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Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

### **Changing the closing time at Brindishe Green**

Thank you to everyone who responded to our consultation. Having consulted all staff, governors, parents/carers and our after-school care providers we have made a decision to change our closing time to 3.15pm as we had only 5 responses against the proposal and an overwhelming majority in favour.

From 5 September 2012, the start of our new term, school will finish each day at 3.15pm. Please note this is 15 minutes earlier each day. Children should be collected from school at 3.15 each day as that is the time that all classes will finish.

We are changing our closing time so that:

- children at Brindishe Green have the same learning time as in our partner schools
- there will be three shorter lunchtimes instead of two longer lunchtimes
- there will be fewer children in the playground and dining hall at any one time
- there will be more adult support for children at lunchtime
- children and staff will have a slightly shorter day in school

(For those of you who use Rocks and Pebbles we can reassure you that they were happy with the proposal and will adjust their times accordingly).

### **Tri- School event**

Thank you to all our families who braved the weather last Sunday to attend our tri-school event and fun run at Trinity School. Despite being moved indoors, the event was a big

success. Thank you to the parents from Brindishe Green who gave their time to run stalls, marshal events and plan with our partner schools. We are looking forward to the next one! Any ideas? Let us know.

### **Year 6 end of year results**

Congratulations to our Year 6 children for another year of outstanding results in their Key Stage 2 SATs. As in previous years, our results remain well above average at the expected Level 4. This year however, our children have exceeded expected levels with many achieving Level 5 and some Level 6 (the expected level for a 14 year old!). Many thanks to all those who supported, mentored and encouraged the children throughout the year so that this could be possible. Well done Year 6, we are all so proud of you!

### **Year 6 performance**

This week, parents/carers, governors, children and staff have been treated to a trip down memory lane in our end of term year 6 production, 'Back in the Day'. The performance was highly professional, children spoke confidently, sang enthusiastically and danced superbly! Not only was this a very polished performance, but the children even wrote the script themselves!

Thank you to the Year 6 team for their ideas, set design and costumes. And thank you to the parents/carers who shared the experience with us, some even two days in a row! One of our governors, Liz Murphy, wrote to us today and said '*Thank you so much for inviting me to the leavers performance last night. What a fantastic show! I loved the music and the sets, the script, the acting and the costumes, but most of all I loved the energy from everyone during the singing and the dancing. Such enthusiasm and talent.*

*Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to all involved and wish the children the very best in their new secondary school careers. They're going to be even brighter stars!!!*

### **Olympic Torch Relay**

As you know, the Olympic torch is currently touring the UK ahead of the Games in July. It is due to pass through Lewisham on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Brindishe Green have been invited to enjoy breakfast at the Stephen Lawrence centre on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7.00 a.m. If you would like to attend with your child (with a maximum of 3 family members accompanying) please contact Sarah Witkowski-Baker on 0208 100 2800 by Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July if you would like to attend.

### **Sports Day - Years 3,4,5 and 6**

We have rescheduled Sports Day for years 3,4,5 and 6 for Monday 16 July at 9.30am. I hope parents and carers will be able to come and support the children and I hope that the rain stays away long enough for us to have a fun and safe morning of sport. Fingers crossed!

### **This week at Brindishe Green**

On Tuesday at 10.00 am year 1 children took part in their mini Olympics with Brindishe Lee and Lee Manor. Much fun was had by all!

On Thursday nursery children and their families from the three schools, had a family picnic at Manor House Gardens. Thank you to all our families who came. It was a fabulous community event with children and adults making links and connections across our partnership of schools.

Today, Cherry Class went to the Museum of London as part of their project on the Great Fire of London.

### **Next week at Brindishe Green**

On Tuesday, Year 4 are taking part in a rounders competition at Brindishe Lee.

Also on Tuesday, Year 5 are going on the London Eye as part of their learning. They have been reading the 'London Eye Mystery' this term.

Year 6 will have their dinner dance on Tuesday evening from 6.30 p.m.

### **Attendance**

Well done to Oak and Cherry class this week for achieving the best attendance. Remember we expect each class to achieve at least 95% every week please - help us to achieve this for your child.

Chestnut 3 had the top attendance again in reception class and they will keep 'Ready Freddy', Ready Teddy's cousin for the week.

### **Dates for your diary**

16 July - Sports day yrs 3,4,5 and 6

17 July - Rounders competition at B Lee

17 July - Leavers dinner dance

17 July - Year 5 to London Eye

18 July - End of term

5 September - children return to school

### **Parent/Carer area on the MLE - don't**

**forget to let us have your views and ideas.**

To log in to the parent area on the MLE, go to [www.fronter.com/lewisham/login](http://www.fronter.com/lewisham/login)

Username: bgparent1

Password: brindishegreen

### **Scaffolding and the new windows**

Thank you to all our families who have been accommodating and patient over the last few days with the new entrance arrangements. The plans for the new windows are going very well and we look forward to beginning the new term in September looking smarter and brighter than ever!

### **Lost property**

Please make sure that you collect all your child's belongings from the class, cloakroom, or lost property before the end of term. We have

a number of good quality coats and sweatshirts still to be claimed.

...and finally

As this is the last newsletter before the summer holidays I wanted to wish our leavers in year 6 and any other children and families who will not be with us in September, the very best of luck. We are also losing a few of our teaching staff and wish them success and happiness in their future careers.

We break up on Wednesday 18 July at 3.30pm and wish all our families a lovely, restful and hopefully sunny holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 8.55am.

Best wishes and happy holidays,

Sarah Gorbutt  
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