



Brunstane Primary School

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Chris McMillan, Head Teacher

Wednesday 16th November

Dear Parents/Carers,

There is a huge amount going on in school this month – and even more to tell you about what is happening in December. Please see below for all of this month's important updates.

Staffing

We are sad to let you know that Mr Mackenzie-Chalmers will be leaving the school at the end of this month having successfully secured a post at Pentland Primary school. We would like to thank him for all he has done for the school over the last five years and wish him luck in his new post.

I am very happy to let you know that Miss Campbell will be taking over from Mr Mackenzie-Chalmers as Principal teacher with Mr Lamont returning to Brunstane to teach Primary 4 until the end of the session.

Children in Need

Friday is Children in Need day. We are holding a 'pyjama day' to help raise money. Come to school in your most comfortable clothing (tracksuits, hoodies, onesies, pjs - the choice is yours!) and donate to help us raise money for Children in Need.

Industrial Action

You may have seen discussion about upcoming industrial action in schools on the news. Once we receive any further information on this it will be sent home.

Infrastructure Update

We are pleased to let you know that work on our playground improvements is going well and that we expect all work to be complete by the end of this month.

In the meantime, we ask families to please continue to take extra care before and after school and avoid the fenced off areas of the playground.

We look forward to sharing the finished work with you soon!

Pick Up Times

We would like to remind parents and carers that the hours of the school day are statutory and attendance at school is mandatory. Parents and carers should not be surprised or offended if requests to release pupils early from class are turned down if they have not been agreed in advance. Please contact the office in advance or send in a note with your child if they have an appointment that involves missing school time.

Learner Participation Groups.

Learner Participation groups are back up and running at Brunstane. Here are all the groups our young people can get involved with:

Equalities Group: Miss Innes
Right Respecting Group: Miss Surridge
Junior Road Safety Stars: Miss Farmborough
Digi Squad: Mr Archibald
Playground Group: Miss Philip
Eco Group: Miss Campbell
Sport Council: Miss Dinwoodie

It is really important to us as a school that the children are part of the process in making our school the best it can be. These groups allow us to hear from the children about what changes they would like to see around the school.

Interfaith Roadshow

On Tuesday the 22nd Brunstane will be welcoming the Interfaith Roadshow to Brunstane. Children from P3 to P7 will get the opportunity to meet six faith leaders from around Edinburgh. The children will have the opportunity to ask any questions they have and to learn more about different faiths.

Football Boot Exchange

We are absolutely delighted to have two school teams running at Brunstane this year and would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this happen – volunteer coaches, supporters and helpers.

To ensure we make school football as inclusive and easy to access as possible, we operate a football boot exchange. If you families have any boots that no longer fit (or if anyone gets new ones for Christmas and has old ones going spare) we would gratefully receive these and make sure they go to a good home. If you or anyone you know is able to donate a pair of boots, please send them in to the school office. All sizes welcome.

Parking

We continue to receive reports about cars parked in a dangerous manner at drop off times. We would like to politely request that parents do not park on pavements or block driveways. Please obey all road markings in order to ensure pupil safety.

Dogs

Please remember that dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school campus.

Christmas at Brunstane

It is with great excitement that we can finally announce that Christmas at Brunstane will be returning to a more traditional format this year with a few extras along the way! We hear the kindness elves will be coming to spread Christmas kindness to the classes again this year and we will be having parents/carers back in the building for the first time in a few years for the nativity and Christmas concert and Christmas fair! Alongside this we will be doing our Christmas parties, Christmas jumper day and our school Christmas dinner. Please read information below for all the details.

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be in classes or stages this year. Please send your child in with party clothes on the day of their party!

Monday 12th December - P7 and P5 party

Tuesday 13th December - P6 and P6/7 party

Wednesday 14th December P2 and P4 party

Thursday 15th December - P3 and P3/4 Christmas party

Friday 16th December - Pandas and Penguins party and P1 party

Brunton Panto - Friday 2nd December

We are going back to the panto at The Brunton this year as a whole school! Please look out for a separate letter with more details.

Nativity – Wednesday 7th December

Our P1-P2 nativity is back on Wednesday 7th December. Please save the date and look out of a separate letter with timings and a chance to book your seat in the audience.

Christmas Fair – Friday 9th December

Our parent council Christmas fair is back! It will start at 12.30pm

Family Christmas Movie Night – Tuesday 13th December

Our family Christmas movie night is back! It will be held on Tuesday 13th December at 3.30 in the hall. Look out on twitter for what will be showing. Tickets will be on sale in the playground. It is 50p per family!

Christmas Carol Concert – Thursday 15th December

Our classes during covid enjoyed learning Christmas carols that they recorded and shared with the rest of the classes! This year we will be able to do this in person and would love to have parents and carers along! Please save the date and look out of a separate letter with timings and a chance to book your seat in the audience.

Mission Christmas Presents

Thank you for your prompt applications for these this year. If you applied for presents you will receive a separate letter with the date and time you are to come and pick the gifts. This will **hopefully** be on either Thursday 15th of December or Friday 16th of December.

Christmas Hampers

Thank you to those who returned their forms for Christmas hampers. These will be ready for collection on Monday 19th December.

We are currently looking for donations of shortbread, Christmas nibbles or crackers. If you are in a position to donate there will be a box at the reception to leave these in. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will again be having our Christmas jumper day on Friday 9th December when pupils will also be watching a Christmas movie as a class. If you need a Christmas jumper for your child, please complete the attached form by **Monday 5th December**.

Yours sincerely



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Christmas Jumper Pop Up Shop

I would like a Christmas jumper for my pupil.

Pupils Name: _____

Size: _____