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Dear parents and carers, friends and families,

Newsletters after Easter

You will have heard in the news that schools are having to economise due to significant budget cuts from April. One of the ways we will be trying to save money is by not printing the weekly school newsletter. Instead we will be sending it by email to all parents and carers. For this reason its extremely important that we have an up-to-date email address for you. Whole school newsletters will continue to be available online from our website: www.brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk

Class newsletters which let you know about the learning planned for your child and how to support them at home will also no longer be printed. Instead they will be available electronically from your child's class page on Fronter. Please see your child's class teacher if you need another copy of your child's Fronter login. You can access Fronter via the school website (see address above).

A small number of paper copies will still be available from the school office for those families without internet access.

Last week at Brindishe Green

On Thursday our KS2 violinists had the opportunity to go to the 'World of Strings' at the Laban Theatre. They had a great time and came back full of enthusiasm for playing violin.

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

On Friday Mangrove class visited the David Hockney exhibition at Tate Britain.

And on Friday we said goodbye to Hannah Scales who left to have her second baby. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing her new baby boy very soon!

This week Ashley Downes returned to us having had her baby and today we have also welcomed Helen Ahsan, our new School Business Manager to Brindishe Green. I know that you will all make Helen feel welcome as she gets to know the school and all our families.

This week at Brindishe Green

Olive, Magnolia and Maple will visit the David Hockney exhibition at the Tate Britain. From today and until Thursday, children from our three schools will have the opportunity to be archeologists using the Time Truck. The Time Truck, that you cannot fail to miss, will be in our playground for 4 days. It will make things a bit cramped, but I know that our families will be understanding and patient particularly at the end of the day when collecting your child from the playground. Many thanks in advance.

We are also looking forward to Redwood's performance at the Catford Broadway Theatre on Wednesday as part of Lewisham Live. Many thanks to Ms Johnson for preparing the children so well - make sure you have your tickets parents!

Dates for your diary

13th - 15th March yrs 4 - 6 classes visit the Time Truck

15th March - Lewisham Live at Catford Broadway. Redwood class are dancing. Don't forget that parents/carers will need to buy tickets from the box office.

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE

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15th March Deadline for accepting secondary school places

21st - 22nd March - Challenge Partner Review

22nd March - Sing Up Day

23rd March - Spring Music Concert at 6.00pm

W/C 27th March - Mock Sats week for year

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31st March - End of Term

18th April - Children return to school

E-safety course for parents and carers

Attached to this newsletter, you will find details of a new online course especially for parents and carers to help you understand more about keeping your child safe online.

For more details visit <http://www.safeguardinglewisham.org.uk/>

School budgets - did you know?

The National Fair Funding for All Schools Campaign is holding a public forum for parents, teachers, head teachers, governors and councillors in Lewisham to raise awareness about the proposed significant cuts to schools' budgets. The event will be attended by Vicky Foxcroft MP, Cllr Luke Sorba, Nicky Dixon (CASE Lewisham,) and Matt Dykes (National Fair Funding For All Schools Co- Founder). Parents, teachers and leaders are invited to a meeting on Thursday 16 March at 7.30pm at Edmund Waller Primary School, Waller Road, London SE14 5LY. The government consultation on the proposed cuts closes on 22nd March 2017.

For more details go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-fair-funding-for-all-schools-in-lewisham-with-vicky-foxcroft-mp-tickets-6592467247>

Attendance at Brindishe Green

Well done to Beech, Redwood and Maple for the best attendance this week and to Chestnut 3. Walnut, Cedar and Chestnut 4 all had the same high levels of punctuality and the best across the school. Well done all!

...and finally

Emergency information updates

From this week you will be receiving a copy of the emergency information details we hold for your child. Please make sure you check it carefully and let us know of any mobile phone numbers that have changed, current email address and ensure that we have details of your emergency contacts. It is your responsibility to make sure that the information we hold for your child is correct and current. Please return your updates to us by the end of this week. Many thanks.

Wishing you all a very good week.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

Hedgehog Alert!

If you have sent information on your hedgehog sightings to Ms Staunton by email, could you please just forward them again to her at

lstaunton@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk

The wrong email was on the sheet that went home and we don't want to miss out on any information that you shared with us. Thanks and apologies for any confusion.