

29 January 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week at Brindishe Manor...

Parent Portal – new for Brindishe Schools

We are very excited to be launching our new online 'Parent Portal' within the next few weeks. This will give you access to the following information about your child/children:

- Book your next parent/teacher meeting online
- Top up your child's school meal account and check the balance
- Check and amend child/parent/carer contact information
- View your child's attendance

To access the Parent Portal you will need a username and password which we will send to you by email. Before we can do this, we need to be sure we have your correct email address.

Please send your email details, along with your child/children's names, to info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk by **Friday 4 February 2016** so we can update our database.

Please note that if we don't have your email address, we will not be able to send you the log in details!

Once we have collected all email addresses we will send out instructions about how to log in and use the features of our Parent Portal.

Our next parent/teacher meetings (mid term review meetings) will be taking place

over the fortnight beginning 29 February. We hope that you will have given us your email address so that you can receive your login and password and will be able to go online and book a time to meet your child's teacher.

(Parent/teacher meetings in Jasper and Quartz classes are the only exceptions to this – Ms Balcombe and Mrs Da Silva are holding their meetings earlier because they are due to go on maternity leave shortly after half term. Letters about this have gone home today.)

Junk Percussion Workshops

Today our Y5s have enjoyed the chance to use percussion instruments made out of all sorts of junk and recyclable materials, in workshops led by Emily Gunton, Head of Music at Blackheath High School. The music making was great fun and the instruments very appropriate for our eco-conscious children!

Calling all singing parents and carers!

- a final reminder for Sing Up Day next Wednesday. If you would like to share a song with us, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Dining Hall roof repairs

Over half term (in a few weeks) there will be extensive repairs taking place to the Dining Hall roof and replacement of the fanlights and gutterings in order to make it watertight. Once these repairs are complete and we allow the walls to dry out, we will redecorate over the summer term in order to be able to improve the dining experience for all our children.

Dates for your diary

- 2 and 3 Feb** Reception 'Dragon Hunt' at Manor House Gardens
- 3 Feb** National Sing Up Day
- 3 Feb** Y4 to Lewisham Hindu Temple
- 4 Feb** Oxfam workshops for Y3
- 4 Feb** 'Able Writers' Workshop at Blackheath High School
- 6 Feb** Y5 'Shine' project celebration at Blackheath High School
- 8 Feb** KS2 choir to Young Voices at the O2
- 8 Feb** Quartz class to Science Museum
- 10 Feb** Debate Club to Brindishe Lee
- 11 Feb** Aqua and Jet to Science Museum
- 11 Feb and 22 Feb** Full Governing Body Meetings at Brindishe Manor at 6.00pm (let us know if you wish to attend as an observer and we'll arrange seating)
- 12 Feb** PSFA Cake Sale 3.15pm
- 15 – 19 Feb** Half term
- 22 Feb** Children return to school

And finally...

Safeguarding

If your child has an injury such as a broken finger, wrist or ankle and they are still able to come into school please do let us know about the injury **before they come back into school**. We will need to do a risk assessment with you, hear from you what has happened, what the injury is and then we can discuss and agree what we need to put in place to keep your child safe and comfortable in school.

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

PSFA (Parents, Staff, Friends Association) News

CAKE SALE

The ever popular Valentine Cake Sale will be on Friday 12th February (two weeks from today) at 3.15 outside in the playground, weather permitting. Please bring your bakes (home made or shop bought) to the office on the morning of the 12th. Many thanks.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with set up. We are, however, in need of people to help sell the cakes and/or to help with the clear up - the sale takes only 15 minutes at the end of school and clear up is very quick. If you can help please talk to Claire Johnston (Yr 4 Amber and Reception Turquoise mum) or email us at brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com.