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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Philippine's appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the collection of clothes for the families in the Philippines and for your donations during our performances this week. We received an email this week thanking us:

'Once again, we thank you and your donors for your generosity in taking part in this humanitarian effort. Your compassion showed our common bonds as human beings, as well as the strength of our community, to come together and support those in need. We send our condolences and prayers to those who have lost family, friends, and loved ones during the storm.'

This week at Brindishe Green

Very sadly for us, our deputy headteacher Judi Pollock is moving to a new post abroad over the Christmas holiday. This is a life changing move for her and we wish her well in her new post in Kuwait! We only heard of her decision very recently and luckily for us the deputy head at Lee Manor, Kath Margetts has kindly agreed to come to Brindishe Green to fill the post for two terms. Ms Margetts is a very experienced deputy head and has worked with Mrs Pollock over the last 18 months or so and we can be sure of a smooth handover. She

is looking forward to meeting you all very soon.

After Christmas there will be a staff change in Rowan Class. Ms Fabiola Ramirez has kindly agreed to a temporary move to Lee Manor School for two terms and Ms Zara Johnson will become the full time class teacher for her class. Ms Johnson already teaches the class part of the week so she knows them well. Ms Johnson and Ms Goldsmith the teaching assistant for this class will work closely with Ms Ramirez to ensure a smooth handover so that the children are well supported and reassured.

Ms Ramirez is making this temporary move as she will be needed to take the class at Lee Manor so that their teacher can fulfil Ms Margett's role whilst she is with us.

It's a great strength of our partnership and federation that we have so many very able and flexible staff working in our schools.

Also leaving this term are Patrick Taylor who is returning to Australia, Leah Golding is taking a teaching post in Queen's Park, Kate Ling, our literacy resource manager who is returning to secondary teaching at John Roan School, Audrey Thompson and Dhani Heath who leave us to take up new challenges. We thank them for their contribution and wish them the very best of luck.

This term, we have welcomed Chloe Hazell who has been working alongside Ms Thompson in Lilac class and Alex Smith who comes with expertise in environmental science and has been working in year 4 and

6 for the past few weeks. We hope that Mr Smith will help us to develop further our outdoor learning opportunities.

This week at Brindishe Green

On Wednesday our year 1 and 2 classes took part in an Aladdin workshop organised by West End Schools. The children had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Today, year 5 have spent the day at the Royal Opera House seeing a performance of Carmen.

Thank you to the parents and carers who went to the Barbican last week with year 2 to listen to a performance by the London Symphony Orchestra. Your help was invaluable. Thank you to the many parents and carers who came to watch the Reception nativity on Tuesday and also those who attended the year 1 and 2 performance on Thursday. Thank you for being so respectful and supportive, for turning up on time and ensuring that the children had every opportunity to perform to the best of their ability. I'm looking forward to next week's performances!

Next week at Brindishe Green

There will be no booster for year 6 next week. It will start back from the second week in January - week commencing 13 January.

Attendance and punctuality

This week Birch class had the best attendance closely followed by Willow class. Chestnut 1 wins the award for top attendance in reception and will have Ready Freddy (Ready Teddy's cousin).

Well done Rowan class who will have a special session with Talmud, our Capoeira and dance teacher for coming to school on time more than any other class.

Dates for your diary

16 December - Y3 and 4 Christmas Performance in the Main Hall at 2.15 p.m.

17 December - Y5 and 6 Carol Service at St. Swithun's Church at 6.30 p.m.

19 December - End of term

7 January - Return to school at 8.55 a.m.

...and finally

Don't forget the Christmas performances next week by our Year 3 and 4 children on **Monday 16th at 2.15pm** and years 5 and 6 performance in St Swithun's Church on **Tuesday 17th at 6.30pm**. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher