

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the final week of the Autumn Term, I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all the best during our festive break. I have had the absolute pleasure over the last week or so to see a number of amazing performances across the federation. From the angelic choirs, to the sinister characters in A Christmas Carol; the rhythmic samba drums, and not to mention the coolest donkey around. The acting, singing and performing has been superb and something we as a Brindishe Federation are very proud of. It's at times like these when we remind ourselves of how amazing our children and staff are. A huge well done to you all.

I hope you all have a lovely time over the Christmas period and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January, ready to embrace the Spring term.

Kind regards,  
Rachel Waite

### From the PSFA...

The Christmas Fair last Friday was a wonderful afternoon - it was fantastic to see so many people attending, and enjoying the entertainment, refreshments and games!

Thanks to your generous support, we are delighted to report that we took a total of **£3,400** (before costs), which is absolutely amazing! The money we raise goes directly to supporting the school - this year we are focusing on fundraising to support Outdoor Learning.

Thank you to all the staff, parents, and carers who generously volunteered their time, and for all the wonderful donations received.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In the New Year we will update you with our **Dining Hall Project**, which the PSFA raised over £10,000 for throughout the last academic year.

### Winter performances

We have enjoyed six amazing performances from Reception and KS1 over this week. The children were absolutely fabulous in every performance. Congratulations to all the children for their wonderful singing and acting and to all the staff who helped prepare them so well. I know that we are all very proud of them. We are looking forward to KS2 performances on Monday and Tuesday next week!

A huge thank you to everyone who has been patient with the office staff over the past few weeks, at what has been a very busy time. Jen Marques-Munoz deserves a special mention for her hard work preparing and allocating tickets for 10 performances over 2 weeks! The whole team also help out considerably with larger scale events such as concerts and the Winter Fair - and all this on top of their normal workload and deadlines! They really appreciate the thanks and support given by so many of you and we could not manage without them. Thank you Jen, Lynn, Jenny & Fulya.

### Christmas fundraising

This year, we are collecting money to support the Crisis at Christmas campaign. The charity supports homeless people over the Christmas period with support, hot meals, advice, healthcare and dental treatment. For every £28.18 we raise, someone who is homeless can have access to the following over Christmas:

- **Hot, delicious, nutritious Christmas dinners over nine days**  
Interim Headteacher: Kate Porter Executive Head: Rachel Waite Chair of Governor:  
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- Advice on housing, benefits, finances, and employment
- Healthcare screenings
- Dental treatment and eye tests
- Hairdressing and massage treatments
- Learning and skills workshops
- Specialist centres providing safe accommodation
- PLUS access to Crisis' year-round services for training and support in the year ahead

**So far we have raised £433.60**

**We will continue to have collections at the end of performances next week for this campaign and all money raised from today's 'Christmas Jumper Day/ Wear something Festive' will also go towards the appeal.**

**Fantastic attendance this week!**

**Key stage 1: Sapphire 99.3%**

**Key stage 2: Quartz 98.6%**

**Dates for your diary:**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

Key Stage 2 winter performance

**December 19<sup>th</sup>**

End of term

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**

Start of Spring term – First day back for children

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**

Y3 Egyptian Pyramid Workshop

**January 8<sup>th</sup>**

Open day 9:15am and evening 5pm

**January 8<sup>th</sup>**

Y4 Viking Longship workshop

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**

Y6 visit to Museum of London

**February 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Spring half term

This is the last school newsletter for the term and my last until I return at the very end of the summer term after my maternity leave.

I would like to say a really big thank you to all of our parents and carers, staff, governors and friends for all of your support this term. The children have had a fabulous start to the academic year and this is because of all of the hard work and encouragement that the Brindishe Manor School community offer them. I know that there are many more exciting opportunities ahead this year for all of the children and I am looking forward to hearing all about them each week.

I wish you all a very happy holiday and a very Happy Christmas to families who will be celebrating. I know that all of the staff will be looking forward to seeing you all again on Monday 7th January at 8.50am.

With very best wishes for the New Year,

Kate Porter  
Headteacher

**Local News:**

The International Academy Greenwich (IAG) is one of our local secondary schools which has been popular with many Brindishe Manor families.

The school have recently submitted planning permission for a permanent site to be built. If you would like to look at the planning and / or comment, then please use the link below.

[https://planning.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=\\_GRNW\\_DCAPR\\_96745](https://planning.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=_GRNW_DCAPR_96745)