



Brindishe Manor Newsletter

Friday 4th December 2020

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Brindishe
Manor

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

As we approach the end of term the children are all very busy finishing their learning on their current topics and themes. The children really do have so much wonderful learning from all areas of the curriculum this term, which they should be very proud of. I know that they can also talk very confidently about what they have learnt and which parts they enjoyed the most...do ask them at home to share what they have been doing this past term.

Winter performances

For many of our families who have been part of the Brindishe Manor community for a number of years, you will know that our winter performances are always a wonderful end to our Autumn term!



This year the performances will be run slightly differently. Like everything else at the moment ... they will be recorded and placed online for your viewing pleasure. In the last week of term, you will have your child's class performance posted on *Itslearning* so that you can sit with your child and family and enjoy watching their performances together. We will send more information over the next few weeks.

Friday 18th December – Early Closure

On Monday 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. All children must be collected from school by 1.50 pm at the latest. We thank everyone for their support.

Primary School Applications for 2021

This week we have added a short video to the school website to support new parents and carers to make a decision about their school application process for September 2021.

The application process for primary places for 2021 is now open.

- Applications are already open (apply online) - Tuesday 1st September 2020

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

- Closing date for applications is Friday 15th January 2021

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

Virtual Nursery and Reception Admissions meetings

As we are currently unable to carry out tours for parents and carers of our Nursery, reception and the rest of the school, we would like to invite parents and carers who are looking for school places for September 2021 to an online presentation on one of the following dates.

Tuesday 8th December at 4:30pm
Tuesday 15th December at 4:30pm

The sessions will talk more about the ethos of our school, what the learning experience looks like in Nursery and Reception and how the children make the transition into Reception. We will share plenty of images of how our classrooms look and the types of activities the children will have on offer throughout the day.

If you would like to be booked on to one of the presentation meetings, which will be led by Kate Porter (Head) and Jenny Guest (EYFS and Y1 Lead) then please call or email the school office who will send you the details for joining info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk

Crisis at Christmas

Every year we collect loose change for the charity 'Crisis', which supports homeless people during the winter period. Your donations can support homeless people with food, shelter and companionship.

We are asking all children to wear either a Christmas jumper, something festive or an outfit of their choice on **Wednesday 16th December**, which is the same day as our Christmas lunch. We are inviting children to bring in a donation on the day to put in to the collection buckets which will be available as they come in to school.

Dates for your diary...

Tue 8 th Dec	Online Nursery and Reception 2021 presentation
Tue 15 th Dec	Online Nursery and Reception 2021 presentation
Tue 15 th Dec	Online Winter performances available on <i>Itslearning</i>
Wed 16 th Dec -	Christmas lunch for all
Wed 16 th Dec -	Dress Festive day
Fri 18 th Dec -	Last day of term

Cards for children and tokens of appreciation for staff

This year, we kindly ask that children who would like to bring Christmas cards in to school, instead make or bring in one shared card for their class. The cards will be shared on a display board or table in their classroom for everyone to see and enjoy throughout the rest of term (from whenever they are received). We thought this would be a nice way for the class to come together and have a small festive display in class.

We have been asked this week by a few parents and carers about whether they can bring in a token of appreciation to a staff member towards the end of this Autumn term. Whilst we certainly do not expect any gifts from our families, should you wish to send a staff member in school a card or small token of appreciation then this would need to be given in by **Monday 14th December**, so that the necessary precautions can be taken before staff take them home on Friday 18th December. Many thanks



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Photos of children in promotional material

In order for you to see more of what goes on in the classrooms and around school and to celebrate the learning experiences that your children are having we are going to start including more photographs in our weekly newsletter and on our online platform *Itslearning*. We are also in the process of updating our website with more images of what goes on every day at Brindishe Manor. We have all of your consents for photography already and the way in which we use it, but please do email us or call if you have any further questions.

2020 Exercise Challenge

Parents, staff and kids have walked, run, scooted, cycled and roller skated more than 3,050 miles and raised over £1,500 so far. What a totally amazing achievement! We are still counting the miles and donations can be made right up to 31 December so keep them coming. Let's see if we can get to £2,020.

PSFA NEWS - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TRAIL

As Christmas approaches many of the things we usually do aren't possible right now. So many of you enjoyed the Halloween trail that we thought a Christmas Lights Trail might be just the thing to bring some festive cheer. All money raised will, as always, go to Brindishe Manor School to support our children's learning and experience.

The trail is contact free - everything you need will be emailed to you to be printed at home. To take part:

1. Click this link to go to the JustGiving page
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/brindishemanorpsfachristmas2020?invite=true>
2. Make your donation using the "Donate" button on this page
3. You will be sent an email receipt from JustGiving which MUST be sent to brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com
4. The PSFA will email you a number of downloads to allow you to take part in all the activities below.

Our suggested donation is £5 (donated via this page) and the pack will include:

Map for a Christmas Lights Trail

From Friday 11th - Sunday 20th December 2020, a number of houses in the local area will be decorated and marked on a map; there is no set start or finish point so you can plan the best route for you and your family. There will be a visual scavenger hunt - spot some Christmas themed items on your way round the trail. How many can you find?

PLEASE ADHERE TO ALL COVID 19 RELATED GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS AND GUIDELINES IN PLACE ON THE DATE YOU DO THE TRAIL.

Christmas colouring & word searches

Keep little hands busy with some festive fun pictures to colour and word searches to complete.

Entry to a Christmas themed art competition

Win a £10 Amazon voucher by entering something your child has made, drawn or painted inspired by the Christmas Lights Trail. Email a photo of your entry to brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com by 31 December 2020. The winner will be announced in the school newsletter week ending Friday 8th January 2021.

Christmas Cookie Recipe

Bake some delicious Christmas cookies with this easy to follow recipe - ideal with hot chocolate after walking the trail.

Join in

We hope you'll join the fun and help raise some money. Downloads will be sent on Tuesday 8th December for any emails received prior to that date and then as received for subsequent donations.

Remember that the PSFA is a voluntary organisation so we do not have full time staff - please allow 24 hours from sending your email receipt (if this is after 8th December) before chasing a response.

Covid-19 Survey on Rapid Testing

Rapid testing is coming to Lewisham soon. This is good news as more testing helps stop the spread of the virus and prevent the need for further restrictions. [Take part in this three-minute survey](#) so we can better target the COVID-19 rapid testing when it comes to Lewisham. Tell us whether you'd take a test and if not, why?

The link to the survey is <https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/corporate-policy-and-governance/covid-19-rapid-test-su>

We wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Kate Porter and the Brindishe Manor team