 3 and 4 parents' meeting – Reading and spelling
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	All day	Individual and sibling photographs
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	afternoon	Gregg's Cancer Run Presentation – 2 children to attend
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	All day	Individual and sibling photographs
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	3.30 - 7.00pm	Parents' Evening – details to follow
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	3.30 - 6.00pm	Parents' Evening – details to follow
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October		School closes for half term
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October		TRAINING DAY – School Closed



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	8.50am	School re-opens
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	am	Balance bikes for reception
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	am and pm	Come along and do some crafts with your child - Reception parents – details to follow
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	am	Balance bikes for reception
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	The Book Bus – details to follow
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	am	Balance bikes for reception
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	The Book Bus – details to follow
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	Flu immunisations
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	am	Balance bikes for reception
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Novemebr	am	School nurse – Year 1 teeth session
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	The History Bloke – Y2 Romans
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	am	Balance bikes for reception
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Year 1JG Class Assembly
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	am	Balance bikes for reception
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	9.00am	Year 1GA Class Assembly
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.00am	Year 1SL Class Assembly
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	am	Balance bikes for reception
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Year 3MH Class Assembly
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	am	Balance bikes for reception
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Year 3PP Class Assembly
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Year 3NM Class Assembly
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	All day	Road Safety for Reception
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	All day	Road Safety for Reception
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Reception Christmas Performance Year 4 Christmas Performance Year 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Year 2 Christmas Performance Reception Christmas Performance Year 4 Christmas Performance
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am 2.00pm	Year 4 Christmas Performance Year 2 Christmas Performance
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	am	KS1 Christmas Crafts (years 1 and 2) – details to follow
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	morning	Carol Service at St Aidans for yeas 1,2 3 amd 4
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	3.15pm	School Closes