



Monday 16th November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Open Day

Our open day was a huge success with lots of families touring the school and playing a game of 'Brunstane Bingo' with our School Captains. The Captains did a fantastic job of leading the tours and it was so great to see how proud they are of Brunstane. Each class had a 'learning stall' in the school hall with examples of work and two reps from each class talking about what and how they were learning in class. The feedback from new P1 families was very positive and we were delighted that they recognised the hard work that the children and staff had invested to make the day such a success.

Parents Night Reminder

Appointments for the first set of parent consultations this year were sent out last week with the consultations taking place on Tuesday and Thursday of this week. Please contact the school office if there are any issues with your date/time. We look forward to welcoming you and hope you find the meetings useful and productive.

Christmas Fayre

Our school Christmas Fayre takes place on Friday 11th December from 1pm-3.30pm. Preparations are well under way and the event looks like being a huge success. You will be receiving a flyer later in the week asking for donations and parents volunteers.

Light Night

I am delighted to inform you that our P4 and P4/5 classes have been chosen to perform at the official switching on of the Edinburgh Christmas Lights in George Street on Sunday 22nd November. The classes will be performing an African Christmas song called 'Sing We All Noel'. The Brunstane Performance will take place on the Pink Stage from 2.55pm-3.05pm.



Play in A Pod

The school has been lucky enough to receive funding for a Play in A Pod Service. This is an initiative to promote Loose Play which means playing creatively with everyday materials. Our children already experience loose play through our Play Ranger service on a Friday afternoon and it has proven very popular. Our loose play equipment arrived last Thursday and on Friday a big group of mums and some of our school and nursery staff got the chance to be trained in how to use and maintain it. Despite the very wet weather we all had a great time and learned a lot. We are very much looking forward to using the loose play equipment with the children in the coming weeks. Over the course of the year we will be adding to our stock of loose play and would love to have some volunteers to be part of the project. If you can help please fill in the form below.

Edible Garden

The school is very pleased to be part of the Edible Estates project this year and we will be working together to create an edible garden at the front of the school. P5/6 have been chosen to lead this project and they have already begun work! We are looking for volunteers to help support this project in the long term. This may just involve a couple of hours a month of helping out in the edible garden- no specialist skills required. Please fill in the form below if you're interested.

And finally...

As we are now well and truly into Autumn can everyone please make sure their child **wears a coat to school every day**- even if it looks dry in the morning. We only keep the children indoors if there is heavy rain/extreme weather so it is very important they are wrapped up and prepared for a Scottish Winter!

Wishing you a great week ahead.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Brack
Head Teacher

Name of child _____ Class _____

Name of volunteer(s) _____

I would be able to volunteer for the Edible Garden/Play in a Pod project (please circle as appropriate)

Best way to contact me _____

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