



Brunton Matters

February
2019

Spring Term

We are planning activities for our ECO week for all year groups.

We have class assemblies for Year 2 and Year 4 classes.

The Big Pedal starts 25th March and runs until 5th April – please try and walk/cycle/scoot to school.

Year 1 are visiting Kirkley Hall

Year 2 are visiting Segedunum.

Year 4 have a visit to The Victoria Tunnel to link in with their theme this term.

Year 2 are having an Easter Crafts morning – details to follow.

Greggs Cancer Run - Sunday 19th May 2019

Log on to www.childrenscancerrun.co.uk and sign up today. Don't forget to sign up to Brunton. We will be having a fundraising day on Friday 10th May – details to follow.

Car Parking - Please Read

I am unsure how to be any clearer about safe parking. The way some parents use the car park is dangerous and I am surprised an accident has not happened. Please follow these simple rules.

- Park in correct parking bays
- Do not park outside the hall unless you can display a Blue Badge
- Follow the one way signs
- Do not park or wait in the car park as you prevent cars from entering/exiting the car park.

Most families live within half a mile of the school - walking/cycling/scooting is such good exercise!

HELP KEEP EVERYONE SAFE!

Summer Term Clubs

Clubs will be sent out week commencing 18th March to sign up to.

Late arrival at school

If you are arriving at school at or after 9.00am, you must bring your child into school and report to the office. Recently, some children have been dropped off in the playground or in the car park then left to enter school unaccompanied. In some of these cases, the children have not been reported to the office and have gone into class without being registered as present. In order to keep your children safe, we must know who is in school and what time they arrive. This is an essential part of our safeguarding procedures. Thank you for your support.

Winter Weather

The weather is very changeable but we still have some children coming to school without a coat. We like our children to enjoy the winter weather but need to make sure that children have suitable coats and footwear for this time of year. When it is icy, the caretaker, Mr Pape, uses salt/grit to make the paths around school safer. However, there will be parts of the school grounds that are untreated and slippery. Please take care.

The Library

A big thank you to the volunteers who come and help in the Library on a Friday.

The children love having a look at the books and deciding which book they would like to read.

There is an author of the month, the books are on display and children are encouraged to have a look at them. This month the author is Jeff Kinney - The Dairy of a Wimpy Kid books.

Illness

We have had a lot of children absent with sickness and/or diarrhoea. Can you please keep your child off for 2 days after their last bout to minimise the spread of the bugs across classes.



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Friends of Brunton

The Friends of Brunton work hard to raise money for the school. This enables the school to keep resources up to date for the children. It would have taken at least 2 years to replace the computers in the IT suite without their help. We are hoping that the money raised this year will go towards purchasing another set of 15 i-pads as we have 3 classes in most year groups now. Your help is needed to ensure the planned activities take place. The FoB are already working towards the summer fayre. If you could spare a little time to help please come along to the next meeting. Below are a list of dates for your diary:

121 club draws

28th February
29th March
26th April
24th May
28th June
18th July

Sweet stop

15th February
5th April
24th May
19th July

The 121 winners so far:

October: Claire Smith, Nicola Wright, Elizabeth Smith
November: Claire Smith, Liz Huston, Rob Jackson
December: Rosie Wright, Elaine Small, Kirsty Stuart
January: Louise Hunter, Kerry Fane, Clare Yeung

At the end of July after all the draws have taken place the FoB will have raised **£1220** for the school. Thank you to all who have joined the club and look out for the next club beginning in September 2019.

Gosforth Schools' Trust (GST)

It has been a busy term for GST. George Snaith has retired as Chair and our interim Chair is Ms McKenna from Broadway East. As a Trust we have been working closely to respond to Archbishop Runcie First School's consultation to join a multi academy trust in the East of the city (NEAT).

The Headteachers at South Gosforth First School and Dinnington First School are retiring at the end of the year and Regent Farm will also be recruiting a new Headteacher. The Trust will be supporting the three Governing Bodies in the recruitment process.

Our staff were part of year group meetings across the Trust where each year group looked at an element of the curriculum. We shared books and ideas as well as moderating standards.

World Book Day- Thursday 7th March

Come to school dressed as your favourite character from a book you have read. Bring the book into school so you can tell your friends about the book.

As part of World Book Day we would like all the children to bring in 2 books they have finished with. All the books will be put into the hall and classes will be able to bring money into school to buy the books. Each book will cost 50p.

We are also having a Book Bus come to school on Monday 4th March. Parents and children can go on to the bus and buy books. All proceeds will go towards purchasing new books for the library.

Further details to follow



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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
Friday 15 th February	3.00pm	Friends of Brunton sweet stall
Friday 15 th February	3.15pm	School closes for Half Term
Monday 25th February	8.50am	School reopens
Tuesday 26 th February	pm	Y4 group to play in Quicksticks competition
Wednesday 27 th February		Year 4 residential visit to Robinwood
Wednesday 27 th February	All day	Freddie Fit to work with years 1 and 3
Monday 4 th March	All day	The Book Bus – details to follow
Thursday 7 th March	All day	World Book Day – details to follow
11 th to 15 th March	All week	ECO-week
Wednesday 13 th March	6.00pm	SATs meeting – Year 2 parents only
Thursday 14 th March	All day	Y4 to visit the Victoria Tunnel
Thursday 14 th March	9.00am	SATs meeting – Year 2 parents only
Monday 25 th March	2 weeks	The Big Pedal
Tuesday 26 th March	9.00am	2LB class assembly
Wednesday 27 th March	9.00am	2AB class assembly
Thursday 28 th March	9.00am	2JM class assembly
Thursday 28 th March	morning	Year 4 visit to the Sikh Temple
Friday 29 th March	All day	Year 2 visit to Segedunum
Monday 1 st April	3.30 – 7.00pm	Parent's Evening – details to follow
Tuesday 2 nd April	9.00am	4GT class assembly
Tuesday 2 nd April	3.30 – 6.00pm	Parent's Evening – details to follow
Wednesday 3 rd April	morning	Year 1 dance festival
Thursday 4 th April	9.00am	4HW class assembly
Thursday 4 th April		Year 4 mixed football tournament
Friday 5 th April	morning	Year 2 Easter crafts morning
Friday 5 th April	3.15pm	School closes for Easter
Summer Term		
Monday 29 th April	9.00am	Bags to School collection
Thursday 16 th May	7.50am	Bike it Breakfast
Friday 17 th May	7.50am	Bike it Breakfast
Friday 7 th June	All day	Non-uniform day - donations for the Summer Fayre
Friday 28 th June	All day	Non-uniform day - donations for the Summer Fayre
Saturday 6 th July	12.30pm to 3.00pm	Summer Fayre