



Monday 23rd March 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Helen Maltman

Mrs Helen Maltman, one of our Early Years Practitioners in the nursery is moving on after 17 years of service in Brunstane Primary School's nursery. Mrs Maltman is starting an exciting new chapter in her life as a foster carer. We are going to greatly miss Mrs Maltman across the school. So many of our pupils and former pupils remember Mrs Maltman fondly from their time in nursery. Mrs Maltman and her husband Richard have also made a massive contribution to the wider life of the school through the Parent Council and helping out with a whole range of tasks (especially at Christmas!) which has improved the experience of so many Brunstane children.

In my short time at the school I have seen first-hand the positive impact Mrs Maltman has had on our children in the nursery and on behalf of all of her colleagues I would like to wish Helen and her family all the very best in their hugely important work as foster carers. I know they will do great things with children who will greatly benefit from their caring and nurturing approach.

We will be having a special assembly for Mrs Maltman on Friday at 10.30am in the school hall. Any parents who would like to say goodbye to Mrs Maltman are very welcome to join us.

Easter Assembly

Rev Dr Russell Moffat, the minister from St Martin's Church in Magdalene will be leading our Easter Assembly on Thursday 2nd April at 10am for Nursery-P3 children and 11am for P3/4-P7 children. We look forward to celebrating Easter together as part of our Religious Observance, if for any reason you would not like your child to be involved in our Easter Service please contact me directly.

We would be delighted if any parents/carers would like to join us for either Easter Assembly. The assemblies should last about half an hour.

P7 Cluster Day

Our P7 children spent last Wednesday at Portobello High School working on enterprise skills with other P7 children from the other cluster schools. The event was a hugely positive experience for our P7 children. I was amazed and so proud of how confident they were especially when at the 'feedback session' at the end of the day when half of the children who volunteered to stand up on the stage and speak were from Brunstane! This demonstrates how mature and confident our P7s are becoming as they prepare to transfer to Portobello High School after the summer.

Raising Attainment for All

I am pleased to let you know that Brunstane has been chosen as one of five pilot schools in Edinburgh who will be working on the Scottish Government's Raising Attainment for All initiative. I attended training in Glasgow last week and will be implementing a range of projects which will aim to improve attainment and achievement for all children at Brunstane.

Parent/Pupil Library Group

Last week two of our Parent Council members Roenna Anderson and Ayelet Dagan led a discussion group with children from each class on how they would like our school library to work. They will be sending out a short survey to parents this week to gather your views. Thank you to all those involved for working so hard to get our children reading!

End of term

Just a reminder that this school term ends on Thursday 2nd April. This is a full school day. Children and staff are on Easter holidays from Friday 3rd April and everyone returns on Tuesday 21st April.

Wishing you all a good week ahead.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Brack
Head Teacher (Acting)