

Brunstane Primary School



Acting Head Teacher: Chris McMillan

Monday 7th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of a very unusual year here at Brunstane, we are very pleased to be able to share our plans to bring some festive cheer to all of our pupils before we break up for the end of term and say a very enthusiastic goodbye to 2020.

Whilst the current restrictions have presented some challenges in reimagining our Christmas offer this year, we are very happy to have been able to add some exciting new elements to our festive programme alongside this year's version of our old favourites.

Class Updates

Over the next few weeks Primary 1 will be practising dancing and a Makaton performance for a Christmas video (in place of a traditional Christmas Nativity). We will also be strengthening our fine motor skills and making our class look festive by making decorations. We will be practising our counting and sound knowledge by engaging in Christmas themed activities.

In Primary 1/2 we will be making cards to send to the care home, learning to wrap presents, creating music and dance to accompany our favourite Christmas songs and learning some Makaton to sign along to 'Merry Christmas Everyone'.

P2 will be making and writing Christmas cards to send to our local care home. We will be continuing to practise and film our Nativity video which will be put on twitter.

P3 are currently doing experiments to learn about keeping ourselves healthy. How brushing twice a day keeps our teeth healthy and why washing our hands is important.

P4 have been learning to write sentence openers and similes in Literacy and will be learning about connectives before Christmas. In Maths we have been learning to use an empty number line to add and subtract and we will be learning to tell the time on digital and analogue clocks

P4/5 are working on multiplication and division this month. We are practising counting in jumps of 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 and any additional practise at home will be of benefit to the pupils. Our hungry world project is coming to a close. The pupils have been enthusiastically discussing the issues of fairness and equality. We will continue to focus on issues that involve equality and the different ways that we can demonstrate our support for each other.

In P5 literacy we are focussing on writing instructions which will involve them making some moon dough so hopefully they will be able to share the instructions of doing this with the rest of school! In maths, we are continuing to develop our knowledge of fractions. As part of the Brunstane bucket list, primary 5 are starting to learn some sign language. We are currently learning how to sign 'I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas'. Next week, we are going to start creating an eco code to go towards the school's 3rd green flag. This is an area I know P5's have become very passionate about.

P6 will be looking at factors, multiples and prime numbers in maths, ending the term with a bit of Christmas symmetry. In literacy, we are writing instructions and will be looking at expression when reading. Primary 6 will continue their Space topic and will be taking part in fun Christmas activities!

P7 have been getting stuck into their conflict topic with World War Two. They have learned about what life was like for children in the war, key events and figures and were even evacuated to Brunstane train station. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at what Christmas was like during the War and we might even squeeze in a VE Day celebration. P7 have designed Xmas jumpers for Mr McMillan and Miss Mechie and if you haven't already voted on twitter for a winner.. please do!

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will still be taking place this year but slightly differently. The parties will need to take place in class bubbles and in their own classrooms. Pupils will not be able to go home at lunch to get changed. Please could your child therefore come in dressed in party clothes on their party day.

Monday 14th December - P7 and P5 Party

Tuesday 15th December - P6 and P4/5 Party

Wednesday 16th November - P4 and P2 Party

Thursday 17th December - P3 and Panda and Penguins Party

Friday 18th December - P1 and P1/2 Party

Bringing Theatre to Brunstane

This year we have tried to support the arts by bringing the theatre to Brunstane. This Christmas season our pupils will be enjoying virtual performances from The Brunton's Panto, the highly acclaimed show White and short performances from the Lyceum.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will again be supporting Save the children by having our Christmas jumper day on Friday 11th December when pupils will also be watching the Brunton's panto which this year is Rapunzel. Optional small donations will be collected for Save the Children. If you need a Christmas jumper for your child, please complete the attached form by

Wednesday 9th December.

Christmas Meals and Gifts

If you have sent back a letter for Christmas meals or presents Miss Mechie will be in touch shortly. The Christmas present application is now closed but if you did not manage to get a letter back for the following please complete and return the information attached by **Monday 14th December**. Thank you.

Toys/Stationary from Home

We would like to politely remind all families that pupils should not be bringing in toys or pencil cases from home. This presents an unnecessary COVID risk and can cause pupils to be upset if they are lost or when they are told that they cannot use them in school. Please keep all such items at home.

Social Distancing and Masks

We would like to remind parents and carers to please wear a mask (unless exempt from doing so) at pick up and drop off times. We would also like to remind parents and carers to maintain social distancing at these times for their own safety.

Road Safety and Parking

We would also like to remind all families **not to park on double yellow lines or across neighbouring driveways**. Please also make sure you are considerate to our neighbours whilst waiting for your child at the end of the day. Please do not wait in neighbour's gardens or driveways when collecting your children.

Last Day of Term

Please note that we **finish at 12pm on Tuesday 22nd December**. We will dismiss classes in age order from the usual two gates.

On behalf of the whole team at Brunstane, I would like to wish all of our families a very happy holiday and all the best for 2021.

Yours sincerely



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Name of parent: _____ Mobile No: _____

Pupil Name: _____ Class: _____

Items	Tick if Required	Amount	Age/Size
Microwavable Christmas Meal			
Warm Clothes Package for Child			
Warm Clothes Package for Adult			
Toiletries Package			
Children's Books			

Christmas Jumper Pop Up Shop

Please complete the attached form and return by **Wednesday 9th December**.

I would like a Christmas jumper for my child.

Pupils Name: _____ Size: _____