

### Friday 6 September 2019

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Welcome back after our long summer break. It has been great to welcome you all through the gates this week and to see you all looking so well.

We would like to say a special hello and welcome to our new children that have joined us in reception this week and of course to their families too. We know you have had a great first few days with us and look forward to meeting more children throughout next week.

#### **School holiday renovation work...**

Over the school holidays we have had major plumbing work throughout the building, with new radiators and all of the necessary pipework that accompanies them being fitted. The works will continue throughout this half term at weekends only, finishing at half term (we hope)! Therefore, if you walk inside the building, you may spot the red pipes which are yet to be painted in some locations.

#### **The Kitchen...**

During the break we have also carried out a great deal of work on the dining hall. Two new patio doors have been put into the side of the hall and the entire space has been sanded and painted. The kitchen is now so much brighter and I know the children have been amazed by the transformation so far. We will now ask children's teams to finish the interior decoration by creating artwork for the walls and soft furnishings and look forward to our gardening team completing some planting outside.

The staff and I would like to say a huge thank you to Rob Johnson and Vic \*\*\*\* for their tireless work over the summer on this challenging project. We are so very grateful.

#### **IT provision**

Michael Payne and Aleks Piatkowski, who lead our schools IT systems, have spent their entire summer updating and rebuilding every single computer, at all three Brindishe Schools, to windows 10. It has not been a small job and we thank them for their many long days and late nights so that all of the IT would be ready for the children's return. Thank you both!

#### **This week...**

It has been a fabulous first week at Brindishe Manor, with children settling really well into their classes and already making a start with our whole school project using the text 'The Journey'. Children in years 1-6 are spending time this half term using the text as a stimulus for a range of creative learning projects, which will then be displayed throughout the school. We look forward to sharing more information with you in next week's newsletter on this exciting shared school project!

**Message from the office...** If you have changed your arrangements for how your children are collected, please let the school office know as soon as possible. It is really important that the office know so that we can keep the information on our systems.



### **Rights Respecting at Brindishe Manor**

Children and young people have the right to education no matter who they are, regardless of race, gender or disability; if they're in detention, or if they're a refugee. **Article 28**

**Children have been learning about their right to an education and a responsibility to allow others to learn.**

### **Brindishe Manor Nursery**

Please tell your friends and neighbours with nursery-aged children about our fantastic Brindishe Manor nursery. We have part time nursery places offering 15 hours per week of high quality early years education. Children aged 3 before 31 August 2019 are eligible for a September 2019 place. Please speak to a member of our office team as soon as you can.

### **After school clubs**

Please be aware that we are currently confirming the clubs that we can offer children for the year ahead, therefore information regarding after school clubs will be sent out to families next week.

### **Lunchtime Play Leader**

We are looking to recruit a Lunchtime Play Leader at Brindishe Green School to:

- ✓ Work as part of a team of adults including teachers and other support staff
- ✓ Ensure that all children are safe and feel safe
- ✓ Promote the learning and well being of all pupils
- ✓ Take responsibility for the supervision, health and safety and well being of pupils during the midday break both during dining and play

If you are interested, please visit the Brindishe Green website (click on Vacancies and Volunteers) for more information and send in a completed application form to [rwaite@brindisheschools.org](mailto:rwaite@brindisheschools.org)

### **Dates for your diary**



**Tuesday 17 September** - Secondary transfer meeting

**Wednesday 25 September** – Tower of London Y4

**Monday 6-10 October** – Meet the Teacher meetings

**9 October** – Full Governing Body Meeting

**Friday 11 October** – Individual photos

**Monday 14-16 October** – Y5 School Journey

**Monday 21-25 October** – Half term break

Have a lovely weekend

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Brindishe Manor

