



**Lee Manor** – in partnership with Brindishe Schools

Week ending Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013

Headteacher – Alex Bell Executive Headteacher - Vicki Paterson DBE

Dear parents, carers, staff and friends,

### **Christmas Performances**

Thank you to families and friends who came along to see our oldest children perform in the 'Winter Warmer' this week.

For those of you able to come, I'm sure you will agree that the children sang beautifully, performed with great enthusiasm and looked wonderful in their costumes. Thank you to all the adults at home and school for supporting the children so well in such lovely performances.

I am delighted to report that thanks to your generosity, £581.54 was raised for our chosen charity UNICEF children's fund.

### **Visits and Visitors**

Even in this last week of school, some classes have still managed to take part in educational visits to broaden their learning.

Our Nursery classes went on their very first school educational visit this week. They went to the Discover Storytelling Centre in Stratford and had a wonderful time.

Mrs Clapton's year 2 class responded to a last minute request from Manor House library to sing for community elders when the scheduled school was unable to perform.

As always thank you to all the adults involved in creating another vibrant week of learning for the children.

### **Sports News**

#### **Lee Manor - 4<sup>th</sup> place of all 63 Lewisham Primary Schools**

Many congratulations to the 18 children who represented the school in a borough-wide tournament in athletics last week. They returned after last week's newsletter went to press so I am delighted to now report that the Lee Manor team finished in fourth place in the borough and narrowly missed a 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Congratulations to all our very committed and successful athletes.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Our children enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch today prepared and served by school cook Molly Chapman and her team from Chartwell's.

Many thanks to Molly, Chartwell staff and Lee Manor staff for feeding so many so well and making the lunch a pleasurable, meaningful experience for the children.

### **Lost Property**

Please also remember to take home all coats, bags, PE kits, lunchboxes, bicycles and scooters for the holidays. If we have unclaimed property we will donate this to a charity in the new year.

### **Dates for your calendar**

School for children starts again at 9:00 am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014 for the Spring Term. (Staff will return for training on 6 January).

Year 6 booster classes will resume on 14<sup>th</sup> January

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**Thanks and best wishes for the holidays**

As we begin the holidays and we come close to the end of 2013, I want to take this opportunity to thank all Lee Manor families, staff and governors for their continued support this term. I know you will especially want me to thank our very talented and committed teaching and support staff. Only two weeks into the school year, we had our Ofsted inspection. They recognised and endorsed the outstanding work achieved here by our children and staff well supported by the school community.

Ofsted is a significant milestone in the school's history and the outstanding judgment could not have been achieved without our amazingly resourceful and dedicated teachers and the support and commitment of everyone who works to support the children and teachers in their classrooms. We are especially appreciative of the support from our colleagues from both Brindishe Schools. It truly is a very effective and warm partnership.

Parents and carers – we thank you all for your generosity towards the school and for the support and encouragement you give your children every day. You certainly make the difference!

Our thanks and best wishes go out to you all as we move into 2014 and the opportunities it brings.

However you plan to spend the holidays I hope you are able to find time to do whatever you enjoy doing best.

See you all back at 9am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Alex Bell  
Headteacher

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