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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Lee Manor and Brindishe Schools Federation

As you may be aware Brindishe School and Lee Manor have been working in partnership since 2011. The partnership was initially set up for three years. It has worked extremely well for all three schools and many, many people have played their part in making sure of this.

Following extensive consultation with our three communities the governing bodies of Lee Manor and Brindishe Schools agreed this week that Lee Manor will now join the Brindishe Schools federation to secure the partnership for the future. We agreed that all three schools would share the 'family name' of Brindishe and that from September 2014 Lee Manor will be known as Brindishe Manor. These decisions were taken at the joint and individual meetings of the governing bodies, which were held on 19th March 2014.

As a result of feedback we received during the consultation we decided that we would not have new sweatshirts, uniform or book bags for Lee Manor children although we are willing to revisit this decision if parents/ carers request that we do so in future.

Each school will keep its own unique school number. Each school will also keep its own admission arrangements, budget and staff. There will be a ring-fenced budget for shared activities and joint appointments. We will have a new single governing body with responsibility for the Brindishe Federation of Schools. We will write to you in the summer term with more

details of how the new governing body will be formed.

We are very grateful to everyone who took the time to respond to the proposal consultation. It enabled us as governors to have a very full picture of the views of our communities and to make well-informed and unanimous decisions.

Jackie Stirling
Vice Chair of Governors
Brindishe and Lee Manor Schools

Parent survey - please give us your views!

On Monday, each family will receive a parent/carer survey and we would be grateful if you would complete and return it to us as soon as you are able (and no later than Monday 31st March). We are asking children and staff for their views and your feedback will help us to plan our priorities for the next few years.

A copy will also be available on the school website at www.brindisheschools.org from where it can be translated.

We look forward to receiving your views.

Marathon Man

This year's London Marathon will take place on Sunday April 13th and David Wright will be running to raise money for our three schools. David opened *ChandlerWright hair* a creative and friendly salon in Blackheath Village in 2003. If you would like to help him to help us please do so on www.justgiving.com/david-wright007 We will be cheering him on as he runs his way along the route...

This week at Brindishe Green

Game 24 Finals took place on Wednesday and our year 2 team of mathematicians came close to third position - just being pipped at the post!

Last night our three year 5/6 singers; Maria, Alliyah and Elizabeth performed at Catford Broadway Theatre singing in 3 part harmony and bringing the house down! Thank to Ms Kelly and Ms Carty who supported them at the event. We look forward to our own 'live' performance in school very soon.

Thank you to the many parents and carers who came to the Cedar class assembly this week. The children sang beautifully and many parents (and staff) were moved by the lovely singing!

Next week at Brindishe Green

It's emotional well-being week, please see the posters around the school for more information.

The School choir will be performing at 'Live at the Halls' on Friday 28 March at Blackheath halls. We are the only primary school choir invited which is a great honour.

Attendance and punctuality

This week Olive had the best attendance with 100%! Closely followed by Banyan. Palm class (for the 3rd week!) had the best punctuality and will have a special session with Talmud, our Capoeira and dance teacher on Thursday next week. Chestnut 2 win the award for top attendance in reception (for the 3rd week) and will have Ready Freddy (Ready Teddy's cousin).

Dates for your diary

Week of 24 March- Emotional Well-Being week

Week of 24 March - Parent/children's survey

27 March - School Photographer

Week of 31 March - Mock SATs Week - Yr 6

****No booster this week**

4 April - Last day of term

7-18 April - Easter Holidays

Next week last week for clubs

Please note that all clubs finish on **Thursday 27th March**.

Wishing you all a very good weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

Wednesday 26th March teachers' union (NUT) strike day

Please note the school will be closed on Wednesday 26th March. We have made every effort to try to keep the school open but unfortunately it is not possible.

School will be open as usual on Thursday 27th March. Apologies for any inconvenience