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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

### **Book Fair at Brindishe Green.**

Thanks to all the parents and carers who came to our book fair this week. I have seen so many children reading and enjoying their new purchases. Thank you to the staff who gave up their time to organize the book fair; we couldn't have done it without you!

### **Welcome new families**

We have continued to welcome our new families to nursery this week and hope to get to know you better over the next few months.

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

Year 6 children have been on school journey all this week. We have kept our year 6 families up to date with their many activities and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return! Well done to those year 6 children who stayed behind in school. You were superb ambassadors for the school yesterday and helped to show prospective parents around our amazing school.

This week our nursery and reception classes were visited by teachers from John Ball School in Blackheath. John ball staff said how very impressed they were with the quality of the learning environment and the children's engagement and enjoyment in their learning.

Maple class had their first assembly of the year which was a great success. Thank you to the many parents/carers who came to support their children.

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

On Monday and Tuesday next week, we will be visited by a team of Australian teachers and school leaders. They have come to the UK to look at outstanding practice and have been recommended to come and look at BG.

### **Attendance update**

In line with newly published government guidance, we have amended our attendance policy which now reads;

Associate Headteacher Sarah Gorbutt

*'Current government legislation clearly states Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.*

*Amendments to the 2006 regulations remove reference to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. This means that Brindishe Schools will not authorise absence in term time unless there are exceptional professionally documented reasons why the absence cannot be taken during holiday times.'*

\*Please let the office know if you would like a copy of our updated Attendance Policy or information for parents/carers

Thank you to all those parents and carers who bring their children to school every day. This week Maple class had 100% attendance closely followed by Mangrove class. Chestnut 2 have won the award for top attendance in our reception classes and will have Ready Freddy (Ready Teddy's cousin) in their class for a week.

### **Dates for your diary**

25 October - half term begins  
4 November - Assessment week  
6 November - Full governing body meeting  
14 November - Open Day  
19 December - end of term

...and finally

### **Strike action in schools**

You may have heard on the news that some of the teaching unions are asking for a strike to take place on 17 October 2013. I am writing to advise you that there may be a strike by some staff in our school on that day.

As soon as we know how many staff are on strike we can make a decision about which classes or parts of the school are open or closed. We are likely to know this by Monday 14 October.

Wishing all our families a good weekend.

With best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt  
Headteacher

Executive Headteacher Vicki Paterson DBE