



Brunstane Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to have some of our pupils back at Brunstane already and are very hopeful that we will have news on when the rest of our children will return very soon. However, in the meantime, we have a lot to tell you about what is happening over the next few weeks at Brunstane. Please see below for all of this month's important updates.

Wet Weather

Due to recent playground works and the wet weather, parts of the playground at Brunstane are particularly muddy at the moment. The walk up to the astroturf at Castlevue is also becoming muddier as we head into winter.

Please make sure that you send your children to school with appropriate footwear (and a change of clothes if they like playing in muddy areas). Whilst we will cordon off the worst of the mud, we are not able to keep children completely away from grass areas which may be muddy.

Staffing

There have been a number of changes to our staff team over the last term.

We have several new staff who have joined us at Brunstane and some of our early years team are working within our wider school, across our enhanced support base and infant classes.

Miss Singh has joined our PSA team and is working with Primary 6.

Staff working in our nursery are:

Early years officers: Dawn Thomson & Dawn Williams. Equity & Excellence lead: Tracii Smith (Mon – Weds) Senior leadership: Anne Macdonald

Early years practitioners: Martina Franjkovic, Stacey Papa, Maria Fernandez, Vanessa Ford, Carolann Withington, Mariola Chelkowska, Domestic assistant: Nicola Alan

You can see all nursery staff team faces on our ejournals!

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Enhanced support base Early years practitioners: Kaja Fura, Maria De Marco

Infant classes: Early years practitioners: Ana Dominguez, Katie Fleming, Aneta Lewandowska Early years assistants: Tina Miller, Zlata Aleksandrova, Harjeet Singh

Deborah Robertson is sadly leaving us after 17 years of service. We are incredibly grateful to Deborah for her outstanding service to the school and wish her well in her future career.

Football Boot Exchange

We are absolutely delighted to have school football running at Brunstane this year and would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this happen – volunteer coaches, supporters and helpers.

To ensure we make school football as inclusive and easy to access as possible, we operate a football boot exchange. If you families have any boots that no longer fit (or if anyone gets new ones for Christmas and has old ones going spare) we would gratefully receive these and make sure they go to a good home. If you or anyone you know is able to donate a pair of boots, please send them in to the school office. All sizes welcome.

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. Police and parking wardens will continue to visit the streets around the school to ensure that our pupils are safe and those parking dangerously are ticketed.

Dogs

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

Christmas at Brunstane

It is with great excitement that we can announce that despite the decant Christmas at Brunstane will be back with a few extras along the way! We hear there is a secret Kindness mission on the go and we will be having parents/carers join in for the nativity and Christmas concerts! Alongside this we will be doing our Christmas parties, Christmas jumper day and our school Christmas dinner. Please read information below for all the details.

All our events are free but our P7s will be standing with donation buckets to help raise money for school camp and for Children's hospice who we have partnered with this year.

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be in classes or stages this year. Please send your child in with party clothes on the day of their party!

Monday 18th December – P6 party

Tuesday 19th December – P4, P4/5 and P5 party

Wednesday 20th December P1, P1/2, Panda, Penguin, P7a and P7b party

Thursday 21st December – P2, P3a and P3b Christmas party

Nativity – Thursday 7th December

Our P1-P2 nativity is on Thursday 7th December at 9.15. Please save the date and look out for a separate letter about booking your seat in the audience.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 8th of December

This year we will again be having our Christmas jumper day on Friday 8th December when pupils will also be watching a Christmas movie as a class. If you need a Christmas jumper for your child, please complete the attached form by **Monday 4th December**.

Family Christmas Movie Night – Monday 11th December

Our family Christmas movie night is back! It will be held on Tuesday 11th December at 3.30 in the hall. Look out on twitter for what will be showing. Tickets will be on sale in the playground or at the office. It is 50p per family with money going towards school camp!

Christmas Carol Concert – Tuesday 12th December

Our Christmas carol concerts went so well last year especially as they were our first ones that we can't wait to do them again. Please save the date and look out for a separate letter with timings and a chance to book your seat in the audience.

School Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 13th December

Our school Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 13th of December. Please book lunch as normal through parentpay.

Reindeer Run Friday 15th of December

P7 are running a sponsored reindeer run to raise money for their school camp and to raise money for Children's Hospice. Please look out for a separate letter and sponsorship form for your child.

Mission Christmas Presents

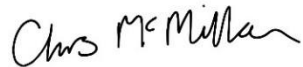
Thank you for your prompt applications for these this year. If you applied for presents you will receive a separate letter with the date and time you are to come and pick the gifts. This will **hopefully** be on either Wednesday 20th of December or Thursday 21st of December.

Christmas Hampers

Thank you to those who returned their forms for Christmas hampers. These will be ready for collection on Wednesday 20th of December. A letter will come out with collection times nearer the date.

We are currently looking for donations of shortbread, Christmas nibbles or crackers. If you are in a position to donate there will be a box at the reception to leave these in. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

Yours sincerely



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Head Teacher

Christmas Jumper Pop Up Shop

I would like a Christmas jumper for my pupil.

Pupils Name: _____ Size: _____