



Brunstane Primary School

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Chris McMillan, Head Teacher

Monday 18th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

It has been absolutely fantastic to have the majority of our pupils back at Brunstane over the last few weeks, allowing us to enjoy all of our traditional Christmas events back together. Huge thanks to all of the families who have come along to these to join in all of the festive fun.

The one group of our pupils yet to return are our nursery children. We are delighted to let you know that **our nursery pupils will be returning to Brunstane on Monday 15th of January.**

To facilitate the return of our nursery pupils, **our P1, P1/2, P2, P3, P4 and P4/5 classes will be moved back to their traditional rooms over the Christmas holiday.** This means that when these pupils return on Tuesday 9th January, they will be returning to a different classroom with different lining up and dismissal points. **P3a, P4, P4/5 will be lining up and dismissing from the front of the tower block, whilst P3b and P1, P1/2, and P2 will line up in the infant playground.**

Whilst our nursery children will return to Brunstane on Monday 15th January, they will continue to attend Moffat for the first week back (Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th) with bus arrangements and timings remaining as before the holidays.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Brunstane families for their patience over this difficult period and to our staff team who have committed huge amounts of their own time to minimise disruption for our children and ensure that they received the very best teaching, learning and play experience possible.

Playtime arrangements for returning pupils

With all of our pupils returned to their traditional areas of the school, all pupils will revert to their normal playgrounds. Nursery pupils will access the nursery garden, P1-2 will use our infant playground and P3-7 will access our wider playground.

The vast majority of our playground is back open to us with the exception of a small area of the back field. This is still closed until the grass can be reseeded and the goals repaired in time for spring.

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Wet Weather

Due to our playground works and the wet weather, parts of the playground are particularly muddy at the moment.

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.

Active Schools

Active Schools provision will return fully to Brunstane in January.

We are seeking feedback from parents and carers to improve our offer. Please see survey here: <https://forms.office.com/e/fFmFG48D4D> and look out for booking forms in bags in the new year.

Football Boot Exchange

We are absolutely delighted to have school teams 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 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.

Last Day of Term/Start of New Term

Please note that we **finish at usual Friday finish times of 12.15/12.30 on Friday 22nd December. Pupils resume on Tuesday 9th of January.**

On behalf of all of the staff at Brunstane, I would like to wish you a safe, happy and healthy holiday. I hope all celebrating have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. All the best for 2024.

Yours sincerely



Chris McMillan
Head Teacher

Key Information

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- P3a, P4, P4/5, P5, P6 and P7 will line up and dismissing from the front of the tower block.
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