



Brunstane Primary School

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Chris McMillan, Head Teacher

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great few weeks at Brunstane, making the most of the mild Autumn weather and spending lots of time playing and learning outside.

As ever, there is a lot going on around the school to update you on!

Infrastructure Update

Work is progressing well in the tower block with much of the strip out of the top floor now complete. The contractor's compound is now well established and will remain in the same layout for the next six months. Our pupils have done a fantastic job of adapting to the changes in the layout of their play space and are enjoying the new football pitch that has been created for them on the back field. The last few cabins for the contractor's compound are being delivered over the next few days and after that there should be far less HGV traffic coming on to the school site. We are assured that this will mean less disruption for families and neighbours using the surrounding roads.

Staffing

Mrs Christmas our Acting Principal Teacher is returning to her substantive post at Kirkliston Primary School. We are currently working to recruit a new acting Principal Teacher to replace her. Miss Mechie and Mr McMillan will continue to cover the class in the interim.

Communication with School Staff

Whilst we are always delighted to chat to parents and carers whenever we can, we would like to remind families that emails should be sent to the school admin box admin@brunstane.edin.sch.uk and appointments arranged via the school office (0131 669 4498). This system ensures that emails are responded to in the fastest possible time and families are not frustrated if they come to school without an appointment and there is no one available to meet them.

Parent Carer Consultations

Our Parent/Carer Consultations will take place on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th November. Face to face consultations will be held in the school hall as normal.

If you have a telephone consultation on Thursday 14th, please remember that class teachers may call you from a withheld number. Please answer – it will be us!

School Christmas Fayre – Friday 13th December

Our school Christmas Fayre is on Friday 13th December from 1pm-3pm. There will be more information on this and all of our other Christmas events in another newsletter later this week.

Parking

We continue to receive reports about cars parked in a dangerous manner at drop off/pick up 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.

Wet Weather

Whilst we have been very much enjoying the sunshine over the last few weeks, it is very likely that this dry weather will not continue as we move in to winter. Due to the building works, we have very little hard surfaced play space available to us. This means pupils will be playing on grass throughout the winter, which is very likely to turn muddy in patches.

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.

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 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 into the school office. All sizes welcome.

Asda Rewards

Thanks to families and friends for signing up to Asda's Cashpot for School and choosing Brunstane, so far you have raised over £600. There's still time left to sign up on the Asda app.

Smart Devices

We have become aware that a number of pupils have smart devices alongside their phones that have messaging and internet capability. We will be asking pupils to put these items such as smart watches in the phones basket along with their phones from now on.

Dogs

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

Thank you for your support with all of these issues. We will be back in touch very soon.

Yours sincerely



Chris McMillan
Head Teacher