



Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Staffing Update**

I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed an Acting Principal Teacher to support the continued improvement work of the school. Mr. Graeme Hawkins joins us from Dalry Primary School and will start work at Brunstane on the first day back after the February holiday. Mr Hawkins will be teaching P6 on a Tuesday and working with a range of classes across the school to help support improvements in attainment and achievement across the school. We are very much looking forward to welcoming him to the Brunstane Primary School community.

### **High Viz Day and Walking Bus**

This Friday we would like to invite all of our children to come to school in brightly coloured clothes to celebrate 'High Viz Day'. This day is meant to raise awareness of the importance of road safety by encouraging children to wear high viz clothes when walking or cycling to school.

We will be organising a 'Walking Bus' along Magdalene Drive with the support of parents. A Walking Bus is basically a long line of children and adults walking to school together. If you would like to volunteer to help out with the Walking Bus please contact Mrs Heron in the school office. Thanks to all those parents who have volunteered so far through our twitter page. We will be sending out a map of the route the walking bus will follow later in the week.

### **Cake and Candy**

This Friday is going to be a busy day! P7 are holding a Cake and Candy bake sale at playtime on Friday to raise money for their end of year celebrations. All children are welcome to bring up to £1 to spend at the bake sale. Thank you to Susan Ferguson for organising this.

### **P7 Lagganlia Trip**

P7 Parents will be receiving a letter this week with arrangements for the upcoming school camp at Lagganlia.

### **Mobile Museum**

Our P7 children spent a fantastic day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February visiting a mobile museum which was set up in our school hall as part of their learning theme on World War 2. We were delighted to welcome P7 from Parson's Green Primary School who joined us for the whole day. It was great to see the children from both schools working together which will really help prepare our children for transition to high school. Thanks to Ms McGowan, Head Teacher at Parsons Green and Ms Macdonald, P7 Class Teacher for working with Mr McKenzie and I to plan the day.

### **Rotary Quiz**

A big well done to our P7 Rotary Quiz team who competed in the Portobello Rotary Quiz at Portobello High School last week. Our team did extremely well scoring an impressive 29 points.

### **Generation Science**

Our P1 and P2 children had a great experience as part of their learning in Science last week when Generation Science came to Brunstane to deliver a very exciting session on magnets. The children had a fantastic 'hands on' learning experience which they hugely enjoyed.

### **February Holiday**

Please remember that this Friday we break up for a week long mid-term holiday. School finishes at **normal time** on Friday and we **return to school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. Please note there is **no inservice day** after this holiday.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our children and families a happy, safe and enjoyable mid-term holiday.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Brack  
Head Teacher (Acting)