



Lee Manor – in partnership with Brindishe Schools
Week ending Friday 3rd May 2013

Headteacher – Alex Bell Executive Headteacher - Vicki Paterson DBE

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Flyer promoting home tuition: An apology

On Wednesday a flyer was sent home with some children advertising private tuition. I wish to make it clear that this flyer was not authorised by me and should not have been distributed as Lee Manor does not endorse this company or marketing approach. I apologise wholeheartedly that such marketing material should have been sent home via children. The problem was due to miscommunication for which apologies have been made.

Our policy on home learning (or home work) is as described in our school prospectus and on our website:

"Class teachers send out information about what children are learning in class on a regular basis with suggestions for home learning. In Lee Manor we see home learning as a way of further developing the partnership between home and school. We encourage children to take responsibility for their learning both in and out of school."

In Lee Manor we hope that at home children practise reading and when they are able to should read widely, discuss and share their reading with an adult. We encourage children to practice maths at home – such as learning their tables, telling the time, using money, finding change and so on. We encourage maths through everyday activities such as shopping, cooking, timetables and measuring. We encourage children to follow up learning that they do at school – for example finding out about Africa, researching space, learning riddles, studying sea creatures, making models, visiting places of interest, using the library, looking at fun educational websites, writing stories, looking at word patterns, making a play, finding a pirate's outfit, designing a shelter And most of all, learning how much fun it is to learn.

Class teachers are always happy to talk to you or send home ideas for home learning. Please watch out for newsletters (not advertising flyers!) in your child's bookbag.

School News

Our Year 6 children are making excellent preparations for their SATs which take place during the week of 13th May. School will be open from 8:30am on those days where we will provide the Year 6 children with breakfast ready for them to start the tests at 9:00am. Please make sure children have a quiet weekend before in order to do their very best. I know they are also looking forward to their visit to Chessington World of Adventures on the 17th May.

Please note that after school booster classes for Year 6 have now finished.

Year 5 take part in assessments next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and are used by Lewisham schools for banding children at secondary school. Ms Selwood and Ms Morris in Year 5 are very happy to answer any questions you may have about these assessments.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Year 3 classes who have been selling snacks and drinks as part of their enterprise projects at the end of the day this week. Look out for more goodies on sale from them next week and look out for an invitation from our Year 4 classes who will be selling items on 10th and cookies on 21st May at 3:15pm in Central Hall as part of their enterprise project.

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Sunshine

It has been lovely to see the children enjoy so much sunshine in the playground this week. As we hope the good weather continues, please remember to apply long lasting sunscreen on your child before school and to send them in with a sun hat and with tops that cover their shoulders. Children may also bring in labelled sunscreen to apply themselves before lunchtime.

Playground Play Leaders

As well as our midday supervisors at lunchtime, we also have two adult play leaders Wendy Walker and Paige Rogers who are there specifically to lead and co-ordinate playtime games and activities for any children who would like to join in. Wendy and Paige have asked me to pass on their thanks to all the volunteer play leader children who are also part of the lunchtime team. These play leader children play a really important role and can be spotted wearing their red sashes doing an excellent job leading and supporting specific games and activities in coned-off areas for other children around the playground. Thank you to all these children.

School lunches

Please note that from 4th June the cost of a school lunch will increase from £1.70 to £1.80 per meal. This increase will not affect any children entitled to a free school meal. If you think your child might be eligible for free school meals it is very easy for the school office to arrange this for you. Even if your child prefers a packed lunch at the moment it is useful to set up the option of free school meals in the future.

MMR Catch –up Campaign

Following the major outbreak of measles in Wales recently, please see the enclosed letter from Lewisham with information regarding MMR vaccinations.

Attendance

Our target for attendance is 96.5 %. Well done to Jasper, Pearl, Sapphire, Aquamarine, Emerald and Turquoise 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.

Staff News

We send our thanks and best wishes to Ms Watson, teaching assistant in Year 3 Pearl class as she leaves us to work with lions in Africa! It is a dream job that I know will inspire many of our Year 2 and Year 5 children who are studying Africa at the moment and will be very keen to keep in touch with her.

Last week's newsletter

Thank you to the many families who have emailed, spoken to us at the gate or spoken to class teachers in response to last week's newsletter with your support and congratulations to the school and the Brindishe schools partnership following the two independent reviews of Lee Manor. There was a lot of information to share with you in the newsletter and we appreciate you taking the time to read and respond. We will, of course, keep you updated with any further developments.

With best wishes to all Lee Manor families and friends for a (mostly) sunny bank holiday weekend, See you at 9 o'clock next Tuesday 7th May.

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PSFA NEWS:

Summer Fair – 30th June.

All proceeds are donated to children's activities at the school. Last year we raised over £4000, that paid for mini tablet computers, touch screen laptops and music activities in school to name a few things.

We need volunteers, small donations and your ideas to have another fantastic event. Please look out for the flyer in your book bag in the next few days. In the meantime here's a call out for the Summer Raffle.

Summer Raffle @ The Summer Fair, 30th June 2013, 1-4pm

This summer, at Lee Manor's Summer Fair, we'll be running our fantastic raffle again to raise money for more computer and play equipment for ALL our children at Lee Manor to enjoy.

Last year, we raised over £1,000 on the raffle alone and we want this year to be just as successful!

We've already secured the top prize of £150 in cash (donated by Forbes & Sawyer estate agents) and various other great prizes. We wondered if there were any parents in the school who might be willing to approach their employers or donate prizes themselves? Do you, for instance, work for a theatre or cinema and be willing to donate some tickets? Do you work or own a restaurant? Could you donate a service or product you make? Do you have any links with local companies who might be able to help or any new ideas on people/companies we could approach?

We can provide you with a letter of authenticity, signed by Mr Bell and Maxine Lambe (the raffle organiser) and we ensure all donations are publicised prior to the day, on the day and on our page on the website.

If you can think of a way you could help, please contact Anna or Maxine via the PSFA email address leemanorpsfa@gmail.com <<mailto:leemanorpsfa@gmail.com>> - thank you!

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