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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

As we near the end of term, I am attaching details of the new teachers and classes for next year. Your child will have an opportunity to meet their new teacher and spend time in their new class before the end of term.

For some children change can be daunting and we do lots of work around transition so that children are as prepared as possible for next year. Please help us with this by talking to your child and getting to know where their new class will be and making contact in the playground and around the school with their new teacher.

Staff changes at Brindishe Green

As always there are always new additions to our team at Brindishe Green and some staff who are moving on to new opportunities.

Our School Direct trainees (trainee teachers) have been very successful this year. All have been graded as 'outstanding' and we thank them for their commitment and hard work. Mrs Cliftlands and Ms Goldsmith will remain at Brindishe Green in Year 1 and 5 respectively and Ms MacKay will be leaving us to join Rangefield School in Downham. We wish her the very best of luck in her new role.

In addition Ms Stapleton will be leaving us at the end of this year to have her baby and we wish her luck and look forward to meeting her son when he arrives. In the meantime, we will be joined by Sadete Halilaj. Mrs Halilaj is an experienced teacher who joins us from Clyde Nursery in Deptford. Our new reception parents and carers have already met Mrs Halilaj and she is looking forward to joining our amazing early years team.

In addition to Ms Stapleton, Mrs Sparkes will also leave us at the end of term to join St Mary's of Charity School in Faversham and to be closer to her family. Ms Stevenson also leaves us to take up a new position in Trinity Primary just down the road. Mr Smith leaves us to start his teacher training course at Middlesex University and Ms Swords leaves us to join James Wolfe School in Greenwich. We wish them all the very best in their new schools.

Joining us next year will be Mr Williamson, in Year 4. Mr Williamson has already been with his new class this week and he will return to us again in September. We also welcome Ms Temi, who has already been working in Cherry class with Ms Staunton and Mr Costello who will be spending some time with us next week and will work in year 3 with Ms Borrett. Ms De Leon will also join our team of non- class based teachers from September and we have heard today that Mr Sinclair will continue to work with us from September. We welcome all our new staff and know that you will make them feel welcome and supported at Brindishe Green.

Goodbye to Ms Kelly

It is also with great sadness that we say goodbye to Ms Kelly at the end of this term. Ms Kelly has accepted a headship at St Mary's School in Dublin, Ireland from August. Ms Kelly originally comes from Dublin and she is looking forward to returning to her family and making her home in Ireland with her husband.

This exciting promotion comes as no surprise as Ms Kelly has been an outstanding member of our senior leadership team at Brindishe Green and has made a huge contribution across our three schools over the last 5 years. We wish her well in her new Principalship and look forward to forging new links with a her school and to sharing some of our outstanding 'Brindishe Green' ways of doing things with Ireland!

This week at Brindishe Green

On Monday, Year 3 visited the Barbican to listen to 'Pictures at an Exhibition' by Mussorsky. Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the children on their visit.

On Wednesday and today Year 2 visited the V&A Museum of Childhood. Thank you to those that supported the children and particularly those who braved the heat on Wednesday!

Also on Wednesday our choir braved the heat to perform at the Royal Festival Hall. Thank you to those parents and carers who supported them on the journey and at the event itself - particularly as the children did not finish until 10.00pm! Many thanks also to the staff who gave up their evening to support them; Mr Acres, Ms Bea, Ms Eleni and Ms Borrett.

On Thursday 10 children from BG joined 15 local primary schools in a 'Walk for Peace' in partnership with the Foundation for Jimmy. Thank you to Mr Lewis and Ms Treddenick for organising this important community event for our children.

Next week at Brindishe Green

Next week, children from across the school will be taking part in a special morning of activities as part of our 'Learning Outside the Classroom' and we look forward to children working and learning together in our local community.

On Friday Year 1 will visit the Cutty Sark and Reception children will have their sports day in Manor House Gardens. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to join them.

Dates for your diary at Brindishe Green

10th July- Tri school Coding morning at BG
10th July - Reports to parents
14th July - Nursery Family Picnic
14th July - Year 6 Performance 1.45pm only
15th July - Year 6 Performance at 6pm only
16th July - Year 6 Dinner and Dance 6.00 - 8.00pm
17th July - End of Term

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

Attendance and punctuality

This week Elm class had 100% attendance with Ash class close behind! Chestnut 3 had the best attendance in the Reception class- well done Chestnut 3! Magnolia class also had the best punctuality - well done Magnolia class!

...and finally

Zirah in Walnut wins 1st prize in the 5k

Well done to Zirah who received her 1st prize award today (albeit a little late!) for winning the girl's 5 k in our recent 'Together we Run'.

Art Exhibition at Brindishe Green

Today our winners have received their prizes and the final exhibition takes place after school in the main hall. Thank you to all those children who entered. The range of art was very impressive and the explanations from each child were very inspiring and interesting. Many thanks to Ms Ikiz for organising this and we look forward to a larger version of this exhibition next year across our three schools.

Early Years Winner!	- Stanley
Early Years Runners-Up	- Sirine & Aiden
KS1 Winner!	- Ochre
KS1 Runners-Up	- Wiktorija & Adama
KS2 Winner!	- Lauren
KS2 Runners-Up	- Tauseef & Kewen

Winner of the Brindishe Green Prize 2015

- Emilija

Best wishes for a lovely weekend. The hot weather is continuing so please keep safe and make sure your child comes to school with appropriate footwear, a hat and covered shoulders (not strappy tops) for the foreseeable future.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE

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