

2 December 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week at Brindishe Manor

Turning of the Year

Our KS1 choir led by Katie Clapton performed on Monday at Blackheath Halls. They sang incredibly well with such energy and confidence. They were the talk of the audience! Well done to them all, and to Mrs Clapton for preparing the children so well, as ever.

Information sharing meeting

It was good to see so many parents and carers of children in Y6 who came along on Wednesday to find out about assessment in Y6, in particular the national tests, or SATs, which will take place next May. Many thanks to Assistant Heads Emmeline Buchanan and Jenny Guest who led this. Please ask if you were unable to attend but would like to receive the handout from the session.

Winter performances:

'Prickly Hay' EYFS/KS1 Dec 6 and 7
Winter Showcase KS2 Dec 13 and 14
Tickets for Tuesdays' performances of Prickly Hay have sold out and there is limited availability for Wednesday 7.

KS2 Winter Showcase tickets are available for all performances. Please ask at the school office if you still need to get yours.

Polite request for performances

Please can we ask that you do not leave the show in the middle just because your own child has finished performing - each performance has been put together as a whole piece and it is very disruptive (and upsetting for children and staff who have

worked so hard) when members of the audience walk out in the middle of the show. For those of you leaving to get to work, please allow 75 minutes per show as the length of time you will need to be in the school hall. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Christmas Lunch

Children who usually have packed lunch are able to join in the Christmas school lunch on 15 Dec. This needs to be paid for if children are in Y3-6. Please make sure you let the office know if you wish your child to have a school lunch on this day, and send £2 payment in an envelope labelled with your child's name to the school office if your child is in KS2.

Cold weather

Now that the cold weather has returned we are mindful that we may get snow at some point over the next few months. When it snows we always make every effort to stay open and for the children to come to school as normal. If for any reason we need to close the school, we will send a text message by 6.30am.

Winter Illness

We have seen a lot of children unwell over the past few weeks with sickness /diarrhoea and/or colds and coughs. Please help not to pass these around to others by keeping your child at home if they are clearly unwell and waiting 48 hours after the first bout of sickness/ diarrhoea before bringing your child back to school.

Dates for your diary

5 Dec Y4 to the Golden Hinde
6+7 Dec EYFS/KS1 perform 'Prickly Hay'
13+14 Dec KS2 Winter Showcase
15 Dec Christmas Lunch for children
16 Dec Last day of term
****3 Jan** INSET day for staff only

****4 Jan Children back to school**

And finally...

Sadly, a child's flute went missing during the Winter Fair last week. Please let us know if you have any idea where it may have ended up.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you at one of our performances over the next few weeks!

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

PSFA (Parents, Staff, Friends Association) News

THANK YOU!!!

Many thanks to all the busy volunteers, cake bakers (lots of you!), mulled wine makers, stall keepers, game makers, musicians, singers, face painters, tattooers and other elves who made the Winter Fair such fun for everyone who attended. A big shout out to all the staff volunteers too - it's lovely for the children to see you involved and we are very grateful for your help. Receipts are still being counted - we'll let you know what you raised by coming along and enjoying the fun as soon as we can!

MATCH FUNDING

Does anyone work for a company who have a match funding scheme? The Cluttons boards raised almost £1000 and if we can find a company to match that, it will really boost our fundraising. In the summer Santander matched the funds raised by the boards, but they can only help once in each year. Please ask if your company runs this scheme; we'll do all the paperwork for you so it's as simple as just putting us in touch, and makes a huge difference to what we are able to give the

school for new equipment for the children.

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