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Dear parents, carers and friends at  
Brindishe and Lee Manor Schools,

I am writing to give you all a further  
update on our new governing body for our  
three schools for September 2014.  
Our new parent governors at Brindishe  
Green and Lee (soon to be Brindishe)  
Manor have written a short piece each to  
introduce themselves to you.

Sarah Clayton from Brindishe Green  
writes:

*"I am a working mum with a daughter in  
year one at Brindishe Green and a son  
about to join reception in September. My  
daughter has had an overwhelmingly  
positive start to her school career and I  
feel very lucky to have such a wonderful  
school serving our community. With the  
school investing so much time and energy  
into our children's development and well  
being, I want to show my support. As a  
parent governor, I hope to bring both my  
professional policy skills and parental  
interests to bear as a critical friend to  
Brindishe Green, and the wider federation,  
to ensure that it continues on its excellent  
trajectory."*

Sandra Beckford-Henry from Lee Manor  
writes: *"I want to be a parent governor as  
it a very good way to make an important  
contribution to my local community. I have  
a passion for education and care deeply*

*about the education children receive. I  
currently have a daughter in Onyx class  
and look forward to my son joining the  
school next year. "Growing up we were  
taught that, education is the most  
powerful weapon which you can use to  
change the world - Nelson Mandela. As an  
adult I have found this to be true."*

The election for the parent governor from  
Brindishe Lee takes place today and we will  
publish the result of the election for you in  
the newsletter next week.

I must also make a correction to last  
week's update. Spyros Elia, our current  
chair of governors at Brindishe and at Lee  
Manor Schools has been nominated by the  
Mayor of Lewisham as the Local Authority  
governor but I should have also pointed out  
that in accordance with current regulations  
his nomination will need to be formally  
ratified by our new governors at our first  
meeting in September.

### **Fun Run**

I hope that all families will have received  
this week details of our first three school  
event which will be a fun run for adults and  
for children in October at Sutcliffe Park.  
Please ask in the school office if you didn't  
receive your letters about this or look on  
our websites. We are trying to organise a  
small working party of parents /carers  
from each school to take the project  
forward. Do let us know if you can be part  
of the team who will organise this event.  
The aim of the event is to bring our three  
communities together, make links and  
friends, have some fun, get fit and raise  
money for the charity Unicef and our

three schools. I do hope you will come on board and join us.

And finally ... don't forget Lee Manor have their summer fair this Sunday from 1-4pm and everyone is of course very welcome to come along. We had such wonderful fairs at Brindishe Green and Brindishe Lee and I know the Lee Manor one will be just as exciting and inviting. I hope to see you and your children there.

Best wishes

Dame Vicki Paterson DBE

Executive Head

### Reports to parents

Today you should receive your child's end of year report. Please make sure you complete the parent/carer response sheet and return it to the class teacher before the end of term (22 July). If anything is unclear or you would like the opportunity to discuss the report with the class teacher, please make sure you let us know and we will do all we can to help.

### Classes for next year

Included with this newsletter is information about which class your child will be in next year and the name of their new teacher. Children will have the opportunity to spend time in their new class and hopefully with their new adults (where this is possible) over these last few days before the summer holidays. In years Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and for some children further up the school, there will be a special booklet for them to take home for the holidays to help them manage the

Associate Headteacher Sarah Gorbutt

change to a new class.

### Sports Days

Thank you to the many parents and carers who came and supported their children at our sports days this week. The events were also very expertly supported by our children in years 5 and 6 who did an amazing job and by our many talented staff. Huge thanks to Mr Phipps, Ms Parker, Mrs Cliftlands and Mr Conor for their contribution in making these days such a success and well done to the many winners who received their awards today!

### This week at Brindishe Green

On Monday we were visited by the Jimmy Mizen Peace Car, Millwall's Double Decker Bus, representatives from Lewisham Young Mayor Team and the Jimmy Mizen Foundation as part of the 'Drive for Peace'. Salma from Beech class and Ms Gorbutt placed their handprints on a special cloth to show their commitment to the initiative for peace, Cedar sang and danced for our visitors and children from years 3 and 4 held the cloth to display the many handprints that have been collected from children all over Lewisham.

Today Year 4 have visited the Maritime Museum at Greenwich

Year 2 have visited the Victoria and Albert Museum

### Next week at Brindishe Green

All next week is Healthy Living week and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our special breakfast on Monday and Tuesday. If you wish to make a donation of food, jams, cereal etc. please leave your donations at the school office.

Executive Headteacher Vicki Paterson DBE

Our office staff will be pleased to receive them from you. Please also look out for details of our special science competition which takes place next week.

On Wednesday, Year 6 performs their 'Circle of Life' at 6.30 pm. There are still tickets. Please come to the school office to buy them.

On Thursday reception classes will have a special sports day in Manor House Gardens. Next Friday, year 3 will visit Mountsfield Park for a picnic, games and a family day out.

On Thursday after school Daisy from Walnut class will be selling items she has made (hats, loom bands, bags, hairclips) and cakes for Demelza. Children can also pay a 50p to wear something red or spotty on the day.

#### **Attendance and punctuality**

Birch and Palm class achieved 100% attendance closely followed by Ash and Walnut class. Cedar class had the best punctuality.

#### **Dates for your diary ....**

16 July - Yr 6 performance at 2.00 & 6.30pm

**18 July - Sports Day (yrs 5 & 6)**

22 July - End of Term

3 September - Children return to school

#### **Lost Property**

We will be displaying any items from our Lost Property cupboard over the next week. There are many good quality coats and sweatshirts that need to be returned to their owners. Please have a good look and remember to take home all PE items

and medication for your children before the end of term. Many thanks

#### **Clubs**

There will be science club on Monday. Cricket (Years 1-3) and Gymnastics (Years 1-2) will take place as normal on Thursday. All other sports clubs are now finished for the year.

...and finally

#### **Summer Fair what a success!**

Thank you so much to the many people who made this year's Summer Fair such a roaring success! I hear Twitter has been awash with praise for our energetic team of volunteers. Bridget Prentice MP was there and wrote 'today's fair was excellent. An enormous amount of hard work must have gone in to it but I think, by the number of parents who turned up, it was a huge success. You have a school to be proud of.'

Thank you again to the chefs, the face painters, the stall holders, the bouncy castle organisers and the performers. The cake stall people wrote 'once again all of us on the cake stall were really impressed by the amount of lovely people who donated cakes. We sold every last one!'

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt  
Headteacher