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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

### Staff News

It was with surprise and sadness that this week we heard from Alex Bell (the headteacher at Lee Manor School) that he has decided to leave at the end of the summer term. Mr Bell wants to change some priorities in his life and this includes spending more time with his family.

He has greatly enjoyed his three years with us, and remains strongly committed to the school and the federation. I'm sure that you will join with us in wishing him and his family well in the future - and especially them having more time to enjoy it together.

We can also let you know this week that Kath Margetts, currently seconded from Lee Manor to the deputy headship of Brindishe Green has now accepted a long-term secondment to become Head of School at Turnham Primary in Lewisham as it joins in a four term partnership with Stillness Junior School. I'm sure you will join us in congratulating Kath on her promotion.

In the light of these changes we are in the process of planning the recruitment of our next leadership teams for Brindishe Green and Brindishe Manor and we will keep you all posted.

Dame Vicki Paterson      Executive Headteacher  
Spyros Elia                      Chair of Governors

### Marathon Man

Today we were delighted to welcome David Wright from Chandler Wright Hair in Blackheath who raised just over £2500 for Brindishe and Lee Manor schools by running in the London Marathon. The children held an assembly for him and presented him with cards and letters of thanks. David's page is still open at [www.justgiving.com/david-wright007](http://www.justgiving.com/david-wright007) if you would like to donate.

### Open Day

This week we were visited by prospective families interested in coming to Brindishe Green. Thank you to the children who hosted the tours so well. We had many, many extremely positive comments from the families who visited.

### School Meal Price Increase from May 2014

Lewisham will be increasing the cost of Primary School Meals from £1.80 to £1.90 per meal with effect from 5th May 2014. This increase has been designed to cover the cost of food price inflation over the current and forthcoming year. At £1.90 Lewisham meals will continue to provide all of the Government nutritional requirements and compare favourably with other local authorities. The two course daily menus vary throughout a three weekly cycle and the Authority is constantly striving to improve the quality of the ingredients. Over 80% of the meal offer uses fresh, quality products from sustainable sources.

If you pay for school dinners please do remember to pay in advance. You can pay for school dinners at the school office or online via the 'Parent Pay' service. We will be happy to give you log in details at the office.

### School Crossing Patrol Officer

Lewisham is looking for a new lollipop person for the school crossing on the junction of Manor Lane with Fernbrook Road. More details can be found on

[https://ig29.igrasp.com/fe/tpl\\_Lewisham01.asp?newms=jj&id=113317&](https://ig29.igrasp.com/fe/tpl_Lewisham01.asp?newms=jj&id=113317&)

### This week at Brindishe Green

On Wednesday year 4 visited the Globe Theatre for a tour and a Macbeth workshop.

### Next week at Brindishe Green

On Tuesday Walnut visit the Bank of England .

### Attendance and punctuality

Rowan class had 100% attendance this week closely followed by Willow class for the second week. Palm and Cedar class had the best punctuality and will have their own special sessions with Talmud, our Capoeira and dance teacher. Chestnut 2 have top attendance in reception for another week - come on Chestnut 1 and 3!

### Dates for your diary...

W/C 5 May - Year 5 Banding Tests

W/C 12 May - Year 6 SATs

**\*22 May - School closed for Polling Day\***

16 May - Year 6 to Chessington

26 May - Half term break begins

2 June - Children return to school

5 June - Full Governing Body Meeting (please let us know if you would like to attend).

24 June - New Reception parent's meeting

26 June - Open Day

Saturday 5 July - BG Summer Fair

W/C 7 July - Healthy Living Week

8 July - Sports Day Yrs 1 & 2

9 July - Sports Day Yrs 3 & 4

10 July - Sports Day yrs 5 & 6

11 July - Reports to parents/carers

16 July - Yr 6 performance at 2.00&6.30pm

21 July - Yr 6 leavers dinner and dance 6.00pm

22 July - End of Term

Associate Headteacher Sarah Gorbutt

3 September - Start of Autumn Term

### Safeguarding your child

In line with our safeguarding procedures we will only let your child be collected by an adult that has been authorised by you as their parent/carer. Please therefore make sure the school always has full details of anyone who may be required to collect your child **in advance**.

If we are not aware of any change in arrangements, I am sorry but we will not be able to release your child until we have spoken to the parent/carer personally.

Also, please remember as the weather warms up that sleeveless tops and strappy sandals are not suitable for school as they put your child's health and safety at risk. Thank you

...and finally

**We return to school on \*Tuesday next week.**

Enjoy the Bank Holiday and hopefully a very sunny and warm weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt  
Headteacher

Executive Headteacher Vicki Paterson DBE