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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Welcome new families

Welcome once again to our many new families to Brindishe Green particularly those who are new to nursery. We look forward to getting to know you over the next few months.

This week at Brindishe Green

Thank you to the many parents and carers who attend our 'meet the teacher' meetings this week. If you were unable to join us, please see your child's class teacher to arrange another time to come in - it's very important to us that we see as many of you as possible.

Thank you also to those new parents and carers who joined us last night to sample a typical school dinner courtesy of our school meal's provider Chartwells and to begin to make connections with other new parents and carers to Brindishe Green. It was lovely to see so many of you there and we look forward to getting to know you better as the year progresses.

Book Fair at Brindishe Green.

Please look out for the posters and come to the Book Fair today and next week. The Book Fair will take place in the main hall at the beginning and end of every day until Thursday. We have many well-known titles for children to choose from.

Next week at Brindishe Green

Year 6 school journey

From Monday, year 6 children will travel to Kingswood Outdoor Education and Activity

Centre to spend a week taking part in a range of exciting challenges such as archery and zip wire. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

Next week and for the next 8 weeks, we will have 9 students from South Bank University reading with our children for 3 mornings each week.

Open day October 3rd

Don't forget to let your friends and neighbours know that we are holding our first Open Day of the year on Thursday from 9.30 - 11.30am and 5.30 - 6.30pm.

Ms Fulya is moving to Lee Manor

Next week we say goodbye to Ms Fulya who is moving to Lee Manor to become their Senior Admin Officer. We are delighted that she is remaining within the partnership and wish her all the very best in her new role. From next week, Karen Orbell joins us. Karen is a highly experienced Admin Officer. Karen will work alongside Ms Fulya next week to familiarise herself with our systems at BG and I know you will all welcome her to the school.

Sharing our School Development Plan

Each week, I hope to share with our parents/carers/governors and friends the key aspects of our Community Development Plan. Another aspect we will focus on this year is to continue to support children in knowing how to keep themselves safe particularly with regard to e. safety on the internet, making use of Place2Be and teaching children how to make good choices. We will also be reviewing some key policies around drug and substance abuse and sex and relationships.

Attendance

Thank you to all those parents and carers who bring their children to school every day. This week Ash/Elm and Cherry again are the best attenders. Chestnut 3 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.

Adult fitness classes

Adult fitness classes take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and are FREE!

Tuesday - Legs, Tums and Bums

Thursday - Zumba

Timings: 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Just come along and try them out. All welcome!

Dates for your diary

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

...and finally

Could you be entitled to free school meals?

You may be entitled to free meals if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- ❖ Income support
- ❖ Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- ❖ Employment Support Allowance (income-related).
- ❖ Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- ❖ Guarantee Element on Pension Credit
- ❖ support under part VI of the Asylum Act 1999

Applications can be done online at www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals, via the telephone on 020 8314 6221 or you can pop into the school office and Ms Ford can apply on

your behalf. Please make sure you have your National Insurance to hand.

Best wishes for another warm and sunny weekend.

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher