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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

The Lee Manor/Brindishe Schools Partnership is now in its third and final year. Both Governing Bodies discussed the future of the partnership at our recent termly meetings where all governors recognised the enormous benefits there have been for children in all three schools. We unanimously agreed to develop proposals to move towards a Federation of Lee Manor and Brindishe Schools. Governors from all three schools will be working together on the proposals and we will have these ready by the Spring Term.

Once agreed the proposals will be circulated by the local authority to all three school communities, to all staff and their representatives, local schools and to all relevant bodies such as the DfE (Department for Education) for responses and comments.

At our recent termly meetings it was also the first time that we have met since Lee Manor was judged by Ofsted to be an outstanding school. Both Governing Bodies are delighted that children at Lee Manor are receiving the excellent education that they deserve. We are so pleased that all three schools are outstanding and we recognise and very much value the way that staff in all three schools have worked tirelessly together to achieve this outcome for children. We therefore formally noted our thanks to all staff across our three communities.

As our proposals for the federation develop we will keep you fully informed through this

weekly newsletter.

With best wishes,

Jackie Stirling
Vice Chair for Lee Manor and Brindishe Federation Governing Bodies

This week at Brindishe Green

On Monday, Year 3 visited the British Museum to learn more about the Egyptians.

On Wednesday Rowan Class visited the Southbank Centre to listen to the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

On Thursday Year 6 visited Hazard House at Lee Fire Station to learn about keeping themselves safe.

Year 5 visited Oxlea Woods over the week and created natural sculptures in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.

Elm Class and Redwood took part in an Amazon workshop in the Horniman Museum.

In all cases the children were a credit to the school. Thank you to the many parents and carers who accompanied the children on their various trips this week and last week. Your support is so important and we could not do it without you!

Broadcaster at BG

Please don't forget to listen to our broadcasts through the MLE. Ask your child to help you to find our Broadcast room where you can hear Brindishe FM.

Next week at Brindishe Green

Next week is anti-bullying week and 10 children from KS2 will be going to the anti-bullying conference to represent the school. We also have some anti-bullying wristbands left over from our SMILE week which will go on sale at the end of the day next Friday at 50p if children would like to buy them. Please see Ms Hopkins for more details.

Finally, 15 children have been chosen to attend a special club at Blackheath High School this Saturday as part of our Shine project.

Attendance and punctuality update

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

Well done Magnolia class who has more children who come to school on time than any other class. They will have a special session with Talmud, our Capoeira and dance teacher! Congratulations!

Dates for your diary

26 and 27 November - Challenge Partners
Review of teaching and learning at BG
30 November - Christmas Fair
4 December - Choir performing at Turning of the Year at Blackheath Halls
10 December - Reception nativity performance in Main Hall at 2.15 p.m.
11 December - Christmas dinner
12 December - Y1 and 2 Christmas performance in the Main Hall at 2.15 p.m.
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

Christmas Dinner Wednesday 11th Dec 2013

If your child normally has a school dinner there is no need to book one. However, if your child is normally a packed lunch and you would like them to partake of this treat, then you will need to book and pay **£1.80 at the school office by Wed, 27th Nov 2013**. There will be no facility to book after that or on the day as

the order will have been placed by then - so remember to let us know as soon as possible please.

Scooters in school

If you come to school on a scooter, please remember to lock it up. The school cannot be held responsible for any scooters that are subsequently lost or stolen. We are currently looking for a silver scooter that has gone missing and would be grateful if parents and carers used the cycle racks by the reception entrance to lock scooters up. Thank you

We are still waiting for our own scooter racks to be delivered and we hope these won't be too long now!

Wishing you all a very good weekend!

Best wishes,

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher