

15 April 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Welcome back to school - we hope you had a lovely break. The children all seem very pleased to be back and are excited and busy with their new learning.

### **This week at Brindishe Manor...**

#### **Works over the holiday**

We are very pleased that the brand new Reception building roof is due to be completed today! The team of roofers have worked very hard to make sure that, as far as possible, work has not disrupted learning. We now have a non-leaking roof that allows a good deal of natural daylight into the classrooms. We are all very, very pleased.

Four members of our premises team from across all 3 Brindishe schools (Haydn Phillips from BLee, Sergio Soares from BManor, Adam Smith and Alex Casagrande from BGreen) spent 2 weeks over the holiday redeveloping the patch of land next to the community room. They have created a new quiet play and learning space for the children including large growing beds for planting. We are calling this 'The Peaceful Place'.

The space is very nearly ready to be used and year groups are busy planning what they will grow for our 'Grow, Cook, Eat' project this summer.

This week we have installed an Earth Loom in 'The Peaceful Place' for outdoor weaving. The loom is ready for use and we will be explaining how to use it in assembly next week.

We would like to weave with as many natural materials as possible, including

strips of fabric. If you have any scraps or off-cuts of fabric that you could cut into strips for the children to weave with, please do leave them with the school office team.

#### **School Lunch price increase**

Please note that the price of a paid school meal is to increase from £1.90 per day to £2.00, with effect from 2nd May 2016. Please remember that all dinner money should be paid to the office or via ParentPay in advance.

#### **Eco-team news**

Next week is 'Why Not Walk?' week, so we are encouraging families to walk, scoot or cycle to school if possible. Reception and KS1 have had an assembly about scooter safety, which will be followed-up with cross phase training sessions next week (see class newsletters for more details). There will also be assemblies about the health, economic and environmental benefits of walking and about road and personal safety.

#### **Dates for your diary**

**18 - 22 April** 'Why Not Walk?' week

**22 April** KS2 discos, Central Hall

5.00 – 6.15pm Y3/4

6.45 – 8.00pm Y5/6.

**25 April** Y3 to Museum of London

**26 April** Open Day at Brindishe Manor for

prospective parents and carers: 9.15

10.30am and 5.00 – 6.15pm.

**2 May** School lunch price increase

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

**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)

## **And finally...**

Please note that music classes begin next week from Monday 18 April.  
All other clubs begin from Monday 25 April.

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher

## **PSFA (Parents, Staff, Friends Association) News**

### **KS2 DISCO FRIDAY 22nd APRIL**

Next Friday is the KS2 disco  
Year 3 / Year 4: 5.00 - 6.15pm,  
Year 5 / Year 6: 6.45 – 8.00pm

***Please note: all children need to be collected by a responsible person at the appropriate time. No child should be walking home alone after the disco.***

Don't forget to return your slip with £2 to the office. We are in need of willing volunteers to help chaperone the children at the event. Please let Lien Lernout or Wendy Humble know if you can be at either or both of the discos, or email us ASAP at [brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com](mailto:brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com)

Many thanks and welcome back from the PSFA.