



2 March 2018

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Snowy weather!

Well done to all children and staff who have made it to school this week despite the weather. We had to close for one day only – Thursday – due to the high number of staff who were not able to get in. But we are pleased to be back today.

This week at Brindishe Manor World Book Day – postponed!

Sadly, we had to postpone our World Book Day (WBD) celebrations this week. However we are looking forward to celebrating next Friday 9 March instead.

Everyone is invited to the PSFA Book Breakfast (a croissant / juice) in Central Hall from 8.30am. Come along dressed as your favourite book character for the day and bring a donation for Unicef (we suggest £1). We advise that children bring a change of clothes if the weather is cold.

We hope that most of the parents and carers who kindly volunteered to read stories to classes will be able to do so next week instead. Jenny Guest, our literacy lead, will be in touch about timings.

Each child will also get a £1 book token that can be used to buy a special £1 WBD book from selected bookshops. The WBD book tokens are valid from Monday 26 February – Sunday 25 March 2018. Please click here to learn more:

<http://www.worldbookday.com/books>

Sporting success

Our intrepid football teams achieved great success last week. The boys' team made it through to the final of the Lewisham Pathways Competition and were just pipped to the post by the winners. The girls came third in their

group and we know we are going to see more great things from both teams. They are highly committed groups of children. Congratulations to everyone who took part and to Harry Green for coaching them so effectively.

Y6 School Journey

Adults and children on school journey this week have been surprised to hear about our London snow because they've had barely any on the Isle of Wight! It has been cold, but the children have been very active all day and enjoying hot chocolate breaks at regular intervals. They have all slept incredibly well and staff tell us the children have been a real credit to the school and to their families. They are expected back later today.

Huge thanks go to Mark Tiller, Helen Coupe, Mark Maguire, Lauren Blackie and Laura Bowens for making it all possible and being such a professional team.

Fantastic attendance!

Week beginning 26.2.18

Amethyst 100%!

Opal and Diamond 98.6%

Week beginning 5.3.18

Ruby 97.4% - despite a one day closure!

Jet 95.8%

Congratulations to you all.

Dates for your diary

6 March Y2 to St Paul's Cathedral

7 March Y4 to Hever Castle

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

16 April Children return to school

And finally...

Place2Be

This week we have said goodbye to Karen Orlebar who has gone to set up P2Be in a school in Croydon. We thank her for her contribution over the past year and wish her all the very best. We welcome back Emily Elliot who returns to us from maternity leave.

Wishing all families a lovely weekend.

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher

See the following link for more information:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting>

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Online Safety message: The Dangers of Snapchat

Snapchat, among other social media platforms has continued to cause concerns around the online safety of children and young people. Unbeknown to some young people, sharing of indecent images of other children is a crime and could potentially fall within the follow four offences:

1. Making indecent images of children.
2. Possession with intent to distribute indecent images of children.
3. Distribution of indecent images of children.
4. Distribution of a private sexual image without consent to cause offence.

Legal Consequences

Children often don't realise that sexting a boyfriend or girlfriend is not a harmless act. Instead, they can face serious legal ramifications. Here are some important details regarding the legal consequences of sexting:

- Risk of receiving criminal charges for child pornography
- Risk of having to register as a sex offender
- Risk of exposing parents to legal consequences
- Risk of having to enter foster care or being removed from the home