



Brunstane Primary School

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Chris McMillan, Head Teacher

Tuesday 21st March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very busy and exciting term at Brunstane with lots to update you about and lots more to look forward to before the end of the spring term.

School Camp Fundraising

We are extremely grateful to all who helped out with our P7 Camp Fundraiser. Thanks to all of your kind efforts, we have raised nearly £2000 to reduce the cost of school camp for our children.

We are also extremely grateful to the wonderful staff at Benmore Centre for looking after us so well and giving our sevens such a wonderful experience – as well as to our amazing Brunstane team for giving up their own time to make it all happen.

New School Football Kits

We are extremely grateful to both the Brunstane Parent Council and our new Friends at Shrimp Wreck for funding new kits for both our P4/5 and P6/7 football teams.

We are also extremely grateful to all the adults who have been giving up their time to get these teams off the ground and allow us to start playing games regularly again.

Parent/Carer Consultations

We are very much looking forward to discussing all of the fantastic learning that has been going on this term with our families this week. We would remind families that Tuesday is the in-person slot and Thursday will be phone calls. If you have requested a phone consultation, please remember that we will call from a withheld number.

Outdoor Learning Update

We are thrilled to have our new outdoor learning classrooms within the playground. Having these new outdoor spaces has allowed us to have more opportunities to take our learning outside. Therefore, we kindly ask that children are prepared for going outside in all weathers. We would advise children to have outdoor jackets as well as a change of clothes. This will allow us make

the most of our outdoor space. The children often ask to go outside for their learning, and we really want to make sure their voices are heard.

We are very excited about a recent tree delivery. In the next few weeks, each class will be given trees to plant and nurture. We would love to invite you along to help us plant the trees - please keep an eye out for letters in bags.

We are continuing to collect cheese wrappers as part of our cheese packet recycling programme. Please bring any clean cheese wrappers into school and pop them in your classes collection point. The class with the most cheese wrappers wins the cheese plant for the week!

Wet Weather Policy

Despite it theoretically being spring, it is still extremely important that all pupils come to school in weather appropriate clothing. We will be outside for playtime and lunch breaks except in cases of heavy rain or dangerous weather (e.g. Met Office amber warnings for wind or lightning). Our school population has grown significantly over the past four years, and we can no longer possibly restrict the whole school population to the concrete areas of the playground in wet weather. Therefore, **please send your child to school with warm clothes, a waterproof coat and waterproof shoes/wellies on days when rain is forecast.** The school has 200 sets of waterproof coats and around 100 pairs of wellies which we can provide in emergencies, but we do not have every size that our pupils might need.

We can provide support to families with winter clothing and footwear. If you think you might benefit from this, please get in touch with our PSO team on 01316694498 and ask for Kerry or Kim.

Please note, we can no longer open the gym hall before school on rainy days due to hosting breakfast club. In the case dangerous weather (e.g. Met Office amber warnings for high winds or lightning). We will open classrooms ten minutes early (e.g. from 8:40).

Uniform & PE Kit

During Covid, our key priority was that pupils come to school in freshly laundered clothes each day to minimise transmission risks. Therefore, we had relaxed our expectation for pupils to wear uniform every day. We would like to remind families that we have returned to an expectation that pupils wear school uniform. If any families would like help with securing school uniform for their child, please get in contact with the office on 0131 669 4498.

Whilst we would like to see all pupils in uniform every day, the exception to this is on PE when we would ask that pupils come to school wearing clothing and footwear that is appropriate for this.

Pupil Parliament Sharing

Pupil Parliament has been running for the last 8 weeks and we are very excited to invite you to our sharing event where you will be able to see all the creative ideas that the children have been working on. Each school family will sharing their journey and the projects that they have come up with this year. Please come along on Thursday 30th March at 9:10am to the front office where you will be taken to see the fantastic learning.

Holiday Dates

We would like to remind families that the Easter Holiday starts after school on Friday 31st March (school finishes at the usual Friday time). All staff and pupils return on Monday 17th April. We wish all our families a very happy holiday.

Other School closures

- **Monday 1st May (May Day)**
- **Monday 8 May 2023 – King's coronation bank holiday**
- **Monday 22nd May (Victoria Day)**

Yours sincerely



Chris McMillan
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