

8 July 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

**Eid Mubarak** to everyone who has celebrated this week!

We are fast approaching the end of the school year, which brings inevitable changes. We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Claire Nicholls who has been with us for 12 years and has shown unfailing care and commitment to our children and to the teaching support team. Claire has recently moved down to Kent and is looking forward to spending time there and not having to commute to Lewisham every day. We also say goodbye to Hibo Aden, lunchtime playleader, as she leaves to spend time with her young family.

We wish 4 members of staff well as they start maternity leave: Deputy Head Kate Porter's baby is due at the end of August; Y6 teacher Rebecca Sanders is due to have her baby in mid-August; Y2 teacher Charisse Phillips will begin her maternity leave at the start of September and Tanya Thomas, lunchtime playleader, is expecting her baby over the summer. We look forward to 4 more Brindishe babies joining this fast growing group!

We welcome some new members of staff to our team. Lauren Campbell is a highly regarded and talented newly qualified teacher joining us from an outstanding school in Camden – she is very excited (as are we) that she will be in school from next Monday to get to know the school and her new class.

We also welcome Lauren Blackie to our learning support team. She comes to us from Guy's Hospital and is also an athletics coach in Beckenham.

Joining our senior leadership team we welcome Jenny Guest returning from maternity leave and Emmeline Buchanan, experienced Brindishe Lee teacher, also returning from maternity leave. Jenny and Emmeline are sharing the post of Assistant Headteacher while Kate Porter is on maternity leave. They join Charlotte Dougan, Assistant Headteacher and will be here from September. Charlotte has been with us part time this term getting to know the school and the children, and many of you will have seen her on the gate with us. Jenny and Emmeline join us from next Monday, 11 July.

We are thrilled to have 4 of our current teaching assistants - Jasmine Dadzie, Ciarra Willard, Laura Yardley and Rebekah Chin - training to be teachers with us from September on the SchoolDirect programme, in partnership with London University's Institute of Education.

In addition, our very own Amy Snaith, who holds 'Early Years Teacher Status' and has been working in Reception class over the past few months, becomes our new Nursery class teacher from September.

### **Staffing from September**

Please see the attached table showing our staffing from September. The children will be spending some time with their new teacher and classroom staff over the next few weeks in preparation for the new school year.

### **Summer Fair, Saturday 2 July**

What a lovely time was had by all! The sun shone (mostly), the music was cool and so many of you came to take part in the summer fair last Saturday. Each activity was very well attended, including the obstacle course, treasure hunt, barbecue, face and henna painting, bouncy castles and tombola and, of course, the music 'fest' kindly put together and equipped by Baz Golin.

We are very, very grateful to our core PSFA team who put the fair together - Julie Morrison, Wendy Humble, Sandra Tidholm Sezgin, Shara Choudhury, Diane Foster, Victoria Flint, Sarah Tigwell and Claire Johnston - and to everybody else who gave up part of their Saturday to volunteer at a stall. Thank you to you all.

The fair has raised in the region of £3,000 which is amazing and includes matched funding from the sale of estate agent advertising boards.

### **Theatre groups working in school.**

#### **Ms Givens reports about The 'Rapspeare' workshop, held last week for Ys 4 and 5...**

"The workshop was led by an actor and performer from Big Foot Arts Education. The children focused on the play 'Macbeth' and used a variety of drama games and exercises to explore the language, characters and plot. They then added contemporary rap and hip hop beats to connect further with the complex Elizabethan language. By the end of the session the children worked in small groups to prepare and perform their very own Shakespearean verse which was showcased to their peers and teachers in a 'Rap off!'. A fantastic day was had by all - the only complaint being that each class wished they could have done the workshop for the entire day!"

#### **'The Riot Act': a workshop for Year 6.**

Mr Tiller reports... "Last week Year 6 took part in a workshop which aimed to improve the children's awareness of road safety. The workshop was led by a professional group of actors who played out different roles in the aftermath of a road accident. The children's job was to figure out what had happened from the clues they could see and hear. Both classes dealt with the sensitive subject matter very maturely, and clearly learned a lot."

### **Sports Day Ys 1-6, Manor House Gardens**

Well done to everyone who took part in Sports Day yesterday. Despite a spot of rain first thing, we were very lucky that the weather held out for us and we were able to carry on. We will give details of the winning team in assembly early next week.

Many, many thanks go to Helen Coupe for her superb organization – yet another 'tour de force' – and thank you to Y6 children and all our staff for being on hand to make sure every child was able to take part to the best of their ability. We were delighted by the turnout of parents and carers who joined us in the park to support the children around the course and join in our picnic lunch.

### **Dates for your diary**

**11 July** End of Year Reports sent home

**11 July** Y5 Aquamarine and Quartz to the National Portrait Gallery

**12 July** Y5 Jet to the National Portrait Gallery  
**13 July** 'Big Toddle' and picnic for BM and BG Nursery families at Manor House Gardens  
**13 July** Y6 leavers' performances – 1.30pm and 6pm  
**14 July** Y4 to London Zoo  
**15 July** BBQ lunch for children  
**19 July** Y6 leavers' disco 6.30-8pm  
**20 July** 2.15pm Y6 leavers' assembly  
**20 July** Last day of term  
**21 July** Roof works begin

**And finally...**

I am really looking forward to being back at school full time next week after 2 weeks of Jury Service. Children's end of year reports will be sent home on Monday, and the final week and a half will be taken up with transition planning for each class, harvesting our growing beds and sharing the food we make with our cross-age partner classes.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher

### Brindishe Manor staffing from September 2016

| <b>New class name<br/>September 2016</b> | <b>Previous class<br/>name</b> | <b>Class teacher</b>             | <b>Learning support<br/>for the year group<br/>Sep 16</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Nursery Jade                             |                                | Amy Snaith                       | Bernie Francis  |
| Rec Turquoise                            | Jade                           | Bee Roddy                        | Rose Barron<br>Rochelle Sewell                            |
| Rec Emerald                              | Jade                           | Louise Marks                     | Jasmine Dadzie  |
| Year 1 Onyx                              | Emerald                        | Helen Groothues/<br>Hannah Cosin | Lauren Blackie<br>Charlotte Gibbins                       |
| Year 1 Jasper                            | Turquoise                      | Kamila Rahman                    |   |
| Year 2 Amethyst                          | Jasper                         | Lizanne Bothma                   | Laura Yardley<br>Sophia Turton                            |
| Year 2 Ruby                              | Onyx                           | Shafiq Dad                       | Elaine Ayeni  |
| Year 3 Pearl                             | Amethyst                       | Lauren Campbell                  | Alexis Jagger<br>Ciarra Willard                           |
| Year 3 Sapphire                          | Ruby                           | Katie Clapton                    | Jen Martin  |
| Year 4 Topaz                             | Pearl                          | Mahmud Ahmed                     | Janet O'Neill<br>Asha Chaudhari                           |
| Year 4 Amber                             | Sapphire                       | Leanne Campbell                  | Jen Martin  |
| Year 5 Jet                               | Topaz                          | Kimberley Givens                 | Rebekah Chin<br>Asha Chaudhari                            |
| Year 5 Quartz                            | Amber                          | Julie Hockham                    |   |
| Year 6 Opal                              | Jet                            | Mark Maguire                     | Marva Hudson<br>Sue Young                                 |
| Year 6 Diamond                           | Aquamarine                     | Mark Tiller                      | Liz Newman  |
| Year 6 Moonstone                         | Quartz                         | Rachel Gurr                      |   |