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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Well done to all our children for a wonderful first week back at school and another big welcome to any new children who have joined us. This week everyone is beginning to settle into their new classes and I have seen lots of smiley, confident, settled children learning together which is a great start to the new term!

Secret Makeover on the steps to the rooftop games area

After a successful bid to the charity Groundwork and the Boston Consulting Group we received a 'Secret Makeover' from a team of volunteers during the second weekend of the holidays.

In just one day, the volunteers built new planting beds on every step up to the rooftop games area, painted benches, dug over the soil in Forest School and even managed to weed the beds in our growing garden!

Take a look next time you pass the steps and let us know what you think.

Our KFH woodland garden

Please also take a look at the new planting that has taken place next to Forest School. All plants were donated by our local KFH Estate Agents and we hope they will generously donate again this year so that we can add more colour and variety to this new area of the playground.

Associate Headteacher Sarah Gorbutt

Calling all keen gardeners

We have many plans to get the whole school planting and growing this year and we need your help.

Are you able to come armed with thick gloves and garden tools for one or two mornings during the year? If you are, then you can help us prepare the soil in our planting beds around the school ready for children to grow their own food and flowers. We will let you know, via this newsletter, when and how you can help.

Sharing our School Development Plan

This week we have shared our School Community Development Plan with all the children. A key focus for us this year is to make sure all children develop the skills and stamina to write in a variety of styles so that they achieve the highest possible standard for their age and development. I know you will want to help us with this and teachers will be talking to you about how you can help when they meet with you over the next few weeks.

This week at Brindishe Green

On Monday the History Man came to talk to year 3 about the Egyptians.

The Fire Brigade visited year 2 and year 5 to teach them about fire safety.

Today year 6 visited the Royal Artillery Museum in Greenwich and were absolutely fantastic!

Children from Year 6 Oak Class are also performing at the Thames Festival on Sunday from 1.00pm next to City Hall (the Scoop) and we hope you will be able to come along and support them.

Next week at Brindishe Green

From Thursday our new nursery children will begin to join us. I know you will all welcome them and we look forward to getting to know our new families.

Executive Headteacher Vicki Paterson DBE

Attendance

Attendance has been very good already this term and Elm had top attendance with 100% closely followed by Oak class. Chestnut 3 had the best attendance in reception class and will have Ready Freddy (Ready Teddy's cousin) for the first time this year.

Adult fitness classes

We started our adult fitness classes again this week, but have spaces for many more parents and carers. Please feel free to come along and try them out, our instructor is Sacha and she will be with us on Tuesday and Thursday:

Tuesday - Legs, Tums and Bums

Thursday - Zumba

Timings: 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Price: **FREE** - All welcome!

Dates for your diary

15 September - The Thames Festival at City Hall

25 September - Meet the teacher

26 September - New families to 'meet the governors' from 6.00 pm

30 September - Year 6 school journey

3 October - Open Day

25 October - Half term begins

4 November - Assessment week

6 November - Full governing body meeting

14 November - Open Day

19 December - End of term

Jewellery in school

Please make sure that the only jewellery your child wears to school is small studded earrings, a watch or a religious item. Many thanks.

Emergency forms

We will be sending a copy of the emergency details we hold for you at school (yellow form) with your child next week.

Please take the time to go through this form carefully to check that we have the most up to date address, telephone numbers, emergency contact names and telephone numbers and any medical/dietary information for your child.

This is really important so that we have up to date contact details in case of an emergency so that we can get hold of a member of the family quickly.

Wishing all our families a good weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher