



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 4th December 2020

Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire



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Lee

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week at Brindishe Lee, children across the school from Years 1 to 6 have been showing their teachers what they have learnt this term. Next week the children in Year 2 will be demonstrating how they can use their phonics to read real and alien words (*Phonics Screening Check*).

In addition to this, all the children have been busy practising their special songs/poems, which they will perform for you in our festive virtual concert. I am sure you are all very excited and can't wait to see the virtual show during the last week of term.

We hope you have a restful weekend!

*Kind regards,
Ms Maxine Sebire.*

Headteacher & the Brindishe Lee Team.

Christmas Festivities at Brindishe Lee School

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support during what has been a challenging year for many people. Children, staff and the Brindishe Lee community have been incredibly adaptable and understanding, and this is very much appreciated. In spite of the restrictions placed upon us, we would still like to mark the festive period with some special festivities. Please see listed below what we have planned over the next few weeks:

- **Christmas Show** - 'A Brindishe Lee Christmas Card' will be filmed on Thursday 10th December and will then be shared with all parents/carers on *ItsLearning*. We ask that children come to school wearing something festive, whether that is a festive jumper, Santa hat or some tinsel. You have already received an email requesting parental permission for filming to take place. If you **DO NOT** want your child to be filmed, please email info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk
- **Virtual Pantomime** - "Oh yes we did!", we have arranged for a pantomime to be livestreamed into classroom bubbles on Tuesday 15th December. The F@B team have kindly offered to fund this festive treat.
- **Festive Menu** - On Wednesday 16th December, *Chartwells* will be providing a festive menu meal option. If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like a festive school dinner on this day, please return the slip provided this week in a sealed envelope and enclose £2.30.
- **Christmas Jumper Day** – On Wednesday 16th December is *Christmas Jumper Day*. Please can the children come dressed in their most festive tops. There is no need to buy one especially for the day, instead try to decorate and upcycle an old jumper. Consider sustainability and being eco-friendly with your creations. This year we will be supporting the *Refuge for Women and Children*. We would kindly ask that on Wednesday 16th December, children make a donation of £1.00 towards this charity.
- **Christmas Tree Donation** – F@B have kindly donated two Christmas trees for the children, staff and community of Brindishe Lee to enjoy.

Welcome to Weduc

We would like to welcome all Brindishe families to our new communication system, Weduc. We will be using this platform to communicate all key messages, dates, newsletters and information on all the exciting events that are going on in school. Over the next term we will be introducing different features of the app but for now we will be focusing on the newsfeed and calendar. The newsfeed will contain all our newsletters, important messages and any information we want to share with you. The calendar will give you immediate access to all key dates and events going on in school. All the key information you need will now be in one place, hopefully, making it easier for all our parents and carers.

To get all the latest school updates, messages and information, don't forget to login to the Weduc app.

Early Closure - Friday 18th December 2020

On Wednesday you will have received a letter informing you that we will be closing early on the last day of term. Please make sure that you know what time your child must be collected from school on this day.

Sportacus are kindly providing *Wrap around Care* on the final Friday, until 3.30pm, due to the early finish. We thank everyone for their support and understanding.

Main gate Effingham Road	KS1 gate Effingham Road	Side gate Wantage Road
Year 3M – 1.30pm	Year 1 – 1.30pm	Year 3S – 1.30pm
Year 5 – 1.40pm	Year 2 – 1.40pm	Year 4 – 1.40pm
	Reception – 1.50pm	Year 6 – 1.50pm

Winter Weather – Coats and Hands

As we know many of you have noticed, the weather has really changed this week and it has certainly got much colder. Please can we remind you to make sure that your child brings a warm coat to school, and perhaps a hat, scarf and gloves for the end of the day and lunchtime. Please make sure these are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Also, we are still making sure that the children sanitise and wash their hands several times a day in school as part of keeping everyone safe and well. As the weather has turned colder, please can we suggest that you moisturise your child's hands before they come to school and when they get home as well. This will help to prevent them getting dry and sore. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Sportacus Fantastically Festive Activity Camp

Sportacus are running a festive programme of activities on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd December at Brindishe Green School and Darrick Wood Jr School. Please see the attached leaflet for more information, including a list of activities, how to book a place and costings.

Online Safety Bulletin

Kindness Online

We talk to our children about being kind all the time. We encourage them to share their toys, or use good manners, but how often do we discuss being kind online too? Their digital lives are as important to our children as their offline relationships, so its important we teach them how to be kind online too.

- Remind your child that whenever they post, comment or speak online, they should always think about how it might make other people feel.
- Talk about what a good friend would do if someone were being mean to their friend. For example: not join in and check their friend is Ok. They should tell a trusted adult if they are worried about their friend.
- We should have consent before sharing pictures or videos of others. Let your child know that being kind to others online means respecting them and thinking about the consequences of sharing something that involves someone else.

Road Safety

It has come to our attention that some parents/carers are parking dangerously outside of school at the start and the end of the school day. Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools, hospitals as-well-as fire, police or ambulance stations indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or dropping off children.

The school staff will kindly ask you to move your vehicle on in order to keep the children and other parents/carers of Brindishe Lee safe, especially at these busy time. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

F@B Lottery 2021

Please consider signing up to *'The F@B Lottery 2021'*. The Lottery helps to raise and provide vital funds for the school, and after such a challenging year your support would be greatly appreciated. There are 6 draws a year so plenty of opportunity to draw the winning number(s)! 1st prize - £80 & 2nd price - £40 in each draw.

Please email alex.gibbins@charles-stanley.co.uk if you are interested in signing up.