

16 September 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week at Brindishe Manor

Today we have welcomed all our new Nursery children and families at 'stay and play' sessions. This week has also seen all our Reception children joining us - they are really enjoying the fantastic outdoor learning on offer. The beautiful weather has helped!

We have a number of new families across the school, and more joining us over the next few weeks. We welcome them all to Brindishe Manor.

We will be holding a **Welcome Evening** for families new to our school, from Nursery through to Year 6, on **13 October**. This will be a chance to meet with other new families, staff and governors and to find out more about the PSFA (Parents, Staff and Friends Association) of which all parents and carers are automatically members. Please keep this date free.

Saying goodbye

At the end of this month Paul Cunningham, our premises officer, will start to enjoy his well deserved retirement. He has been at this school since 1992 and is a very familiar face to many, if not most, families. I know you will want to wish him well when he steps down on his last day here – 30 September.

Meet the teacher

The fortnight beginning 26 September has been set aside for parent/teacher meetings for Yrs 1 - 6. This is an opportunity to meet your child's class

teacher and to share any new information.

You can book your appointment online using Parent Portal. Yesterday we sent home information about how to do this. For further information about Parent Portal and setting up your own login if you do not already have one, please speak to the school office.

Please note that you can now also make online payments for school meals via Parent Portal.

Secondary Transfer

Families in Year 6 will need to make a decision this half term about their choice of secondary school for their child. **The deadline for applications is 31 October 2016** and applications need to be made at www.eadmissions.org.uk Please note that all applications must be made online.

We are holding an information sharing meeting for Y6 parents and carers on 4 October, 6 – 7pm, in Central Hall. If you would like any advice or support with your decision please make an appointment via the school office to speak with the Headteacher or with one of our Assistant Heads.

Lewisham Music Hub

If you are aged 7+ and play an instrument or sing, or want to start learning then you could join one of Lewisham Music Service's after school groups or Saturday Music Centre.

The groups are ideal for children and young people who wish to develop their instrumental skills or singing. They have the opportunity to play or sing with other young people in a supportive environment and work towards performing in local

festivals and projects.

The Music Hub offers a wide range of musical activities for instrumentalists and singers at all levels including rock, pop, folk and world music groups, brass, concert and jazz bands, orchestra, wind and string groups, guitar ensembles, choirs, percussion groups, creative music, music theory and instrumental tuition.

For more information and to apply, call 020 8314 6454 or go online to: www.lewisham.gov.uk/musichub

Dates for your diary

From 19 September Nursery children begin (staggered start)

19 September Music classes begin (not violin)

22 September Y5 School Journey meeting for parents and carers: Central Hall 3.30pm and 6pm

26 September Clubs and violin classes begin

Fortnight beg 26 Sep 'Meet the teacher' meetings for Year 1 – 6

27 September Open Day for prospective applicants' parents and carers: 9.15 – 10.30 and 5 – 6.15pm. Please tell interested friends and neighbours

4 October Secondary transfer meeting for Y6 parents and carers 6 - 7pm

10–12 October Year 5 school journey to Marchants Hill PGL site, Surrey

13 October Welcome Evening for parents and carers new to our school

18 October and 9 November: Full Governing Body Meetings at Brindishe Lee at 6.00pm (let us know if you wish to attend as an observer and we'll arrange seating)

31 October Deadline for secondary school applications

And finally...

Clubs and music classes

Music classes begin next week*, and clubs the following week. There are a few spaces left for Cheerleading Club on Fridays for Y4-Y6 and just one space left in Cricket Club for Y4-Y6 on Wednesdays. Please let the office know if your child is interested.

*Violin classes begin on 26 September. We are delighted to welcome new violin teacher Victoria Marsh to our team.

Best wishes for a cooler weekend!

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

PSFA (Parents, Staff, Friends Association) News

Please see the attached newsletter for details of upcoming events and how to become involved.

PSFA NEWS

Welcome All New Families

WELCOME MORNING

We will be hosting a welcome morning for all new parents very soon - keep an eye on the school's Friday newsletter for the date

Contact

Join us on Facebook, Brindishe Manor PSFA, and join our email list (at the welcome morning or email brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com and we'll add you)

Our news and events are always advertised on the back of the school's Friday newsletter. Please take a look each week so that we can keep you informed.

First event

Our first event will be a cake sale later in the term. We'll keep you posted!



Welcome to Brindishe Manor PSFA

Hello and welcome to new Reception and Nursery families and to those joining us across the school. The Parents Staff & Friends Association (PSFA) work together to

- raise additional funds for the school
- run events and activities to support the childrens' school experience
- build inclusion and community around the school

There's no need to formally join; take part however you can whether it be organising an event, baking cakes for the cake sale, running a stall or game at the Summer or Winter Fairs or simply coming along to the events to meet other parents and carers. The PSFA runs events throughout the year, including regular cake sales, a Winter and a Summer Fair, parents' quiz night, events for children and international food event. In the past two years, as well as having a lot of fun, we were able to donate funds to the school which were used to purchase iPads, replace playground equipment and create the new Peaceful Place.