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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all!  
The children have made a very positive start to the new term and we are looking forward to a very enjoyable and productive Spring term.

### **Welcome Kath Margetts!**

No doubt this week you will have noticed that we have a new addition to our senior leadership team. Kath Margetts, the deputy head from Lee Manor School has kindly agreed to join us for the rest of this year in place of Mrs Pollock. Ms Margetts is a very experienced deputy and inclusion manager. She is delighted to be here and already feels part of our school and our community. I am sure you will make yourselves known to her over the next few weeks and she is looking forward to getting to know everyone.

### **Letters to Brindishe Green**

You will be delighted to know that we have received a further letter from the Philippine Embassy thanking us for our support. We have also received a letter from the Minister of State for Schools, David Laws MP, congratulating us on being **amongst the 250 top performing schools in terms of progress.** *'Your school is exceptionally effective in educating its pupils.'*

### **Clubs**

Letters have gone out this week. Please check your child's bag and return acceptance slips by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January please.

### **Next week at Brindishe Green**

On Thursday Elm and Redwood will visit the National Portrait Gallery

Associate Headteacher Sarah Gorbutt

On Friday, year 6 visit the Museum of London to find out more about Britain after the war. Booster for year 6 will start again from next week; Tuesday - Maths and Thursday - Literacy. Booster is from 3.15 - 4.15pm and is by invitation only.

### **Attendance and punctuality**

This week Rowan class had the best attendance closely followed by Willow class. Walnut class also will have a special session with Talmud, our Capoeira and dance teacher for coming to school on time more than any other class.

Chestnut 2 wins the award for top attendance in reception and will have Ready Freddy (Ready Teddy's cousin).

### **Lost property**

Please make sure that you check for any items that you may have lost. Our Lost Property cupboard is filling up and unclaimed items will be recycled if not collected by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you.

### **Scooters**

Thank you to those parents and carers who are now using the dedicated scooter racks newly purchased and located by Reception entrance. The nursery area has been a temporary solution and we would be grateful if from now on scooters were no longer left here. Many thanks.

### **...and finally**

On Monday we are sending home the contact information we hold for you. Please make sure that all information is correct particularly mobile numbers and emergency contact details. We will also send a text to every family as a test. If you do NOT receive a text, please update the office with the correct phone number.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Sarah Gorbutt  
Headteacher

Executive Headteacher Vicki Paterson DBE