

1 July 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Summer works at Brindishe Manor

You will remember that we were successful in our bid for capital grant funding from Lewisham to replace the roof on our main school building. These works are scheduled to take place during the summer holiday and over the autumn term.

The works will be carried out with minimum disruption to the children's usual school experience. Scaffolding will go up as soon as the children's term has finished in July and work will begin immediately. The main thing we will all notice on our return to school in September is the scaffolding around the main school building – it will be removed in stages as different parts of the roof replacement are completed.

Please bear with us while this work is carried out. We are very happy to experience a little discomfort in the knowledge that we will never be rained on or flooded out again (we hope...).

BS Fun Run: Together we run!

It was a beautiful, sunny morning last Saturday when many, many families from across our 3 schools came to Sutcliffe Park to take part in the Brindishe Schools' Fun Run!

Our intrepid racers completed either a 1K or a 5K race, and many did both! It was lovely to see adults and children supporting each other around the track and clearly enjoying themselves very much.

Thank you so much to organisers Lisa Reddish and Lucy Gray, parents at Brindishe Lee, and to staff, James Baguley (BG), Lisa Morris (BL) and Helen Coupe (BM) who put the whole event together. Many thanks go to the large team of parent and staff volunteers from across all 3 schools who gave so generously of their time in the weeks running up to the day and then helped the morning run so smoothly.

We are already looking forward to next year's event!

Induction meetings for new Reception families

This week we have been meeting with our new Reception families, getting to know the children and giving them the chance to spend some time in the Reception learning areas.

Hula hooping!

Ms Stephens' hula hooping club performed their fantastic routine to parents and carers earlier this week. This followed on from the very enjoyable hula hooping workshops for Y1 children last week run by Ms Stephens and her former colleague - Ms Stephens revealed her passion for hula hooping to her class and to staff who were all amazed and delighted to see such talent!

Year 1 at Oxleas Woods

Both classes had a really good day on Tuesday at Oxleas Woods, enjoying and exploring this ancient woodland. Ms Rahman and Ms Stephens would like to thank all the parents and carers who accompanied the visit.

Dates for your diary

2 July PSFA Summer Fair 1 – 4pm

7 July Sports Day at Manor Hse Gardens
8 July Reception Sports Day
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 – afternoon and evening start times to be confirmed
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 End of term
21 July Roof works begin

And finally...

Congratulations to Mr Mohamed Ahmud and Ms Rahman our new and now fully qualified teachers who have ended their year of training with flying colours. Both teachers were trained by Brindishe Schools with the Institute of Education through the school based and fully salaried training scheme Schools Direct. As you will know they have each had their own classes (year 1 and year 5) since earlier this year and are now confirmed as meeting all standards and indeed achieving way beyond expectations. Both teachers were once pupils in Brindishe Lee, then teaching assistants at Brindishe Manor, student teachers here and at John Ball and Brindishe Green School and in September they will be taking their own classes from day 1. And very soon we will let you know who are the lucky, lucky children....

Next week

I am on Jury Service for one more week, although will be popping into school whenever I am able. Once again, Kate Porter our deputy head, and Charlotte Dougan our assistant head will be at the school gates, as will Clare Doran our AWSO. Should you have any questions or queries please do ask to see one of them or do go and see your child's class teacher.

It's the Summer Fair tomorrow 1 – 4pm. We're all keeping our fingers crossed for good weather !

I look forward very much to seeing you all there.

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher