



Monday 8th May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great start back to the final term of this school year with lots of fantastic learning taking place across the school and nursery.

Class Newsletter

Please find enclosed the class newsletter for your child's class this term. We hope you find these regular updates on what and how the children are learning in school helpful. Remember if you ever would like more help on how to support your child's learning at home please feel free to speak to the class teacher.

Parent Pay

As you know we have launched our new online payment system called Parent Pay. You should have received your log in details before the holidays. I know this system won't work for everyone but can I strongly urge you to sign up for your Parent Pay account. Currently only 20 families have signed up across the school. This is resulting in school admin staff having to do double the work to input all of the children's lunch orders. You can pre-order lunches up to three weeks in advance on Parent Pay whether you pay for lunches or not. If you would like help to use the Parent Pay system please come into the school office where our admin team will be happy to help you.

QIO Visit

Last week we had a visit from a team of Quality Improvement Officers from City of Edinburgh Council to help us self-evaluate the work of our school. The team visited all classes, met with staff and pupil groups and examined our self-evaluation evidence. The team were very positive about the improvements made at Brunstane and the potential for continuing improvement in the years to come.

Staffing Update

As you know Ms Rennie is currently on maternity leave. As she has moved to Perth with her family she will not be returning to Brunstane at the end of her period of



maternity leave however she will still be doing some work on the Time to Talk programme at Brunstane next Session. Ms Rennie will be completing her tenure at Brunstane in the final two weeks of this school Session.

I am delighted to inform you that Mr Chalmers has been appointed as a permanent member of our teaching staff here at Brunstane. We are all very pleased to have Mr Chalmers as part of our team in the long term.

Baby News

Baby fever has hit Brunstane this term! Congratulations to Mr McMillan and his wife on the safe arrival of Baby Robert during the Easter Holidays. Also congratulations to Mr McKenzie and his wife on the safe arrival of Baby Mara last week. Such lovely news to come back to after the holidays. We wish both sets of new parents few sleepless nights and lots of happy days ahead with their new arrivals!

Scottish Government Visit

I have been asked to do a week of work with colleagues from the Scottish Government in Boston, Massachusetts. The project is working alongside schools, health services and community workers from across the USA to help them to use data to improve services for children and families. This is a great opportunity to spread some of the very good practice from Brunstane more widely. I will therefore not be in school week beginning Monday 15th May. During this week Mrs Karen Morris, Head Teacher at Duddingston Primary School will be supporting the school. Mr McMillan, Mrs Ritchie and Mr McKenzie will all be available to support you if you need to speak to someone about any matters while I am away.

Wishing you all a great week ahead.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Brack". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 4th May	Inservice Day (Council Elections)
Monday 22nd May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 8th June	Inservice Day (General Election)
Friday 9th June 10am	Sports Day
Monday 26th June	Summer Picnic (P1-7) at Newhailes
Wednesday 28th June	P7 Prom
Friday 30th June 11am	Leavers Assembly
Friday 30th June	End of School Year

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