

Brunstane Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the families who participated in our telephone consultations this month. It was fantastic to be able to share all the brilliant learning that has taken place this session despite all of the changes we have had to put in place over the last six months. As ever we hugely appreciate parents and carers making time to discuss their child's progress and we were very grateful for all your patience during our first ever telephone-based consultation evening.

Indoor PE

Indoor PE will soon be starting back up for some classes in line with government advice. Class teachers will be in touch when this applies and will let you know what clothing is required.

Income Maximisation

We are really aware that the COVID-19 crisis has made things far more difficult for all families and that the economy is putting a greater than ever strain on family finances. With this in mind, we have created a guide to available supports in our area that families may find useful. Please see the document attached to this newsletter. You can also view the document on the School App which will allow you to click on links to organisations.

Grab and Go

Grab and Go continues to run on Fridays. As well as a wide range of food and household items, we are able to provide a range of clothing and footwear for families who need them. We are also able to apply for funding for school uniform, warm winter jackets and footwear for families who may need these items.

School App

We are seeing increased interaction with our new school app which is fantastic and allows us to send messages direct to your mobile phone. It is completely free and can be found in the App store and Play store as "School App for Parents". We would encourage all of our families to download it to stay up to date with the latest news.

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 Road Closures

We are very pleased that the Council has now painted double yellow lines to prevent parking at several areas near the school which had become dangerous. We are continuing to work with Council colleagues to put a road closure in place at "the bend" between Magdalene Drive and Magdalene Gardens. We will pass on all updates on this matter as we receive them. We would also like to remind all families not to park on double yellow lines or across neighbouring driveways.

Nuts

Please remember that we are a nut free school and no food products containing nuts should be brought into school. We have a number of pupils across the school who have allergies and they could become extremely unwell if this rule is not observed.

Absence Calls

We would like to remind parents and carers that it is extremely important to phone the school (0131 669 4498) to let us know if your child is going to be absent. If your child is unwell, please include what type of illness you think it may be when you leave a message. It is particularly important that we know if your child has a temperature, a continuous cough or any other potential COVID symptoms.

After School Club

We are very happy to announce that our after-school provision provided by Oscars launches today. The club is open Monday to Friday and runs until 6pm. Families can book places through this link: <https://www.oscarschildcare.com/after-school-clubs/request-place/>

Library Fundraising

We are extremely grateful to all who have supported so far with the Parent Council's Library fundraising programme which has already gathered around £1600 towards our new community library. If you or anyone else you know would like to help with this fundraising, please visit @BrunstanePS on Twitter to see how you can help.

Brunstane Festive Programme

Due to ongoing COVID restrictions, our festive programme will look different this year. However, we are pulling out all the stops to ensure that even if we cannot all be together at once, every class bubble will have the best possible experience despite restrictions. We look forward to sharing this programme with you in our next newsletter.

Yours sincerely



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