



Monday 27th April 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back! Hope you have had a fantastic holiday!

All of our staff were delighted to welcome our children back after the Easter break and it was fantastic to see how well the children settled back into school life. I was particularly impressed with the excellent behaviour across the school last week! Keep it up!

May Holidays and Inservice Day

May is a busy month in school but it also comes with two bank holidays and an inservice day for school staff. Please remember that school is closed to children on:

- **Monday 4th May**
- **Thursday 7th May**
- **Monday 18th May**

Head Teacher Recruitment

Following the retirement of Ms Boyle, the process of recruiting a permanent Head Teacher for Brunstane has begun. The post has been advertised and interviews will take place over the coming weeks.

Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Kerry Quinn and Mr Daniel Denholm to Brunstane as Pupil Support Assistants. We are also delighted that Miss Kelly Williams, who is very well known to a lot of children and families at Brunstane is now working with us on a longer term contract. Mrs Quinn, Mr Denholm and Miss Williams will be working with a range of children across the school and we are delighted to have them on board. Miss Afza Zahir, who was working with P2 as a Pupil Support Assistant has now moved on from Brunstane and we wish her all the very best at her next school.

Dates for your Diary

Please see the Dates for Your Diary grid at the bottom of this newsletter with important dates for the end of this term and the start of next. Hopefully it will fit on your fridge!

Ipad Roll-Out

We are pleased to have been able to supply each class with 6 ipads last week. The children are very much looking forward to working with the ipads and we hope it will allow them to develop their ability to engage and achieve in their learning.

P6 pupils will have access to an ipad per pupil when they are in P7 next session. The class will receive training on how best to use these devices over the course of this term in preparation for using them fully in P7. We will be providing more information for parents before the end of the term.

Parent Council and Edible Gardens Project

Just a reminder that our next Parent Council meeting is tomorrow (Tuesday 28th) at 6pm in the meeting room at school. It will be followed by the Edible Gardens project meeting in the school hall to which all community members are invited. More details are available at www.facebook.com/ediblemagdalene

P7 Prom

The date for this year's P7 prom is **Thursday 18th June** at Duddingston Golf Club. The children will be driven by coach to and from the Golf Club. We will be in touch with more details closer to the date.

Wishing you all a good week ahead.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Brack
Head Teacher (Acting)

Date	Event
Wednesday 6th May	P7 having their photo taken for Evening News supplement.
Tuesday 12th May- Wednesday 20th May.	Bookfair in School
Wednesday 20th May	P7 Photo in Evening News
Tuesday 26th May at 6pm	Catchment Review Meeting at Brunstane
Monday 1st June	Inter-Scholastics at Meadowbank
Wednesday 3rd June, 7-9pm	P7 Parents Information Evening at Portobello High School.
Friday 12th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 16th June	P7 Sports Afternoon at Portobello High School
Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th June	P7 Transition Days at Portobello High School.
Thursday 18th June	New P1 Induction
Thursday 18th June	P7 Prom at Duddingston Golf Club.
Tuesday 23rd June	P7 Outing
Friday 26th June	P7 Leavers Assembly
Friday 26th June- 12 noon	End of School Year
Monday 17th August	Children return to school