



Lee Manor – in partnership with Brindishe Schools
Week ending Friday 1st March 2013

Headteacher – Alex Bell Executive Headteacher - Vicki Paterson DBE

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Brindishe Lee Nursery Class

Many of you will know that Lewisham has been consulting its communities on whether to close or keep the Nursery class at Brindishe Lee. This week the Mayor and Cabinet of Lewisham Council agreed the proposal to close the Nursery class at Brindishe Lee at the end of this school year. The school will instead open another Reception class (or bulge class) from September 2013.

This means that for September 2013 Brindishe Lee will open two Reception classes (or offer 60 places) – for one year only. For 2014 onwards Brindishe Lee reverts to offering one Reception class (or 30 places) each year.

The results of the consultation can be viewed in the report which went to the Mayor. You will find a copy by googling *closure of Brindishe Lee Nursery report to Mayor and Cabinet*.

Whilst we of course regret the loss of this outstanding Nursery provision we are pleased that 30 more local children will be able to have a place in their local or community school. The closure will not affect children currently in the Nursery class at Brindishe Lee as they are all due to go into a Reception class from September 2013.

If you have a friend or neighbour who has applied for a place in Brindishe Lee Nursery please let them know that they now need to apply to one of the other local schools or providers. We welcome applications to our Nursery class at Lee Manor. Please call into our school office to collect an application form or email info@leemanor.lewisham.sch.uk for more details.

Welcome back

Welcome back after the half term holiday. It has been lovely to see so many children bring in such thoughtful and well-produced home learning projects this week. Thank you for your support with these and of course to the children for such great learning and such a good start to the new half term.

Diamond Class

Year 6 Diamond class started their first full week with Ms Matthews on Monday and she is already very impressed with how focused and enthusiastic are the children in her class.

Next week will be Mrs Hill's last before she goes on maternity leave. I know you will join me in wishing her all the very best. If you would like to contribute to a gift then please leave this at the school office by next Tuesday.

World Book Day

World Book Day is next Thursday 7th March and many classes are planning special activities to celebrate. We will be sharing our favourite books in assemblies that day and each child will be given their own book voucher to exchange at a booksellers for one of this year's specially printed World Book Day books or to put towards buying their own choice of book.

More details of World Book Day and also a list of this year's World Book Day books are available at www.worldbookday.com

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Place2Be

Thank you to parents and carers who came along to meet Rebecca Gravener our school project manager for Place2Be at a drop-in session before half term. You should have all received information on Place2Be at the same time but do ask in the school office if you would like another information leaflet.

Don't Rebecca is here on Thursdays and Fridays so do look out for her on the gate if you have any questions.

Junior Citizens Scheme

Our Year 6 classes took part in a day of activities at Lee Fire Station this week hosted by the Junior Citizens Scheme. This scheme teaches our children how to keep themselves and others safe in a number of different situations. The children were very mature and thoughtful in their response to the day and are now have a clearer idea of what to do in a fire, calling for an ambulance and using public transport safely amongst other skills.

London Fire Brigade Visit

Our Year 5 classes were visited by Carol Briggs from London Fire Brigade for sessions on fire safety today. Ms Briggs was very impressed with both classes understanding and excellent attitude towards fire safety.

E-Safety

Many of our children are now regularly using their school email account for their learning in and out of school. As part of their learning and our internet safety policy, class teachers teach the children about how to use the internet safely. Please help us with this by reminding your child to keep both their username and their password safe and not letting anyone else know them. Please also keep these safely stored and out of public view at home.

School Journey Meeting for Year 5

There will be a meeting about the Year 6 School journey next Wednesday at 3.30pm in Aquamarine classroom. Mrs Hill and some Year 6 children will be talking about their experiences of the trip and will be able to answer any questions you may have. It will be a really good opportunity to find out first hand what a great experience the school journey will be for the children. We hope to see many of you there.

Telegraph Hill Festival

We are delighted that Ivy Bray in Jet class and Dita Phelan in Aquamarine will be playing at the Telegraph Hill Festival on Saturday 9th March. Their band 'The Random People' will be playing at the 'Where It's At' event at the Telegraph Hill Café at 7:30pm. More details are available at www.telegraphhillfestival.org.uk. They would be very pleased to see you there.

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Chewing Gum

We have had a number of children coming to school chewing gum this week. Please remember that chewing gum and sweets are not allowed in school at all.

A parent asked...

Each week, we answer a question asked by a parent or carer. This week a parent asked: "*Is the school still serving beef in its school lunches ?*"

Chartwells, our school lunch providers have told us that all of the fresh meat used their current school meals service to Lewisham Primary Schools is UK sourced, farm assured and their menus are soil association accredited.

For these reasons, they will continue to offer dishes containing beef as they have every confidence in the robust systems they have in place. Please ask in the school office if you would like a copy of the lunchtime menus.

PSFA Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the PSFA cake sale on the very last day before the holidays. This event and the Chinese New Year workshop raised £500 for the school. Thank you, as always, to so many families for their support in baking such delicious cakes.

Attendance

Our target for attendance is 96.5%. Well done to Jasper, Amethyst, Jet and Emerald classes for exceeding this target. Thank you to all parents and carers who make sure their child comes to school ready and on time each day that they are able. Thank you also to everyone who lets us know as soon as possible if and why their child is unable to attend school for any reason.

With best wishes to all families and friends,

Alex Bell Headteacher