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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and hello to all who are new to our school this term. I hope to meet you in person at the school gate or at one of the family events we have planned for this year. This week we have been visited by a group of Head teachers from East Sussex who wanted to find out more about how schools work together. They were full of praise especially for the children who were so very engaged and enthusiastic in their learning. The children were genuinely delighted to welcome the visitors and tell them all about their schools. The Heads also commented on 'such creative classrooms and your warm, open and very committed staff'.

As ever our three schools continue to be very well thought of in our local community. It was with great delight that we heard from Lewisham this week that each of the three schools in our partnership are proving to be very popular again as the first choice school for many families applying for Reception places for September 2014.

We are offering 180 places (30 at Brindishe Lee, 60 at Lee Manor and 90 at Brindishe Green) and by the deadline-for-applications date of 15 January we were all very oversubscribed at first choice. This means that every single Reception place across the partnership will go to a family who named one of our schools as their preferred school. We're sure that the fact that each of the schools now holds an 'Ofsted-outstanding' judgement

has influenced many parents' and carers' choices.

I am writing today to let you know of some important news regarding the partnership between both Brindishe Schools and Lee Manor School. The governing bodies of Brindishe and of Lee Manor met together on Wednesday evening this week at Lee Manor to agree a proposal to formally federate (or make a permanent partnership) from September 2014. Next Friday, 31 January, we will be sending out letters to all staff, parents and carers, local schools and local representatives (MPs and ward councillors for example) to seek views and comments on the proposal. The proposal will be posted on the three schools' websites and from there can be easily translated into many, many home languages. There will be plenty of time in which to respond, as replies will be welcome until the deadline of 14 March. After this both governing bodies together will consider them. Please look out for the letter, think about the proposal and let us have your response.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes

Dame Vicki Paterson
Executive Headteacher Brindishe and Lee Manor Schools

This week at Brindishe Green

This week we welcome two new PE specialists to Brindishe Green, Daniel Doyley and Ian Goldsmith. Daniel joins us as our new PE & Sports Coordinator. He will be the person to talk to about any sports coaching in school. He is working with our year 4 children who are swimming this term and he will be working with staff and children to ensure that BG offers the

widest range of high quality sport opportunities. Mr Goldsmith is one of our team of non-class based teachers. He is a secondary trained PE teacher currently working with years 5 and 6. We are very much looking forward to a successful year of sport and I know Ian and Daniel are looking forward to getting to know all our families and working with our many talented children.

As well as our visitors from East Sussex, Brindishe Green also hosted a training day for a group of Headteachers and senior leaders who are all part of the Mayor of London's Gold Club. Our visitors were full of praise for our 'very clean and well presented' school and for our polite and well mannered children.

Next week at Brindishe Green

On Tuesday and Thursday next week, Willow and Ash class visit the Geffrye Museum to study a selection of period rooms and explore changes in home life and design using the 1930s, 1950s and 1990s rooms at the museum.

Attendance and punctuality

This week Mangrove had the best attendance for the second week. They were closely followed by Birch class. Cedar class had no late children this week so will have a special session with Talmud, our Capoeira and dance teacher on Thursday next week.

Chestnut 1 wins the award for top attendance in reception for the second week and will have Ready Freddy (Ready Teddy's cousin).

...and finally

Water at lunchtimes only please

As a 'healthy school', please remember that only water is allowed to be drunk in school. Please don't send children in with flavoured water, fizzy drinks or juice.

Many thanks

Wishing you all a very good weekend, let's hope it's a dry one.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher



Brindishe Green

Calling all artists!

This term we are holding an art competition for all of the children at Brindishe Green.

- Your work can be in any media (painting, drawing, collage etc.)
 - It should reflect the learning that you are doing in class.
 - It must be in landscape orientation on A3 cartridge paper.
- It could be a portrait, landscape, a still life or abstract- the choice is yours, but it must be linked to your learning in some way.
- Cartridge paper will be provided and can be collected from Ms Bowen or Mr Thorne.

Entries must be submitted by Friday 7th February. The winning entries will be judged by Ms Ikiz, Ms Bowen and Mr Thorne and will then be mounted, framed and displayed around the school for everyone to see!

