

**19 January 2018**

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

**This week at Brindishe Manor**

We've seen a great start to our learning again this term.

Year 1 have had a special visitor from outer space – Beegu - land in their outdoor learning area.

This has caused much excitement and lots of story writing!

Year 5 visited Greenwich Picturehouse on Tuesday to watch the film of the book, 'Wonder', around which much of their learning will be based this half term.

**Mid term review meetings, February 2018**

These parent/teacher meetings are planned to take place during February. At the mid-term review meeting you will be able to see some of your child's learning and talk with the class teacher about your child's progress so far this year and their next achievable steps.

To book a meeting with your child's class teacher, you should use your Arbor username and password to logon to Parent Portal (see the link on our website). Booking opens on Monday 22 January.

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).

We look forward to meeting with you all in February.

**Please switch off your car engines**

Thank you to our many parents and carers who park safely on or around our local streets – it is much appreciated.

Did you know that an idling engine can produce up to twice as many exhaust emissions as an engine in motion?

Exhaust emissions contain a range of air pollutants such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and particulate matter. These can affect the air quality of the surrounding environment and the air we breathe and are particularly bad for anyone with asthma, for young children, the elderly as well as you.

We ask everyone - please avoid sitting in your parked car outside school with the engine running. Remember to switch off as soon as your car is safely parked.

- *turning off and restarting an engine causes less pollution than keeping the engine running.*
- *turning off your engine could help to reduce asthma, heart disease and lung cancer.*
- *idling wastes fuel and money and can increase wear and tear on your engine.*

Thank you for your support with this.

**Fantastic attendance this week!**

*Jasper 99.3%*

*Quartz 99.3%*

Congratulations to both classes.

### **Dates for your diary**

**22 January** Parent Portal booking opens for mid term review meetings

**1 February** Y6 information sharing meeting about KS2 SATs

**5-9 and 19-23 February** Mid term review meetings for parents and carers

**6 February** Online Safety day

**7 February** Full Governing Body Meeting at Brindishe Manor. Please let us know if you would like to attend as an observer and we will arrange seating for you.

**8 February** Y6 to the House of Commons

**12 - 16 February** Half Term

**19 February** Children return to school

**26 February – 2 March** Y6 School Journey

**12-14 March** Challenge Partner Review at Brindishe Manor

**15 March** Full Governing Body Meeting at Brindishe Manor. Please let us know if you would like to attend as an observer and we will arrange seating for you.

**29 March** End of Spring Term

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

#### **A reminder - special occasion treats**

Some parents and carers ask to give out treats to children in their child's class on a special occasion. Please note that school staff will not be able to distribute these on your behalf. If you want to do this you need to be responsible for distributing the treats and for checking with each parent or carer first before offering to their child.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Gerlinde Achenbach,  
Headteacher

### **A message from Lewisham Road Safety team**

#### **February School holiday cycling course**

Week commencing

12 February.

Downham Leisure Centre, Moorside Road BR1 5EP

#### **Age restriction: 7+ only**

This course is aimed for children who have not learned how to ride a bicycle yet or would like to improve their cycling skills to Bikeability Level 1 <https://bikeability.org.uk/>

The session takes place in an off-road venue in small groups and is perfect for your child to learn basic bike control skills.

**Please bring your own bicycle and helmet, no bikes will be available for loan.**

**These sessions are very popular so each**

**trainee can only be signed up to one session each during this half term to allow more children to have a go.**

Full details and online booking <https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/london-borough-of-lewisham/#events>

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