

Brunstane Primary School



Acting Head Teacher: Chris McMillan

Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to write to you all after an incredibly positive first term back at Brunstane Primary School. After all of the challenges of the six months prior to reopening, we are delighted with the way our pupils have returned to their learning so quickly and enthusiastically and with the way in which they have rebuilt their relationships across the school community.

Parent and Carer Consultations

We are very keen to share with you all the fantastic learning your child has completed this term. With this in mind, we have scheduled parents and carers consultations on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November. Due to the ongoing corona virus situation, we will be offering all families phone consultations with their child's class teacher. There will be a number of slots available each day both before and after 5pm to cater for the different home and work situations of our families. We will send appointment slips out after the October break.

Outdoor PE

Government regulations dictate that we must continue to use our outdoor spaces for PE despite the changeable weather. We are very fortunate that we have fantastic outdoor space at Brunstane, as well as class sets of waterproof jackets and trousers for all pupils. However, it would be extremely helpful if pupils could bring a change of shoes and socks and ensure they come to school in warm clothes on PE days.

Wellington Boots

The school has secured funding to provide wellies to all pupils who require them over the winter. If you need a pair for your child, please complete the tear-off slip attached to this newsletter.

Grab and Go

Grab and Go continues to run on both a Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. 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 delighted to have come to an agreement with an app developer to provide us with a school app that will enable us to share information directly to parents and carers. This app is completely free and will integrate our Twitter feeds, school calendar and messaging systems. Please see the leaflet attached to this letter for more details.

Road Safety and Road Closures

We have been working very closely with the council to improve the situation at the corner of Magdalene Gardens and Magdalene Drive which has become an increasing problem due to dangerous parking and the need for a high number of pupils to exit through the gate at the north west of the school. We are very pleased that the council has agreed to put a road closure in place at this point whilst coronavirus restrictions remain in place and to add additional road markings to prevent dangerous parking at that location in the longer term. We are very grateful to our parent council for all of their efforts to support the school in pushing for these changes since the start of the session.

Dogs

Please remember that dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school campus. There are a number of parents bringing dogs on site including during play rangers sessions after school. This has led to dog dirt being found by pupils in our playground. Please do not take dogs on site for any reason.

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 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.

Yours sincerely



Chris McMillan
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