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Dear parents and friends,

Today I have some important news to share with you all and that is that after an incredibly long and highly successful career in education, and most of it in Brindishe Lee, Diane Spalding has decided to retire from her headship this summer. Diane has worked in the school for an amazing 30 years and has steered us through many, many successes and although she still has more energy and stamina than most of us has decided to join her husband in retirement. We cannot imagine Brindishe Lee school without her. I know that we will all want to thank her and to personally give her our goodbye wishes at the end of the summer term.

I can also let you know now that yesterday a panel of Brindishe Federation Governors unanimously agreed to appoint the current deputy Headteacher Lisa Morris as the next Headteacher of Brindishe Lee School. I know we are all very happy to hear this news, send her our best wishes and give her our every support.

Mrs Morris and Mrs Spalding will work closely together to ensure there is a smooth handover, not least for the children at Brindishe Lee.

At Brindishe Manor, earlier this term governors were delighted to recruit a new assistant Headteacher Charlotte Dougan who will join our leadership team from September. Charlotte is currently a senior leader in a federation of schools in Lambeth. She is visiting Brindishe Manor each week this term to get to know everyone so that she can make a flying start in the autumn term. You may have

seen her with Gerlinde Achenbach on the gate of Brindishe Manor on Thursdays so do try to find time to say hello.

And more exciting news on the leadership front ... as Kate Porter the Deputy Head of Brindishe Manor goes off for her maternity leave at the end of term, her post will be covered by none other than our very own Jenny Guest and Emmeline Harrison as job-share assistant Headteachers. Jenny and Emmeline both trained at Brindishe Lee and Jenny taught at Brindishe Green and then moved to a post at Brindishe Manor. Emmeline taught at Brindishe Lee and led maths across the federation and now both Jenny and Emmeline will return from maternity towards the end of this term.

It is very reassuring to know that we have so many talented and ambitious people in and joining our federation and I am confident they will take us from strength to strength. They are all, first and foremost, outstanding classroom teachers and I personally feel very privileged to be working with them now and in our future at Brindishe Schools.

With very best wishes to all families,

Dame Vicki Paterson
Executive Head of Brindishe Schools

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

National Award for Brindishe Manor

I am very pleased to let you know that Brindishe Manor has been awarded an **Educational Outcomes Award** by the SSAT (the Schools, Students and Teachers network). This is a **National**

Award for Children's Attainment and Progress for being in the highest 10% of schools nationally.

PSQM Primary Science Quality Mark

This year along with Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Green we are working towards the Primary Science Quality Mark. Our science leads across the schools are working together to quality assure our practice in science teaching and learning. Our Science leader, Julie Hockham is working with our two partner schools to support best practice. Working together the three schools' science leaders have recently secured a grant of £10000 to develop children's science education across our federation.

Keeping safe in the sun

Now that the sunny weather has arrived, advice from health professionals to schools is to ask parents and carers to:

- apply sunscreen before school
- ensure their child wears a hat
- encourage children to drink plenty of water
- cover up parts of their children's body prone to exposure, especially shoulders, tops of arms, and back
- make sure their child's feet are well protected

Thank you for your support.

School Nurse 'drop-in' sessions

Our school nurse, Louise Trevatt, is offering informal drop-in sessions for parents and carers to talk about their child's health, for example, building good sleep habits, healthy eating, personal hygiene, keeping dry at night, asthma etc. Sessions begin next Wednesday 11 May, 2 – 4.30pm. Please speak to Clare Doran for more information.

Dates for your diary

3 – 31 May KS1 assessments (Y2)

9 - 13 May **KS2 SATs (Y6): SATs**

Breakfast from 8.30am Mon – Thurs.

11 May School nurse drop-in 2 - 4.30pm

24 May and 9 June Full Governing Body Meetings at Brindishe Green School at 6.00pm (let us know if you wish to attend as an observer and we'll arrange seating)

30 May – 3 June Half term break

6 June INSET day for staff

7 June Children return to school

8 June New Reception parents and carers meeting 5-6pm

13-17 June 'Phonics Screening' Y1

25 June 'Together We Run': annual tri-school Brindishe Schools' community fun run at Sutcliffe Park.

2 July PSFA Summer Fair 1 – 4pm

7 July Sports Day at Manor Hse Gardens for Ys 1-6.

8 July Reception Sports Day (school grounds)

20 July End of term

And finally...

We wish our Y6 children very good luck for SATs next week. We know how hard they have worked this year and that they are confident and ready to do their absolute best. We look forward to seeing them from 8.30am every morning for SATs Breakfast!

Please remember there are no clubs or classes taking place next week.

With very best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher