



Brunstane Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Brunstane this week! We were delighted to have kicked off our festive calendar with our Christmas movie night on Tuesday and all of our classes have been hard at work getting things ready for all of our other upcoming festive events.

As ever, we have lots of news and reminders to share before the end of term.

Learning Profiles

Learning profiles will be handed out to families tomorrow. We are piloting a new approach to Learning Profile 1 this year to allow greater pupil voice and to reduce repetition of the learning information shared with families at our recent Parent/Carer Consultations. The learning profiles record the pupil's key learning in literacy and numeracy, an area in which they feel they have made particular progress, their learning targets and a copy of the piece of work they are most proud of. This has been completed in partnership with the pupil's class teacher. Learning Profile 2 will follow our traditional learning profile template.

Christmas Calendar

Please see below for a reminder of upcoming Christmas dates.

Friday 6th December - Pantomime Trip

Monday 9th December - Brass Performance 11.15am in the hall

Tuesday 10th December - P1-P2 Nativity 9.15am

Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Lunch

Thursday 12th December - P1-P7 Christmas Carol Concert, 9.30-10.30am and 11-12pm.

Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper/Movie Day in classes, Reindeer Run – P1-P7, Christmas Fayre 1-3pm

Monday 16th - P6 Christmas Party pm

Tuesday 17th - P5 and P5/6 Christmas party am, P4 Christmas party in the hall pm

Wednesday 18th - P1, Panda and Penguin Christmas party am, P7 Christmas party pm

Thursday 19th - P2 Christmas party in the hall between break and lunch
P3 Christmas party in the hall pm

Friday 20th - Carol Concert in hall 9.30-10.30am. **School finishes at the usual time.**

Wet Weather

Due to the location of the Portakabins, the contractors compound and the wet weather, parts of the playground at Brunstane are particularly muddy at the moment and look as though they will get worse as the winter progresses.

Whilst we will do our best to find work arounds for this, 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. Please don't send your children in to school with their best trainers on if at all possible.

Parking

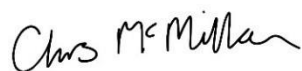
We continue to receive reports about cars parked in a dangerous manner at drop off times. We would like to politely request that parents do not park on pavements or block driveways. Please obey all road markings in order to ensure pupil safety. Police and parking wardens will continue to visit the streets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

I hope that everyone has a wonderful winter break and a Merry Christmas for those celebrating it. I wish you all a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you in 2025!

Yours sincerely



Chris McMillan
Head Teacher