



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am very happy to be writing to you in the middle of a very busy and exciting final term here at Brunstane. It has been fantastic to finally be in a back in a place where we can be back together. It has been wonderful having the whole school together in assemblies for the first time in several years and we look forward to welcoming families back into the school very soon.

As ever, there has been lots going on to update you about – with even more planned before the summer holidays

## **School Trips**

We are absolutely delighted that restrictions now allow us to get back out beyond the school grounds again. As you might have noticed, we have been making the most of it! After a few years where the joy of school trips has been sadly lacking it has been lovely to hear the feedback from pupils – which I will share with you below:

“I loved going on the train to the theatre. I have been on trains before but with friends it’s even better – there are more people to chat”

“It’s nice to be able to go out again and see different places because it’s fun and I really liked learning about the past”

“I felt sad to not be able to go on trips but now I feel happy. It is so much fun. I liked the museum lots”

“I loved the train trip to the theatre, I have never ever been on a train before. I saw lots of different things”

“My teddy bear had fun at the teddy bears picnic!”

“Seeing the butterflies at the botanic gardens was my favourite thing”

“The man in the box (the show at the children’s theatre) was so silly and funny”

“its so exciting that we get school trips”

“Everyone was excited to get out of school – our teacher was an amazing tour guide!”

“The museum is like the coolest place ever on the bestest day of my life”

## **Anti-Racism at Brunstane**

Following our Anti-Racism week in April, we are continuing to focus on the critical importance of anti-racism in our class lessons and assemblies.

We would be extremely grateful if families could talk to their children about the importance of preventing racism and carefully monitor internet use to ensure children are not encountering racist language online.

## **Staffing**

We are aware that families will be very keen to know about our staffing for next session as soon as possible. We do not yet have our full allocation of teaching staff from the council. Once we do, we will be allocating staff to classes and informing families as quickly as possible.

## **Eco Update**

As an Eco school we are thrilled that Edinburgh Council have provided all schools with food and dry-mixed recycling bins to help reduce waste and support Edinburgh's climate targets. The new standard system will allow consistency throughout and between each school, using uniform colour schemes, stickers, posters, and bin styles. At Brunstane each classroom has been given a proper recycling bin to complement the existing classroom bin, which will become a non-recyclable waste bin. Together the two bins will form a bin-hub in each classroom. Stickers and posters will help identify the bins and give guidance on their usage. To support best practice a short video will be shared at assembly outlining what items should be placed in each of the new bins and follow up discussion will help everyone to understand the importance of getting it right.

Our children feel passionate about Brunstane being eco-friendly and we know from your feedback that there is also parental support for sustainability. To further reduce our waste in school all waste from school lunches will be recycled using the new system. Children bringing packed lunches are encouraged to bring their food in reusable containers and any waste from packed lunches will be brought home. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to work towards our Eco goals.

## **Dates for Your Diary**

As restrictions continue to ease, we are delighted to be able to announce the fullest programme of end of term events we have offered in several years! Please note that these dates are provisional and may be subject to change (due to weather/venue availability).

- Step Up Days (dates are provisional – dependent on staff allocation from CEC)
  - 1 – Wednesday 1st June
  - 2 – Tuesday 7th June
  - 3 – Wednesday 15th June
- Sports Day – Friday 10th June (Plan A), Friday 24th June (Reserve)
- P7 Prom – **Provisionally** 16th June –venues/formats being explored by P7
- Final Learning Profiles out to families Friday 17th June
- Staff vs P7 Football – 17th June
- Summer Picnic –Friday 27th June (With Monday 30th as the reserve date in case of bad weather)

- P7 Away Day – **Provisionally** the final week of term
- P7 Leavers Assembly - Friday 1st July

### **Dogs**

Whilst we are delighted to be able have parents back on site after so long, we would like to remind all families that dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school grounds. If you plan to come into the school playground, please ensure that your dog stays at home.

### **School Car Park**

We would like to remind families that the school car park is for staff and blue badge holders only. Please do not use the school car park if you do not hold a blue badge. We ask that all families refrain from using electric scooters anywhere on school grounds.

### **Holiday Dates**

We would like to remind families that the **June Holidays are on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.**

We hope that all of our Brunstane families have a relaxing time in the sunshine this weekend and a happy and healthy holiday for the Jubilee long weekend.

We look forward to sharing more events and news with you in our next newsletter.

Yours sincerely



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