

29 March 2018

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week at Brindishe Manor

Its been a celebratory week at school – to round off their learning around ‘Space’ Onyx class have made alien pizza and danced for their families. Y4 enjoyed a Tudor Day (complete with full Tudor costume) and danced beautifully for their parents and carers. The school is full of vibrant and exciting learning from the term and the children are buzzing with their achievements.

Early years/Y1 maths workshop

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the maths workshops on Tuesday. If your child is in Nursery, Reception or Year 1 and you couldn’t make it to either workshop, please ask at the office for a leaflet full of suggestions for how to help your child at home with their maths learning.

Many thanks to Lucy Balcombe, Kamila Rahman and Hannah Cosin for leading the workshop so successfully.

Good attendance

At Brindishe Manor good attendance is 96% or above.

Good attendance means that children can keep up with their learning and therefore have every chance of making good progress across the year. There is a direct link between low attendance and low attainment.

We expect every child to be in school during term time. Term time accounts for just 190 days each year, with the remaining 175 days given over to school holiday. There are in fact 13 weeks of school holiday during the year and we

expect family holidays to be taken during school holiday dates.

Given the amount of holiday time children have, it is disappointing still to receive absence requests for family holidays during term time. As Headteacher I am unable to authorise such absence requests unless there are exceptional circumstances which must be fully documented in writing.

Exceptional circumstances do not include, for example, cheaper travel, relatives’ birthdays or other celebrations, or visiting family abroad.

Families should be aware that they may be subject to a fine of £120 per parent, (per child) if their child is absent during term time without permission. Penalty notices are issued by the local authority.

Thank you to the very many families who make sure their child is in school on time every day during term time and who therefore ensure their child has the best possible chances of achieving well and making good progress.

School lunch price increase

Please remember that, from 1 May 2018, a week of school lunches will cost £11.00.

Dates for your diary

16 April Children return to school

16 April National offer day for Reception places

17 April KS1 SATs meeting for parents and carers of children in Y2.

20 April PSFA KS2 Disco

24 April ‘Drama4All’ workshops for Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2

1 – 31 May KS1 SATs month (for Y2)

14 May KS2 SATs week (for Y6)

And finally...

Do take the time to read the report from our most recent Challenge Partners Independent Review of our school earlier this month which will be going up on our website shortly – it confirms a judgement of ‘outstanding’ in every area and showcases the fabulous teaching and learning by all children and staff at Brindishe Manor. We are all very pleased.

Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you again on 16 April.

Best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

PSFA (Parents, Staff, Friends Association) News

**CAKE SALE THURSDAY 29th March
3.15pm – TODAY!!**

KS2 DISCO Friday 20th April

Watch out for details of this popular event - tickets will be on sale at the beginning of the new term, from 16 April!

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