



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

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Dear Parents/carers,

Message from Ms Sebire

It has been another lovely week at Brindishe Lee, I would like to thank all of you for the support and positivity that you have shown during the return to school.

In the classroom the children have adapted brilliantly to the new routines. They are enjoying their learning and have smiles on their faces, clearly relishing being back at school. Thank you to all our parents/carers and all our staff for making this happen.

Some parents have asked what they can do at home to support and help their child and the school. One of the key areas for all children is reading everyday as well as learning new vocabulary, so please listen to your children reading and read to your children. It will make the biggest difference in their learning in the short and long term.

Although so many of the children have settled well, we know for some children this may take a little longer. If you have any concerns about your child's settling back in to school, then please do let us know. You can use our recovery@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk email address. A member of the senior leadership team will be able to get back to you or pass on your concerns to the appropriate adult.

Message to the children

Thank you children for another happy and successful week. I very much enjoyed speaking with you about your learning, from exploring Spanish phrases in Year 6, investigating two-digit numbers in Year 3 to exploring your new surroundings in Reception.

Well done for continuing to work well within your bubbles and for following the new routines so beautifully. Keep up the good work!

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend and we shall see you all on Monday morning.

Home School Agreement

During this time, it is imperative, more than ever for us to work in partnership. We need to be clear about the expectations we set: as a school, as a child within the school and as a parent/carer of the school. On Monday, we will email you a copy of our agreement and share it with the children in school. The expectations set form part of how we can keep ourselves safe during this time. Please read it carefully and share it with your child. If you feel you are not able to meet these expectations, please do email the school at info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk

COVID-19 Reminder

Please read this information carefully so we can help prevent a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms.

It is imperative that if any parent/carer or child develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell

or you are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse) you must get tested for coronavirus.

If a parent/carer or child develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, **only they should be tested**. There is **no need** for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.

All members of your household must stay at home until your test result has come back. Siblings will not be allowed into school IF any member of the household is showing COVID-19 symptoms and awaiting results of a test.

As we return back to school, children may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. **You do not need to book a test but may need to stay off and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.**

Please ensure you notify the school if your child will be absent by phoning in to the school office before 9am.



Warm weather

We have enjoyed some lovely weather this week and it is set to continue. Can we remind you to send your child into school with a water bottle and if possible, a sun hat. Please remember to apply suncream to your child/children before school.

Bikes

We have lots of enquires as to whether or not children can still leave their bikes at school. The bike racks are still available but at this time we would ask you to leave your child's bike/scooter at their own entrance (not the main gate) and we will put them in the racks for you.

Wrap around care

Wrap around care at Brindishe Lee started this week. The children have enjoyed a range of activities in the sunshine. There are still places available. For more information contact Harry at Harry@sportacus.co.uk or ring on 07828 218690. Harry will be able to answer questions you may have.

If your child is not attending the provision because they have symptoms of COVID, you **need to ring Sportacus (Harry) on 07828 218690 in the morning and the school office immediately**

Online Safety Bulletins

Each week, Ms Lea will provide you with a weekly Online Safety Bulletin to support you in keeping your child/children safe when online.

The start of the new school year is a great time to check your devices are safe and ready to use for fun and learning together. Internet Matters has a step by step guide to ensure you are confident setting up parental controls, knowing what apps are ok for your children to access and how to 'talk digital' with your children.

The very best way to ensure your children are safe online is to have frequent and open conversations about how great being online is and the things they like to do whilst they are using a device. This way, our children know we are ready and interested to talk if there is a problem. The NSPCC has a great guide to starting these conversations.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

School dinners

All parents/carers in Year 3 upwards who choose for their child to have a school dinner must ensure payment is made through the Arbor online portal. The cost is £11.50 and should, where possible, be paid in advance.

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to receive school meals for free, funded by the government's universal free school meals grant. Parents/carers of pupils from Year 3 upwards will need to pay for their child's meal unless you qualify for the free school meals grant. To apply for the grant, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> as soon as possible or contact the school office for further information.

Class newsletters

Today, every family will receive their child's first class newsletter. This newsletter will provide you with some information about the recovery learning taking place for each class over the next few weeks, how your child's class have settled back into school life and details about our whole school and federation 'Take One Community' project. They will also provide you with further information about home learning and Reading Response books. Going forward, all home learning will be provided using our online platform, ItsLearning. Tasks may include reading challenges, online activities, science experiments, research etc. Paper worksheet tasks will not be used at this time.

A polite reminder

Thank you to those parents/carers who are remembering to maintain their distance outside of the gate each morning and evening. Please can we remind you all again that you should only arrive at your allocated 10 minute time slot, to drop off or collect your child and remove yourself from the immediate vicinity of Brindishe Lee School to avoid congestion and maintain the safety of the children and staff.

Survey Monkey reminder

In last weeks newsletter we invited you to take part in a survey regarding communication with the school. Thank you to those parents who have already given us your thoughts and comments. The closing date of this survey will be Monday 21st Septmber. If you have not already completed it, please do so as your feedback is invaluable to us.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GW9HQ3K>

PE days	
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3 Sycamore	Thursday
Year 3 Magnolia	Wednesday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Thursday

Unwanted items for Reception

Reception are on the lookout again for new treasures. What you may think is junk, in the hands of a 4 year old has endless possibilities. So if you or a family member is having a clear out, please think of us.

We are especially looking for:

- cable drums (big or small/wooden or plastic)
- Go kart tyres
- nuts and bolts
- decorator rollers and brushes
- smart shirts
- male smart work shoes
- a brief case
- action figures
- electronics for tinkering (old computer keyboards, DVD players, VHS players, clocks, solar powered toys)

If you have something but are not sure if it is suitable, please email info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk, marked FOR THE ATTENTION of Nikki Hearne.

Contacting teachers

As I am sure you all understand, at this time we are unable to facilitate meetings with your class teacher face to face. However, they are still available to you and can be contacted if you have any questions or concerns or you wish to pass on some vital information about your child.

Please email info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk and mark the email 'for the attention of' and your child's class teachers name e.g. FAO Ms Sharrock. We assure you that these emails are sent directly to the teacher, who will contact you by phone or email as soon as they can.

Lost Property

We have had a few parents and carers ask us about where we are keeping Lost Property. We are unable to gather lost clothing any more. Please can we encourage you to label all your child's jumpers, cardigans and coats so that we can endeavour to get them back to their owner. This can either be done with a marker or a pre-made label. There are lots of companies that make labels for children's clothing, water bottles, book bags etc, including www.mynametags.com

NSPCC PANTS

This week the children from Years 1-6 have been using the NSPCC PANTS resource which has been created to help keep children safe from unwanted and inappropriate physical contact. All children will learn that 'no means, no' and older children will learn what the word consent means. [Please click here](#) to view a booklet that has been created to support parents and carers when talking to their children about keeping themselves safe from abuse.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 12th November 2020 - Year Reception – 6 - Flu vaccination (more details to follow)

Enjoy the sunny weather this weekend!

Best wishes,

Maxine Sebire
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