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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Thank you to all the parents/carers who supported our children in Reception and Year 1 this week on their educational visits to the National Gallery and Mudchute Farm. The children really enjoyed the experience and the feedback from staff and parents/carers has been great. Also thank you to our Nursery families who came on our Family Outing to the library this week. It was lovely to see so many children enjoying books!

This week at Brindishe Green

On Monday our Able Writers in Year 5 took part in a special workshop at Blackheath High

On Tuesday we had Safer Internet Day - *please look out for our regular tips about safe use of the Internet which we hope to share with you each week.*

On Wednesday our Governors met together for our first termly full governing body meeting. This was a discussion meeting where governors congratulated all three schools on their outstanding progress and achievement of all our children. The shortage of reception places for children in the local area and the process of admitting children after the start of the school year were also part of our discussion. We will meet again on February 26th, please let us know if you are interested in coming along as an observer - all our meetings are open.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Year 6 visited the Geffrye Museum.

Look out for the Reception Art Exhibition in the Main Hall this afternoon from 3.30 - 4.30pm. The children have written their own personal invitations and I know you will be impressed by the range and quality of the art on display. Look forward to seeing you there!

Staff changes from next half term

When we return after the holiday our School Direct trainee teachers will move again: Chloe Goldsmith moves to Brindishe Lee and will be replaced by Ripon Danis from John Ball School. Linzi Mackay moves to John Ball and will be replaced by Ms Swords from Cedar class (Yr 2). Amy Cliftlands returns to us from Brindishe Manor and joins Birch class (Yr 3). Luisa West joins us from Brindishe Lee and will be based in Cedar class with Ms Borrett. Mr McGuire leaves Cherry class to return to Brindishe Manor and we welcome Danielle Sullivan who joins Cherry class permanently as their new nursery nurse. We wish everyone all the very best in their new placements and welcome our new staff. We are lucky to be able to offer the opportunity for staff to experience different schools and year groups and as always our children are very accommodating and understanding about the changes in their classes. In addition Mrs Howard who has been working alongside Mrs Sparkes in Lilac class since January has returned to her old school and while we find her replacement Mr Henry will teach in Lilac class for two days. We also welcome back this week Mr Sinclair who will be supporting Year 6 children to get ready for their important SATs tests every morning.

Dates for your diary at Brindishe Green

26th February - Full Governing Body Meeting
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27th February - Book Fair

W/C 3rd - 9th March - Maths workshops for
parents/carers in Reception, Yr 1 and 2 at
9.00am or 6.00pm

6th March - World Book Day

16th March - Science Week

W/C 18th March - Mid-term reviews with
parents/carers

23rd March - Mock SATs week for Yr 6

27th March - Break for Easter

May 7th - School closed for Polling Day

**6th June - Brindishe Schools FUN RUN -
more news to follow.....**

Attendance and punctuality

This week Palm and Walnut Class had perfect attendance with 100% and Maple Class had no lates at all which means they receive a special dance session from our dance teacher Mr Talmud!

Safer Internet Day - Tips for children

How to stay safe on-line

REPORT IT

Being online and using the internet is just like being in the real world. You can share pictures and chat to friends. Sometimes, things might happen online which are unpleasant. Someone might say something unkind, or you may see something which is not particularly nice.

ALWAYS TELL A TRUSTED ADULT

straight away if you are upset or concerned about something online.

Remember to **SAVE ANY MESSAGES** that have upset you. This will be very helpful when you tell an adult.

If you don't want to talk to a trusted adult, you may want to chat to someone else.

CHILDLINE is a site where you can have private 1-2-1 chat with a counsellor who will listen to you and not judge you. Find them on <http://www.childline.org.uk/Talk/Chat/Pages/OnlineChat.aspx>

Or you can call them on **0800 1111**

Further information and videos to stay safe on line can be found at: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

...and finally

Thank you to all those considerate drivers who park their cars safely when dropping or collecting children from school. Please be aware of our residents and avoid parking over their drives or entrances to their property. Many thanks.

We break for half term today for one week only and return on Monday 23rd February at 8.55am. Please make sure you take all your child's belongings with you for the half term holiday at the end of the day and check the Lost Property cupboard.

Have a lovely holiday.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher