

## Brindishe Manor School

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

### **Sue Rivers-Simpson**

We have said goodbye to Sue Rivers-Simpson, one of our longest serving teaching assistants. Sue has had connections with Lee Manor School for over 50 years, having joined as a pupil at the age of 5. Sue's three children all attended the school, and Sue has worked here for over 20 years. She is a well loved member of our school community, and last week we had a celebration tea party to wish her all the best for a very happy retirement with her family. If you'd like to send her a card please drop it into the school office and we will forward it to her.

### **Rights Respecting Team**

A group of children have formed a 'Rights Respecting Team' and this week they led assemblies to explain our 'Playground Charter' to the whole school. They looked at statements from Unicef's 'Rights of the Child' such as 'We have the right to relax and play', and acted out for the other children how this works in our playtimes here.

Our Rights Respecting Team is the first of our Children's Teams to be set up this year. We are encouraging children to take more responsibility and be able to influence how things are run in school and we will let you know details of our new teams as they establish themselves over this year.

### **Reception Admissions 2015**

If you know of parents and carers with a child who will be old enough to join a Reception class in September 2015

please can you let them know the application deadline is 15 January 2015. (Parents of children in our Nursery will be given a booklet explaining the admissions procedure for Lewisham schools). Don't forget that even if your child is in nursery now you still have to apply for a Reception place.

Online applications are encouraged and can be made at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

Please ask if you would like more information or any help with your application.

### **Open Days at Brindishe Manor**

Parents and carers who might want to apply for a place here for their child can have a look around the school on our next Open Day- October 7<sup>th</sup>. Sessions run at 9.15 – 10.30am, and 5.00 – 6.15pm. Do let friends and neighbours who may be interested in applying know. Details of open days can be found on our website [www.brindisheschools.org](http://www.brindisheschools.org)

### **Secondary Transfer**

If your child is in Year 6 don't forget that you need to apply for a secondary school place by 31 October 2014. Once again, online applications are encouraged and can be made at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) There is a meeting for Year 6 parents and carers here at school on Thursday 2 October at 6pm. Various local secondary schools have accepted our invitation to attend in order to give parents and carers a flavour of what each school can offer their child, and to explain their admissions procedures. Please put the date on your calendar and try to come along if you can.

### **Year 6 School Journey**

This takes place from 2 – 7 November, 2014. There will be an important meeting

with final details on 16 October at 3.30pm. If your child is going it is very important that you come along, please.

### **Meet the teacher ( our first Parent Teacher Meeting of the year )**

We will shortly be sending out letters inviting you to meet with your child's new teacher. These meetings are an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and to share information about your child so we can best support them and their learning this year.

### **Emergency Contact Information**

It is really important that we have up-to-date emergency contact information for your child. Early next week we will be sending out a copy of the information we currently hold for your child. We would like you to return this to us, showing any amendments to eg emergency contact numbers, pick-up arrangements. If you have no changes to make, please return the form to us as it is.

### **Parent Pay**

Parents and carers of children in Years 3 – 6 can use this online service to pay for their child's school meals. You need to be given your own login first – this then enables you to check your account regularly and keep payments up to date. Please ask in the office for your login details.

### **Music lessons at Brindishe Manor**

Our music lessons are run by professional music teachers. We offer small group tuition in violin (Y2+), brass (Y3+) and woodwind instruments (Y2 + recorder, Y3+ flute and clarinet). Lessons currently cost £4 per session, £40 per term. Recorder tuition is offered at a slightly reduced rate. Vacancies for these lessons tend to come up at the start of a

new term. We send out letters to let you know when there are vacancies. In the meantime, you can put your child's name on a waiting list. Please ask in the office.

### **PE kits**

Please make sure that your child has a PE kit in school so that they can take part in their entitlement to both indoor and outdoor PE. Please make sure their kit includes shorts and a T-shirt for indoor PE and another layer (eg track suit trousers and fleecy jacket) as well as trainers/plimsolls for outdoor PE. Your child will need the jacket and long trousers when the weather starts to get colder. We suggest you leave the kit in school so that your child knows exactly where to find it when they need it. (We will send kits home for a wash every half term!). Please make sure all clothing is fully labelled with your child's name to avoid any losses.

### **Climbing equipment outside Year 2, and outdoor learning areas (Nursery, Rec, Year 1)**

Please don't let your children to play on the climbing equipment outside Year 2 either before or after school as there is no supervision for children's safety at these times. Teachers have also asked me to ask you not to let your younger children play with resources set up for learning outdoors at the start of each day, as they have been prepared for classes starting at 9.00am. Thanks everybody.

### **Dates for the diary**

**Fortnight beg 22 Sep:** 'Meet the teacher' meetings - look out for details from your class teacher(s)

**2 October:** Secondary transfer meeting  
**4 October** Brindishe Schools' Fun Run Sutcliffe Park, SE9 – more details soon

**16 October:** School Journey meeting, 3.30pm  
**27 – 31 October:** Half term  
**31 October:** Deadline for Y6 applications to secondary schools  
**3 – 7 November:** Year 6 School Journey  
**20, 21, 24 November:** School Book Fair

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher

## **Advert**

### **Hither Green Lane Improvement Proposals and Survey**

There's been a recent discussion on the Hither Green Forum about Hither Green Lane road safety issues and speeding, and also about how it could be so much more of a pleasant space for local people, and more attractive for businesses.

A few of us were very interested in this and met to discuss it further. As a result, we've drafted a proposal which sets out how we believe this road could develop for the better in the future. It's based in part on an old plan of the Council's from 2006, which you may have seen, which contained some good ideas but was never enacted.

As parents, teachers and pupils are active users of Hither Green Lane road, shops and general facilities would it be possible that the below information was shared with them through your communication channels as we would like to ensure that everyone's opinions are

heard and that we not only try and make Hither Green Lane safe and provide a better street scape for all residents, but also for all people who use it.

You can find more information and the survey by typing 'Hither Green Lane Improvement Proposals and Survey' into your search engine.

Your Sincerely,

Ivan Roche of Hither Green Lane,

## **Advert**

### **The Power of Contrast; Grown Up Jazz for Little People**

One of our parents Joe Thompson invites you to Blackheath Conservatoire of Music for *Joe Thompson's Family Jazz Concert Series*

Sundays from 28 September 2014,  
4 – 5.15pm

For more info and to book, visit [www.conservatoire.org.uk/events](http://www.conservatoire.org.uk/events) (see overleaf)