



Brunstane Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks at the School with a fun packed final fortnight to look forward to. As ever, we have lots of news to pass on in what will be our final newsletter of the term.

We were delighted to welcome so many families back to Brunstane for our Sports Day and thank everyone who came and made the day such a huge success. I would also like to thank Miss Innes for doing such a fantastic job of organising the day.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Faria Bhuiyan to Brunstane who will be teaching Primary 1a next session.

This means that our initial staffing for the session is as follows:

P1a	Mrs Bhuiyan	Mrs Robertson
P1b	Mrs Rosendale	Miss McKenzie
P2a	Miss Astwood	Mrs Philip
P2b	Miss Finlayson	Mrs Wilson
P3	Mr Archibald	Miss Riley
P3/4	Miss Farmbrough	Mrs Quinn and Miss Furga
P4	Mr Chalmers	Miss Finnie and Miss Archer
P5	Miss Surrige	Miss Tornar and Miss Archer
P6	Miss Dinwoodie	Mrs Ross and Miss Furga
P6/7	Miss Campbell	Mrs Stewart and Miss Peezynska
P7	Miss Innes	Miss Tracey and Mrs O'Donell
Pandas	Miss Hope	Miss Morrison
Penguins	Miss Sives	

Please note that the PSA allocation in the table above is for the first few weeks of term only. We have paired familiar PSAs with classes where possible to help transition children back to school. This allocation will change a few weeks into the new term.

Social Stories

We will be sending out social stories towards the end of next week. We understand that change brings both excitement and anxiety. Our young people told us that meeting their new teacher, seeing their classroom and knowing what they are coming back to helps them with the change. This is why we do 3 step up days and send out the social story so that it can be read with your child before they return in August.

School Uniform Ordering

All school uniform should be ordered online at:

www.imagescotland.com/schoolwear

We have been advised by Image Scotland that deliveries can take up to 28 days. You can request to have your items delivered to your home address but there is a delivery charge. Please be aware that school is not open for parental access in the summer holiday and our admin team are not in to answer phones. **If you wish school uniform to be delivered to school, we are offering a 'pick up session' from our school foyer on Monday 15th August 10.30-11.30.**

School Meals

Primary 2 to 7 – Please use parentpay to order your child's school lunch for the new session.

Primary 1 Pupils only – At the start of term you will be issued with information on Parentpay our school meal booking system, in the meantime please note

- Week beginning 17th August
Your child will be offered a packed lunch to take home on their first day and on Friday 19th August.
- Week 22nd August
We will ensure that there is a selection of all meals listed on our catering menu for your child to select in school during this week. You do not have to pre-order choice for this week.

Breakfast club

During session 21/22 we secured funding to run a free daily breakfast club 8.00am-8.50am in our school gym hall. We hope to secure funding in order to continue during session 22/23. If you would like to be kept up to date on this, please email admin@brunstane.edin.sch.uk to note your interest in a place for your child.

Oscars After School Care

Oscars childcare currently collect children for daily after school care from Brunstane Primary and escort them to their centre at St John's RC Primary school. Information regarding this and costs can be found at : <https://springchildcare.co.uk/our-locations/spring-oscars-st-johns/> or Steven Clabby : 07971 09517. Oscars head office number: 0131 557 7500 Oscars email: SpringOscars@actionforchildren.org.uk

Parking

The school continues to receive numerous complaints about dangerous and illegal parking at morning drop-off. Most recently, this has involved being sent pictures of cars illegally parked on double yellow lines. We are aware that the resident has sent these on to the police and that the licence plates of the cars are clearly visible in the photos. We would urge families not to park in a dangerous and illegal manner. The police have confirmed families who do so will face enforcement action.

Term Dates

Please note that **all pupils finish at 12pm** for the summer holidays on Friday 1st July. Pupils return at 8:50am on Wednesday 17th August.

Goodbyes

As well as Mr Lamont and Mr Donnachie who are moving to new schools next session, we will also be saying goodbye to Miss Louise, Mrs Lumsden, Miss Singh-Landa and Miss McClorey. Miss Louise and Mrs Lumsden will be starting teacher training in August, whilst Miss Singh-Landa and Miss McClorey will be taking up leadership posts at other provisions in the new session. We wish them all the best of luck.

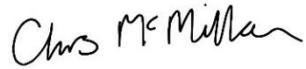
Thank Yous

We would like to extend a huge thanks to the following people and organisations who have supported the school this session. These include:

- Brunstane Parent Council who have supported the school wonderfully through fundraising to allow our Active Schools programme to remain free to all.
- Kings Manor Hotel and The Portobello Bookshop for their generous gifts towards our beautiful new library.
- Cash for Kids, John Watson Trust and The Binks Foundation who provided significant funding to reduce the cost of our P7 residential to Benmore for all families.
- Wooden Spoon Foundation for providing us with the funding required to build our fantastic new sensory playground.
- Greggs Foundation for providing the catering cost of running our breakfast club.
- Morrisons, Cyrenians, Asda and Sainsbury's who have supported our Grab and Go events with weekly donations.
- Our wonderful P7 Parents who supported the organisation of our P7 Prom, including providing the decorations, cake and photographer.
- Pizza Geeks for their ongoing support for school events – including catering our P7 prom.
- Miss Innes for organising our fantastic Sports Day.

Finally, thank you to all of our parents, carers and families who have supported our Brunstane children through the last year. On behalf of everyone here at Brunstane, I hope that you all have a safe, happy and relaxing summer. We all wish you health and happiness over the summer and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Yours sincerely,



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