



Brunstane Primary School

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Chris McMillan, Head Teacher

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer with lots of opportunities to enjoy the wonderful weather. We are delighted to have been able to start the year all together in the same building for the first time in several years. It has been brilliant to see all of our pupils settle so well into their routines and make such a positive start to the year.

We were delighted to welcome so many families to Meet the Teacher event this week and share all the fantastic classroom learning that is planned this year.

School building works

All of the major work to the main school building is now complete and we are working with the contractors to ensure all the finishing touches are complete inside the building.

Repairs to the playground are the last major piece of work, with new grass having been laid over the summer holiday at the back of the school and work planned around the infant playground and to reinstate the basketball court at the front of the school.

We intend to launch a fundraising campaign to further develop all of our playground spaces now that they are soon to all be back in use.

We look forward to sharing details of our plans with you soon.

School Football

We are delighted to have school football return to Brunstane this season. Mr Delaney will be coaching both our P4/5 and P6/7 teams this year. Training will be straight after school until 4.30pm on the back field. P4/5 will train on a Tuesday and P6/7 will train on a Thursday. Matches will take place on Saturday mornings. Training will start next week.

Thank you to families who have already filled in our P4-P7 Football Team – Fill in form to express an interest and offer support. If your child is interested and would like to join the school teams, please complete the form before attending training.

Grab and Go

We are delighted to continue to bring our Grab and Go service to all our families. We hope this helps families maximise their income and provide some extra goodies for the weekend. The food trolley will be available after school every Friday. This is also an opportunity for you to meet and speak with our Pupil Support Officers. We can also support families with food vouchers, please come to the school office and ask to speak with Mrs Carr, Mrs Quinn or Mrs Ross.

Finance Welfare Sessions

We are offering finance welfare drop-in sessions again this year. These sessions will provide you with an opportunity to speak with a professional advisor. The sessions provide advice on where you can get financial help, who qualifies for it, and help applying. The drop in sessions are free and confidential; these sessions will be on the following dates 9:30am-12pm.

Tues 29 September 2026

Tues 27 October 2026

Tues 24 November 2026

Tues 26 January 2027

Tues 23 February 2027

Tues 23 March 2027

Come and chat with the School Nurse!

Our School Nurse will be holding monthly drop-in sessions to support the health and wellbeing of our pupils. These sessions are a great opportunity for parents/ guardians to stop by with any health-related questions or concerns: whether it's about healthy eating, sleep, mental wellbeing, or managing ongoing health conditions.

When: 9am on Thursday 24 September

Where: Brunstane Primary, family room

No appointment needed – just drop in!

Wet Weather

Whilst we have been very much enjoying the sunshine over the last six months, it is very likely that this dry weather will not continue as we move into Autumn.

We will be outside unless the forecast shows an Amber alert, so please make sure that you send your children to school daily with appropriate footwear and a waterproof jacket.

Lost and Found

Please remember to clearly label all your children's clothing and water bottles. This way we can try our best to return any misplaced items to the correct child!

Class Open Mornings on Wednesday 21 October 9.00am-10.00am

We are very excited to invite parents and carers into our new building for open mornings this year. Our first open morning will be on Wednesday 21 October. Families will have the chance to join their child in a live lesson. The first one will be on Wednesday 21 October 9-10am and will have a Numeracy focus.

Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 25 September 12.45pm- 1.30pm

We will be taking part in the world's largest coffee morning on Friday 25 September 12:45pm-1:30pm in our gym hall to raise money for Macmillan. If you can donate any home baking, we would really appreciate. We just ask that no baked goods contains nuts. We hope to see you there.

Following feedback from families we understand that attending a whole school event can be difficult for some children and their families for a variety of reasons. We would like to offer a 'quiet session' for families of children with ASN to help make this event more inclusive. This would involve arriving a little earlier and coming into school at a quieter entrance. If you would like to attend this session, please arrive at 12.30 at the ESB gate.

Family Learning Opportunities

We're proud to offer a range of family learning opportunities that invite parents and carers to engage directly in their child's education and supporting our young people to grow. Families and Communities Together (FACT) will begin Thursday the 29 October for 6 weeks and spaces will be open for P1-P3 children. This is a programme that is filled with fun, food and a space for you to spend time with your children. Please keep an eye out for this letter as there are limited spaces on this programme.

Raising Children with Confidence

We are excited to be delivering Raising Children With Confidence (P1-P3) in January which is designed to help parents and carers support their children's emotional wellbeing and mental health. Parents have who have completed this course previously have discussed feeling more confident at supporting their children as well as having a team around them to listen and support them. Please keep an eye out for letters about these opportunities in the coming months.

Parent Council

Our parent council are always looking for new members and we would love to see you at our first meeting on Tuesday 22 September. Please come to the office for 6pm. See future dates below:

22.09.26	Tues	Parent Council Meeting 1 6-7pm
27.10.26	Tues	Christmas Fair Planning Meeting 6-7pm
11.12.26	Frid	Christmas Fair 1-3pm
19.01.27	Tues	Parent Council Meeting 2 6-7pm
23.03.27	Tues	Summer Fair Planning Meeting 6-7pm
27.04.27	Tues	Parent Council Meeting 3 6-7pm
04.06.27	Frid	Summer Fair 1-3pm
15.06.27	Tues	Parent Council Meeting 4 6-7pm

Outdoor learning at Brunstane

At Brunstane, we enjoy taking our learning outside and we love using our wonderful outdoor spaces as extended classrooms to bring lessons to life regularly, rain or shine! From muddy science experiments to nature maths trails, our children thrive when they get to explore, create, and solve problems in the fresh air. To ensure your child can comfortably jump straight into the fun every single day, please make sure they come to school with appropriate outdoor clothing. As the weather gets more unpredictable, pack a waterproof jacket, sturdy shoes or wellies, and extra layers so they stay warm and dry no matter what nature throws our way!

Forms to be returned to school office

Thanks to those who have already returned their child's form. If you haven't already, please do so next week:

KIC Forms - Forms have been issued to all pupils, it is critical that these are returned immediately and no later than **Tuesday 15 September** to allow your child to take part in outdoor learning around the community and take part in class trips.

Data Forms - Forms have been issued to all pupils, it is critical that these are returned immediately to ensure data is correct, even if there are no changes please sign and return.

Photo permission - These are issued to P1 and new pupils only. Once completed the permission continues until P7. Please contact the school office and complete a new form should you wish to amend permission at any time.

ParentPay

If you have not already registered for ParentPay you will receive a letter with login details. Please use ParentPay to choose your child's lunch regardless of lunches being free this helps the kitchen prepare the correct meal choices for your child.

Medicine/Medical Forms

If your child has a medical condition, short or long term, please notify the school office to complete appropriate medical form. The school cannot dispense any medicine unless it is in its original packaging and a medical form has been completed.

Inhalers - Please ensure your child has an in-date inhaler in school if they require them and a medical form completed. All medication for this term needs to be dropped off at the school office.

Flu Vaccination

A consent form has been sent home with your child. Even if you do not want your child vaccinated, you must return the form by the end of this week. Vaccinations will take place on Thursday 29 October 2026.

Free School Meals, Milk and Clothing Grants

Meals in school are free until children are at the end of Primary 5, but this grant also allows your child to get free milk and support to buy school clothing.

For every child who successfully gains this entitlement, the school gets £1200 funding per child per year. This totals £8400 in your child's primary school life and helps us enrich the quality of school experience for your child. Please apply for this grant online visit: www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolgrants

If you have any questions or difficulties in completing the online form, please come to our school office and we can help.

Car Parking

For the safety of all our pupils and staff parents/carers are reminded that they should not pick up or drop off their child in the school car park unless you have a blue badge. If you must drive to school, we ask that you are respectful to our neighbours and don't park on yellow lines or over drives. **Neighbours inform us they have been reporting unsafe parking to the police.**

School Uniform

We would like to remind families that pupils should be wearing school uniform, in line with Council policy school uniform is now all unbranded to make more accessible to families. If any families would like help with school uniform for their child, please contact the office. We are very happy to help families complete uniform bank applications, free school meals and clothing grant applications. We also have a small supply of new and recycled uniforms to help support the wearing of uniforms.

Stationary

All necessary stationary will be provided. Please do not send your child to school with a huge pencil case as children are often upset when they lose items from these and they can often be a distraction during lessons.

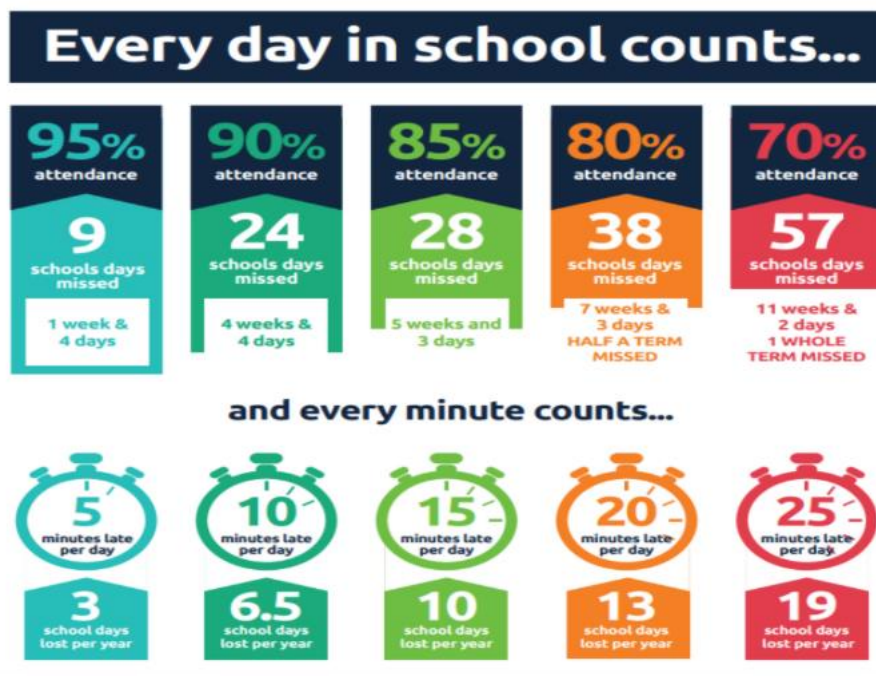
Toys

Please do not send your child to school with toys including liquid filled squishes. These often get lost or broken which is upsetting. The liquid inside squishes is a health and safety issue. The school cannot take any responsibility for any toys or trading cards brought to school.

Attendance- Every Day Counts at Brunstane

We will continue to work hard to increase attendance here at Brunstane. It is vital that your child is attending school each day unless unwell. Not only do children miss out on learning, but they also miss many experiences that help both socially and emotionally when absent. We are very keen to work alongside families struggling with their child's school attendance and support in any way we can. If you receive a phone call or letter about attendance, please do answer/call us to discuss how we can help.

It is essential when pupils are absent that we know the reason for this as soon as possible. This can be done through phoning our school office on 0131 669 4498 and pressing **option one** to leave a voicemail on the absence line. Please ensure you do this before 9am. Alternatively, you can email admin@brunstane.edin.sch.uk or respond to the absence text that will be sent out.



Collecting pupil

If a change is being made to your child's usual pick-up arrangement you must notify the class teacher at the start of the school day. Please send a note with your child.

If your child needs to leave early for a medical appointment confirmation must be given to class teacher/office in advance.

School Football

We are always looking for volunteers to support with coaching and transport for school football. If you think you could help, please contact the school office at admin@brunstane.edin.sch.uk.

School Office

The School Office is open Monday- Thursday 8.30 – 3.30pm, Friday 8.30 – 12.30pm.

We have updated our telephone lines so you can contact the right team when you call us on 0131 669 4498:

Press 1 to report a pupil absence, include child's name, class, and reason for absence.

Press 2 for administration team, you can leave a message out with office hours.

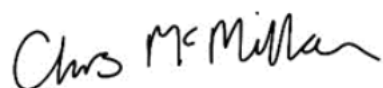
Press 3 for nursery team.

Dates for Your Diary

We have a very packed schedule for this year. Please see below for the key dates:

14.09.26	Mon	September Holiday
22.09.26	Tues	Parent council meeting 1 6-7pm
24.09.26	Frid	McMillan Coffee Event
05.10.26	Mon	Portobello HS open evening 5:30pm P7
09.10.26	Frid	Term ends
12-19.10.26		October Holiday Pupils return on Tuesday 20.10.26
21.10.26	Wed	Open morning 1 for parents and carers – Numeracy Focus
29.10.26	Thurs	Flu Vaccinations
23.10.26	Friday	Family coffee morning 2 – Bilingual support coffee morning with EAL Teacher 9-10am
30.10.26	Frid	FACT begins for families for 6-week block
03.11.26	Tues	Parent consultations
04.11.26	Wed	P1 Open Day
05.11.26	Thurs	Parent consultations
04.12.26	Frid	Panto at Portobello Town Hall
08.12.26	Tues	Family movie night TBC – St Martins Church TBC
09.12.26	Wed	Christmas Concert
10.12.26	Thurs	Nativity
10.12.26	Thurs	Christmas Jumper Day
11.12.26	Frid	Christmas Fair TBC
14.12.26	Mon	Christmas Lunch
15-17.12.26	Tues-Thurs	Christmas Parties Nursery to P7
18.12.26	Frid	Term ends
21.12.26		Christmas holidays Pupils return on Wed 6.01.27

Yours sincerely



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