



Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable October break with your children and I am glad to report our children have come back to school engaged and ready to learn for the busy and exciting Christmas term here at Brunstane. Thank you once again for all of the donations to our Harvest collection. The North East food bank were amazed by how much we donated! A true testament of how kind and generous our community is.

## **Staffing Update**

Mr McKenzie has been successful in being appointed Principal Teacher at Aberlady Primary School in East Lothian. He will be leaving us on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Mr McKenzie has been a fantastic asset to our school for the last seven years and he will be sorely missed however we are all very pleased and excited for him to take the next step in his career. We are currently recruiting a new teacher to take on Mr McKenzie's role.

Mr Montgomery has been covering Ms Hope's maternity leave this term however he has been successful in obtaining a permanent teaching job in East Lothian so will be leaving us on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We will inform P3 parents shortly about Mr Montgomery's replacement. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Montgomery for his hard work at Brunstane and to wish him all the very best for the future.

We have welcomed two new Pupil Support Assistants to our school this term. Miss Jen Riley is working in P1 and Mrs Jeanette O'Donnell is working in P2 and P3. We are glad to have both colleagues on board and they have made a great start to their time at Brunstane.

## **Nursery Refurbishment**

Our nursery refurbishment is now complete and looking incredible! We are so lucky to have had two amazing learning environments created for our youngest children. We currently have forty seven full time nursery children and starting in January we will be opening both rooms and welcoming up to 97 children full time in our nursery block. This has resulted in us recruiting a whole new team of nursery staff to join us. I will confirm the details of our new expanded nursery team in the December newsletter.

## **Family Learning**

We have had a number of successful family learning events this year already starting with Brunstane Bingo and our first home learning session last Friday. These are great opportunities to find out how to help your child with her/his learning. Flyers with all of the details of upcoming events were sent out a few weeks ago. Please check twitter or ask for another copy at the school office if you have misplaced yours.

## **School Gate**

We have received a number of calls recently about parents smoking at the school gates. This is exposing children to second hand smoke. If you are choosing to smoke outside of the school gates please move further away from the gate to allow children to exit the school in a smoke-free environment. We would also ask that parents continue to be positive role models in the playground and do not use any inappropriate language.

Also, a reminder that dogs are not allowed on school grounds.

## **Parking**

We are continuing to work hard with local police and City of Edinburgh Council to support the ongoing issues with parking in the community. P3 pupils led a 'Day of Action' on parking alongside officers from Police Scotland in October. No matter how hard the children and school works on parking issues it continues to remain an issue which can only be solved by the adults who are choosing to park unsafely. If you see instances of unsafe parking please contact Police Scotland on 101.

## **Christmas Fayre**

This year's Christmas Fayre is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 12.30pm-3pm. Our Parent Council is leading the organisation of the fayre and are having their first meeting on Tuesday this week in the M Room next door to P1 at 3.15pm. All welcome!

## **Book Week Scotland**

Week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November is Book Week Scotland across the country and we will be celebrating with a number of events and learning experiences here in school. As usual all of our children from P1-7 will be gifted a bag of books and activities for them to take home at a special event on the Friday.

## **Email/text service**

We are currently re-establishing our email/text service for parents/carers. If you have changed your mobile number since the start of term please let the school office know.

Wishing you all a good week ahead.

Yours sincerely

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## Dates for Your Diary

Please find below the key dates for this year:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>14/10/16</b>	<b>Harvest Assembly</b>
<b>02/11/16</b>	<b>School Open Day</b>
<b>07/11/16- 11/11/16</b>	<b>P1 Enrolment Week for August 2017</b>
<b>11/11/16</b>	<b>Learning Profile 1 issued</b>
<b>15/11/16+ 17/11/16</b>	<b>Parent Consultations</b>
<b>02/12/16</b>	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>
<b>09/12/16</b>	<b>P1-7 Panto at Brunton Theatre</b>
<b>14/12/16</b>	<b>P1-3 Nativity</b>
<b>16/12/16</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
<b>12/12/16- 17/12/16</b>	<b>Christmas Parties</b>
<b>21/12/16</b>	<b>Christmas Service</b>
<b>25/01/17</b>	<b>P7 Burns Supper</b>
<b>10/03/17</b>	<b>Learning Profile 2 issued</b>
<b>21/03/17 23/03/17</b>	<b>Parent Consultations</b>
<b>28/03/17- 31/03/17</b>	<b>P7 Benmore Camp</b>
<b>31/03/17</b>	<b>Easter Assembly</b>
<b>30/05/17</b>	<b>P1-7 Jungle Book musical</b>

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09/06/17	Sports Day
12/06/17	Learning Profile 3 issued
20-22/06/17	P7 High School Visit
22/06/17	P7 Prom
26/06/17	Summer Picnic at Newhailes House
30/06/17	Leavers Assembly

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