



Brunton Matters

January
2020

Happy New Year

All the staff at Brunton wish you a happy and healthy New Year. Thank you so much for all your kindness and generosity this Christmas. 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

There are still serious issues with the car park. People are still parking in areas which are not designated spaces. Parents are still allowing their children to ride their bike/scooter across the car park and many children run around in the car park area. **This is not safe for your children.** Please can all parents remember that you are responsible for your child's safety.

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. Please ensure that any sound alerts are also 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.

Medical needs

Please ensure you update school on any changes to your child's medical needs and any medication, inhalers etc kept in school are in date.

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 **97.5%** which is lower than our target of 97.8 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. We still have parents who send their children into school when they have been sick. Unfortunately it is impossible to say whether the sickness is due to a bug or something a child has eaten or due to a cough etc however the same rule applies:

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea they must be absent for 48 hours (2 days) after the last bout.

Spring Term

As usual a very busy 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 are learning about Egyptians – looking forward to mummifying objects!

Year 2 are hoping to travel the world with Paddington

Year 1 are working with the History Bloke to find out about the Quayside

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.

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.

Curriculum and Coffee meetings

Thank you very much for your support coming to these meetings.

Gregg's Cancer Run - Sunday 17th May 2020

We raised an incredible £6386 and won the Sandy Weir Trophy for the 4th time for the school who raised the most. Keep a look out for the information coming out for you to sign up.



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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 16 th January	morning	School Nurse working with year 3 on emotions and feelings
Thursday 30 th January	All day	Reception Road Safety
Tuesday 4 th February	All day	Smart Walker for Year 4
Wednesday 5 th February	morning	RGB visiting the Centre for Life
Wednesday 5 th February	morning	Smart Scoot for Year 3
Wednesday 5 th February	afternoon	Smart Walker for Year 4
Thursday 6 th February	All day	Smart Scoot for Year 3
Thursday 6 th February	morning	RNR visiting the Centre for Life
Tuesday 11 th February	All day	1GA and 1JG visit to Quayside and Baltic with the History Bloke
Tuesday 11 th February	6.00pm	Robinwood meeting for parents and Y4 children
Wednesday 12 th February	morning	RAH visiting the Centre for Life
Wednesday 12 th February	After school	Disco: 4.30 to 5.00pm – Reception children, 5.00 to 5.45pm – Years 1 and 2 6.00 to 7.00pm – years 3 and 4
Wednesday 12 th February	All day	1Sl visit to Quayside and Baltic with the History Bloke
Friday 14 th February	3.15pm	School closes for Half Term
Monday 24th February	8.50am	School reopens
Monday 24 th February	morning	Y2 at Safety Works
Wednesday 26 th February		Year 4 residential visit to Robinwood
Thursday 27 th February	morning	Y2 at Safety Works
Monday 2 nd March	All week	Scholastic Book Fair in school – details to follow
Wednesday 4 th March	morning	Year 4 skipping workshop
Thursday 5 th March	All day	World Book Day – details to follow
Wednesday 11 th March	6.00pm	SATs meeting – Year 2 parents only
Thursday 12 th March	9.00am	SATs meeting – Year 2 parents only
Friday 20 th March	All day	The History Bloke – Year 3
Monday 23 rd March	morning	The History Bloke – Year 3
Tuesday 24 th March	9.00am	2LB class assembly
Wednesday 25 th March	9.00am	2AB class assembly
Thursday 26 th March	9.00am	2AH class assembly
Monday 30 th March	3.30 – 7.00pm	Parent's Evening – details to follow
Tuesday 31 st March	9.00am	4GT class assembly
Tuesday 31 st March	3.30 – 6.00pm	Parent's Evening – details to follow
Wednesday 1 st April	9.00am	4HW class assembly
Thursday 2 nd April	9.00am	4JM class assembly
Friday 3 rd April	3.15pm	School closes for Easter