

20 July 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week at Brindishe Manor Year 6 children

Today we say goodbye to our Year 6 children, many of whom have been at our school since Nursery and Reception. We are very sorry to see them go: they have been a consistently hard working and mature group of children throughout their time here and have worked extremely hard to achieve as much as they have by the end of their primary school days. They leave us well prepared for the future and we wish them all the very best of luck for the next exciting step in their education journey at secondary school.

Thank you!

This is the time of year to say thank you to a great many people who have supported our school in so many ways.

Firstly I know you will want to join me in thanking our amazing team of classroom staff - teachers and teaching assistants - who work incredibly hard to make learning as exciting as possible at Brindishe Manor. Children tell us all the time how much they love coming to school because the learning is so much fun! We have included details of those who are leaving us this summer in our previous two newsletters, and wish them all the very best for the future.

I would like, personally, to thank Kate Porter Deputy Head as she starts her maternity leave. Kate is an invaluable member of the leadership team and a fantastic colleague, and will be much missed in September.

We are very grateful to families and staff who have volunteered and contributed to events across the school year. I would like to thank, in particular, the PSFA team who have organised fairs and cake sales with unfailing enthusiasm, and who have raised a great deal of money to support our children's learning, wellbeing and enjoyment in school.

We thank our governors for all the work they do voluntarily on our behalf behind the scenes. Special thanks go to Sandra Beckford-Henry, who has given her time generously on behalf of all Brindishe children, and who has recently stepped down as a parent governor from the governing body.

We are full of praise for our young leaders who have contributed to whole school development through their enthusiastic work in children's teams. We are especially grateful to the Eco-Team whose efforts contributed directly to our success last week in being awarded the Eco-Schools' Green Flag Award. Many thanks go to Hannah Cosin and Julie Hockham who led us in this project.

I would like to make a special mention of Fulya Kiroglu and her team of admin staff for the very hard work they do to support the smooth running of our school, organizing clubs, music tuition and payments, often working beyond their role to ensure the day-to-day running of the school is as supportive as possible to our families. And thanks go too to Clare Doran, our Attendance, Welfare and Safeguarding Officer, for the tireless work she does with and on behalf of families at Brindishe Manor.

Thank you to the Brindishe Schools' premises teams who have helped create

such lovely outdoor spaces as our 'Peaceful Place' this year and who work extremely hard to maintain our buildings and outdoor areas for all our school users.

Finally I would like to add a personal thank you to Diane Spalding, retiring Heateacher at Brindishe Lee, who has always been most generous to Brindishe Manor on its journey to 'outstanding', with her wisdom, her resources, her time, and sometimes her staff (!) to make sure that the children of Lewisham get the very best they deserve.

Dates for your diary

21 July Roof works begin

1 and 2 September INSET days *for staff only*

5 September Children return to school

And finally...

Dont forget that there will be scaffolding all around the main school building when you return after the holiday, as the roof replacement works take place.

We wish all our families a happy and restful summer break and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 5 September.

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

PSFA (Parents, Staff, Friends Association) News

Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported the PSFA's events this year, either by volunteering their help or by coming along and enjoying them. We've loved creating the events and we hope you've enjoyed attending them. Watch out in September for news of exactly how much you helped us to raise at the summer fair. We will also tell you about the different ways in which the money raised by the PSFA is used to support children's learning and wellbeing in school. Until then, have a GREAT summer break!

Advert:

Free family festival at the Museum of Docklands from noon until 4pm on 13th & 14th August.

The '**Hello London, Hello Barbados**' festival celebrates 50 years of Barbados' independence and will feature performances from members of the London Community Gospel choir, a live two-way video link with visitors to the Museum of Barbados, a photographic and community artefact exhibition, Caribbean food and a range of interactive workshops for the whole family.

More details are available at:

<https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london-docklands/event-detail?id=84208>

