



Brindishe Manor Newsletter
Friday 12th March 2021
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Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

What a wonderful week it has been! We have all loved having the children back in school and seeing them so settled and happy to be here. The children have really enjoyed being outside this week, despite the weather and we are hoping that we will now be able to get on with more outdoor learning across the school.

Returning books and musical instruments - If you have books to return to school, then please hand them to somebody on the gate on your arrival in the morning.

If you have a musical instrument to return then please ask your child to give this to their class teacher.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this week and for following the guidance that we have put in place. We ask that you please continue to follow this guidance for the rest of this half term, and we will review it again if national measures begin to ease after the Easter holiday, as we have been told they will.

Please remember to bring your face mask or visor with you every day as you will not be allowed on site without one.

Year 6 – Secondary Schools

Last week our children in Year 6 received news of which secondary school they had been offered a place at for September 2021. We hope that all our children and their parents were pleased with their offer. **If you have not done so already, please can we remind all our Year 6 parents/carers that they must accept their offer by Monday 15th March at the latest.** You can do this through the E-admissions website – [please click here for more information.](#)

Even if you would like to remain on the waiting list for one of your higher preferences, it is very important that you still accept the school that you have been offered so that your children definitely has a school to start in September. If you have any questions, please email our school office (info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk) and we will do our best to support.

School Dinners

Please remember that school dinners for children in Years 3-6 should be paid in advance through Arbor. If your circumstances have changed and you think your child is now entitled to Free School Meals, you should make an application online and inform the school office straight away.

Applications can be made using the following link: [Applying for Free School Meals Online](#)

Important Dates

Thursday 1st April – Friday 16th April - Easter/Spring Break

Monday 19th April - Summer term begins

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday

Week beg 26th April - Teacher/Parent Meetings (through Weduc – more information to follow)

Monday 31st May – 4th June - Half Term

Monday 7th June – Inset day

Rapid Flow Tests for Families

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at primary school, **who do not have symptoms**, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates.

If you would like to order Rapid Flow Tests for members of your household, please click on the link below:

[Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests](#)

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a Rapid Flow Test.

PCR Coronavirus Tests

If you, your child or another member of your household is unwell and displaying any of the main Covid Symptoms (a high temperature, a persistent cough or loss of smell/taste), you must book a PCR Covid test immediately and report your results to the school. You may also be asked to book a test if your child is displaying any other symptom associated with Covid19. These tests can be booked using the below link:

[Get a Coronavirus Test](#)

If you have other problems using the online service, call 119 between 7am and 11pm.

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is this **Friday, 19th March**, and it's never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living in challenging situations in Africa and the UK. As a school, we hope everyone will **dress in red and donate** what they can to Comic Relief on 19th March. The donation buckets will be on the gates for children to add to as they arrive on Friday!



Census 2021

Next week, the children will be involved in the Lets Count! schools programme which involves collecting data in school about subjects that matter to them and there will be an assembly to help the children learn more about the census.

The next census is taking place on **Sunday 21st March 2021**. The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. This helps to plan and fund public services in our local area. By spreading the word and taking part in the census, you will help make sure our community is counted and gets the services it needs.

You will receive a letter in the post from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). You will then need to fill in the census questionnaire on or before Sunday 21 March 2021.

Find out more about Census 2021 and how to fill in your census questionnaire at www.census.gov.uk.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

Kate Porter and the Brindishe Manor team