



Brunstane Primary School

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Chris McMillan, Head Teacher

Tuesday 16th August 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer with lots of opportunities to enjoy the sunshine. We are delighted to be coming back after the summer break to the first normal school session in several years. After a fun-packed final term of 22/23, we are looking forward to more of the same this year!

As ever, we have lots to update you with. Please find details below.

Breakfast Club

We wrote to all families before the summer to let you know there will be no breakfast club this week as our funding has not yet been allocated. We would like to remind families that **breakfast club will not start until Monday 22nd August.**

Breakfast club is also currently full and unable to take new applications. We will notify families when this situation changes.

Drop off and Pick up

Our drop off and pick up arrangements for the session are as follows:

Primary 1	Drop off First week – as transition letter Following weeks – doors open from 8.45am. Pick up 3pm in the infant playground (M-Th) 12.15 on Fridays.
Primary 2	Drop off First two weeks – doors open from 8.45am. From Monday 29 th August– line up at bell at 8.50am in infant playground. Pick up 3pm in the infant playground (M-Th) 12.15 on Fridays.
Primary 3-7	Drop off Line up at bell at 8.50am in front playground (near basketball court) Pick up 3.15pm in the infant playground. 12.30 on Fridays.

Kic Forms

Kic forms will be distributed on your child's first day at school. It is critical that these are returned immediately to allow your child to take part in outdoor learning around the community and take part in class trips. Please return these as quickly as you can.

Uniform

Now that the pandemic has passed, we are very keen to return to all children wearing school uniform every day.

This does not need to be Brunstane branded clothing, but we request that all children P1-7 wear a blue jumper or cardigan and/or a white shirt, blouse or polo shirt. We ask that pupils wear dark trousers, skirts, joggers or leggings and dark shoes or trainers. The school has a large stock of pre-loved uniforms in good condition for anyone who could use them.

PE Kit

All pupils will be provided a school PE top. Pupils may bring in their own should they wish. We request no football shirts.

Please provide your child with shorts/joggers and suitable sports shoes.

Stationary

All necessary stationary will be provided. Please do not send your child to school with a huge pencil case as children are often upset when they lose items from these and they can often be a distraction during lessons.

Toys

Please do not send your child to school with toys. Again, these often get lost or broken which is upsetting. The school cannot take any responsibility for any toys or trading cards brought to school.

Medicine/Medical Forms

The school cannot dispense any medicine unless it is in its original packaging and a medical form has been provided to the school office.

All medication was sent home before the summer and the school now holds no medicine for any pupils.

Please drop off any medicine to the front office and complete a medical form at the front office.

Please ensure your child has two in-date inhalers in school if they require them.

Car Park

Please note that the school car park is for staff and blue badge holders only. The car park gates will be closed throughout the school day.

Staffing

As ever, our team has expanded once again over the summer and we are delighted to welcome some new colleagues to our already fantastic Brunstane team.

Joining our team this year are:

Kate Surridge – Class Teacher

Faria Bhuiyan - Class Teacher

Angel Gourlay – Early Years Practitioner

Our teaching staff for term one of this session is now as follows:

P1a – **Ms Bhuiyan** - (Twitter ID coming soon!), **and Mrs Niven** @MrsSNiven

P1b – **Miss Rosendale** - @BPSPrimary1_2, **and Mrs Niven** - @MrsSNiven

P2a - **Miss Astwood** @MissAstwoodP

P2b – **Miss Finlayson** - @MsFinlaysonBPS

P3 - **Mr Archibald** - @MrArchibaldBPS

P3/4 – **Miss Farmbrough** - @FarmbroughMiss

P4 – **Mr MacKenzie-Chalmers** - @MrChalmersBPS **and Mrs Niven** - @MrsSNiven

P5 – **Miss Surridge** - (Twitter ID coming soon!),

P6/7 – **Miss Campbell** - @MissCampbellBPS

P7 - **Miss Innes** - @bpsMiss

Penguins Class – **Miss Sives** - @MissSivesBPS

Pandas Class – **Miss Hope** @MissHopeBPS **and Mrs Ritchie** - @MrsRitchieBPS

Additional Support for Learning – **Mr Paton** @MrPBrunstane

Additional Support for Learning – **Ms MacLeod** (Twitter ID coming soon!)

Time to Talk – **Mrs Rennie** - @BrunstaneB

PE – **Mrs Niven** - @MrsSNiven

Pupil Support Officer – **Kerry Quinn** - @bpsPSO

Pupil Support Officer – **Kim Ross** - @bpsPSO

I have included class Twitter handles so that you can keep up to date with all the latest news from each class. The main school Twitter account is @BrunstanePS

ParentPay

ParentPay, will now be the only payment method at Brunstane Primary School for all payments including school meals, milk and school trips. The school office is no longer able to accept cash payments.

ParentPay is also the system used to select school dinner choices. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals you must now book it through ParentPay. If you have not already activated your account a letter with Activation Information will be sent home with your child this week.

Email admin@brunstane.edin.sch.uk | Tel 0131 669 4498

Twitter: @BrunstanePS | Web: www.brunstaneps.com

Cost of school meals

The City of Edinburgh Council has increased the cost Price of meals to £2.30.

Free School Meals/School Grant

Meals in school are free until children are in Primary 5 but applying for a school grant also allows your child to get free milk, support to buy school clothing and school holiday payment. For every child who successfully gains this entitlement, the school also gets £1200 funding per child per year. This totals £8400 in your child's primary school life and helps us enrich the quality of school experience for your child. To put in context, 3 pupils who are entitled to this grant allow us to employ a full time Pupil support assistant to directly support in class learning for three months. If you have any questions or difficulties in completing this form, please come to our school office and we can help.

The application is a simple online form, please visit the City of Edinburgh's website and search free school meals. Office staff will be happy to support you if you need help.

Environment

We would continue to welcome community support to further upgrade our playground environment. Help sourcing loose parts items including tyres, crates, piping, guttering, wooden cable rolls, tarpaulins, pallettes, plastic jugs, saucepans, watering cans and buckets would be greatly appreciated.

Parent Contact Details

It is vitally important that we have up to date contact information for all our families. If you move house or change phone number, please inform the school. It is also extremely helpful to have a working email address as a back up to these methods so that we can send letters home quickly when required. Please return the data form being sent home this week.

Parking

We continue to receive reports about cars parked in a dangerous manner at drop off times. We would like to politely request that parents do not park on pavements or block driveways. Please obey all road markings in order to ensure pupil safety.

Dogs

Please remember that dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school campus.

Nuts

Please remember that no food products containing nuts should be brought into school. We have a number of pupils across the school who have allergies and they could become extremely unwell if this rule is not observed.

Absence Calls

We would like to remind parents and carers that it is extremely important to phone the school office 0131 669 4498 to let us know if your child is going to be absent. If your child is unwell, please include what type of illness you think it may be when you leave a message.

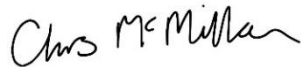
Dates

We will be compiling a list of dates for your diary shortly and will send them out later this month.

We cannot wait to see all of our Brunstane families over the coming days and are very excited for the year ahead.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris McMillan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris McMillan
Acting Head Teacher