

## Brindishe Manor School

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**Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,**

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

Our new Nursery children have now all joined us in school and are enjoying their fantastic learning space created by teacher Charisse Phillips and teaching assistant Bernie Francis, and their new outdoor shelter built by our premises team.

Many classes across the school are enjoying learning outdoors while the weather is still reasonably fine.

Y4 Topaz have been very busy creating delicious food and drink to sell as part of their Enterprise project. Look out for them at the school gate over the next few weeks!

Y4 Amber class have made butter out of double cream this week, watching a liquid change to a solid. It's all very exciting learning!

### **Meet the teacher meetings Ys 1 - 6**

We are looking forward to meeting all our parents and carers over the next few weeks. Meetings are being held from 2 -13 October. To book a meeting with your child's class teacher, you should use your Arbor username and password to logon to Parent Portal.

If you are having trouble booking a meeting on Arbor or want more information about how to do it, please pop into the school office or email us on [info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk).

### **Secondary Transfer**

Y6 parents and carers are reminded that the deadline for secondary school applications is 31 October. You should apply online at [www.lewisham.gov.uk](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk) via the 'School Admissions' page.

### **Secondary Transfer Evening: Thursday 5 Oct, 5.30pm at Brindishe Green**

Parents and carers of children in Y6 are invited to come along to our Year 6 - 7

transition evening next Thursday. We are delighted that representatives from at least 13 secondary schools will be attending. Please come along at 5.30pm to Brindishe Green School, Beacon Rd, SE13 6EH. We look forward to seeing you all there.

This is an evening for **year 6 parents/carers** and it will be repeated next year, but **if any year 5 parents/carers are keen to come along** they are more than welcome.

### **Sharing our School Development Plan**

We have just written our new Brindishe Schools' Development Plan for the next 3 years, 2017 – 2020.

Each week I will focus on an element of it so that you are fully informed. We are also sharing these plans with the children.

We will:

- Model and teach children that 'there is more that unites us than divides us'
- Broaden (our own and) children's understanding of faith, culture, custom and context
- Strengthen and extend cross-age, inter and intra-school shared learning, projects and initiatives
- Develop and embed our Relationships Policy and make it relevant, current, comprehensive and modern

### **Flu Vaccinations for Rec – Y4**

These will be carried out on 19 October 2017. Please return consent forms to the school office as soon as possible.

### **Safeguarding in school: collection arrangements**

We need to know who is collecting your child each day. We ask you to keep us informed if arrangements are going to change.

If someone different is going to collect your child you need to let us know in advance either by telling the classroom staff or phoning the school office. We cannot allow your child to go home with someone different without

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your permission. Please avoid emailing class teachers on the day about different collection arrangements, since they cannot pick up emails while teaching.

If the person collecting your child is unknown to us you can set up a 'password' which you share only with the person collecting and the school. Please speak to the school office for more information about setting up a password.

Children in Ys 5 and 6 can walk home alone *with your written permission*. This can be an email or a letter.

Please talk with your child/ren about keeping safe while out and about on the streets.

Walking in pairs or in a small group is a good idea, if possible. It's also important that they are aware of what's going on around them - for example, not looking down at their phone with their headphones in. We advise children always to report to a trusted adult anything which has worried or upset them.

### **Dates for your diary**

**2 – 13 October** 'Meet the teacher meetings for Y1 – 6

**5 Oct** 3.30pm and 5.30pm Y5 School Journey meeting @ Brindishe Manor

**5 Oct** 5.30pm Secondary School meeting for Y6 parents and carers to be held at Brindishe Green

**17 October** 5.45 – 6.45pm 'Welcome Evening' in Central Hall for all families new to Brindishe Manor

**23 – 27 Oct** Half term

**30 Oct – 1 Nov** Y5 School Journey

**31 October** Deadline for secondary school applications

### **And finally...**

We are asked by Lewisham LA to let you know that ofsted are now inspecting SEN in Lewisham and if you have experience of SEN provision they want to hear your views. Please see the ofsted letter attached for more information.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Gerlinde Achenbach,  
Headteacher