



# Brunstane Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great few weeks at Brunstane, despite the change in the weather and, as ever, there is a lot going on around the school to update you on!

## **Infrastructure Update**

Work is progressing well in the remaining areas of the school which are under construction. You may have noticed walls and windows going in around the foyer and infant class areas. The insulation has been fixed to many of the external walls and new roofing has been built in several places. The gym hall and the foyer have had considerable amount of work and will look very different when they are finished! Now that the building is weathertight again the focus is shifting to work on the internals of the offices, shared spaces and classrooms. We hope to be able to share some pictures with you soon!

## **PE Update**

Whilst we were very fortunate with the weather up until the October break, there is no doubt that the weather has turned so we will very soon be switching to our winter PE contingency plan. We are delighted to have secured the facilities at the Jack Kane Centre for this purpose and classes will be travelling up there by coach once per week for their two hours of PE time. Class teachers will let you know what day your child has PE. You may wish to give your child an extra snack on this day to give them a boost during their afternoon of sport. We would encourage pupils to come to school in their PE kit on these days.

## **Staffing**

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Carr our new Deputy Head Teacher this week. She has been very busy getting to know all our pupils and staff and is looking forward to meeting as many parents and carers as possible over the coming term!

We are also delighted to announce that Miss Louise, Miss McKenzie, Mr Fischbacher and Mrs Lee were all successful in interviews for permanent posts. We are delighted to have secured their services for the long term.

We are sad that we will soon be saying goodbye to Mr Paton who has secured a new job at Carricknowe Primary School. We would all like to thank Mr Paton for his 15 years of service to the school and wish him all the best in the next chapter of his career.

### **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 into school with their best trainers on if at all possible.

### **Fundraising**

Our P7s are off to school camp in February 2026. They are doing some amazing fundraising again this year. A JustGiving page has been set up it would be great if you could promote this on your social media pages.

We'll be doing the same. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/brunstane-p7s>

The parent council have also joined Easyfundraising so that the school community can donate to our funds as part of their shopping at no extra cost to them! Simply download the Easyfundraising app and select Brunstane Primary School Parent Council as their cause and shop through the app. Again, please share on your social media pages, thanks.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brunstane-primary-school-parent-council/>

### **P7 Jumpers**

If you haven't already done so, P7 parents are reminded to return size details and name permissions for the P7 jumpers.

### **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.

### **Road Safety**

The school and the Parent Council are currently working with the local councillors in an attempt to improve road safety around the school.

In particular, we are working to try to find a solution to the issue of recent accidents and dangerous driving on Milton Road at the top of Magdalene Drive and illegal parking around the school.

If you would like to help,

DO let us know your concerns and experiences relating to road safety journeying to school

DO try and come by bike or foot to and from school if possible

DO follow the Highway Code and park well away (10m) from corners and follow road markings

DO consider our community neighbours when parking

You can contact our Parent Council on social media –

Facebook @BrunstaneP/Instagram brunstanepc or at [brunstanepc@hotmail.com](mailto:brunstanepc@hotmail.com)

### **Christmas Fayre**

The Brunstane Christmas Fayre has been a major feature of our festive season over the last ten years. Sadly, this year, it has been too difficult to arrange due to the lack of space in the main school building.

However, our parent council are working with Magdalene Community Centre who will be hosting their own Christmas Fayre on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1pm to 5pm. Brunstane families are warmly invited to attend!

### **Christmas Dates**

Date	Activity	Venue
4.12.25	Carol Concert	Portobello and Joppa Parish Church
5.12.25	Panto	Portobello Town Hall
9.12.25	Family Movie night	St Martin's Church
11.12.25	Nativity	Portobello and Joppa Parish Church
11.12.25	Christmas lunch	Lunch hall
11.12.25	Christmas jumper day	School
12.12.25	Class Christmas movie	Classes
15 – 19.12.25	Class parties	Classes
16.12.25	Reindeer run	Path by Asda steps

### **Football Boot Exchange**

Each year at Brunstane, 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.

Alternatively, if your child needs a pair, please just let us know what size they take!

### **Smart Devices**

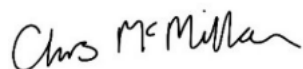
We have become aware that a number of pupils have smart devices alongside their phones that have messaging and internet capability. We will be asking pupils to put these items such as smart watches in the phones basket along with their phones from now on.

### **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



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