

Monday, 14th January 2018

Welcome to my first Head Teacher newsletter. I'll publish a short newsletter each week. I had an enjoyable first week visiting staff and children in their classes and in the playground. We were pleased to welcome new children and families to the nursery this week. Class teachers are busy working on their planning for the term ahead and we'll send class newsletters shortly.

It was good for me to meet your Parent Council Chair to talk about the school from a parent's perspective. The next Parent Council Meeting is on Wednesday, 16th January when the Project Team developing plans for our new nursery will share an update.

The refurbishment programme is ahead of schedule with a new completion date of October 2019. The new classrooms look and feel good, maximising the potential of the generous classroom spaces we have available at Broughton Primary School. I'll give further updates on refurbishment as these become available.

The Head Teacher post has been advertised with a closing date of 20th January. The Council's intention is that I will be on secondment until the post is filled. We've been successful in filling the permanent vacancy for the Primary 4 class teacher post but need to re-advertise the one day posts with Primary 2 and Primary 3. Recruitment is proving challenging across Scotland for teaching and early years posts. Thankfully, Mrs Rushforth was successful in securing supply teacher cover until the new teachers take up posts with these classes. A short update was sent to parents of those classes today.

Mr Borthwick had an important meeting this week to confirm arrangements for our ICT refresh due to take place at the end of February. We're changing teacher access to ICT from desktop machines to laptops.

We divided into teams on our In Service Day to further our learning of various aspects of teaching. We worked in the afternoon as a whole staff team to consider Edinburgh Council's priority of the 1 in 5 Poverty Action Project.

Please remember to keep your contact information up to date so you continue to receive our news and information. Please get in touch with any member of staff if we can help you with any issue concerning your child's education or welfare.

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