

Brindishe Green School
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13 November 2015

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Nursery and Reception places at Brindishe Green, Brindishe Manor and Brindishe Lee Schools

We currently have two nursery classes at Brindishe Green School with each one offering part time places for up to 80+ children altogether. We have three Reception classes in Brindishe Green. Places in Reception classes in all three Brindishe Schools are very much in demand and all three schools are always oversubscribed. We are currently working with Lewisham as our Local Authority on a proposal to change one of the Nursery classes at Brindishe Green to a Reception class. This would mean that, in **September 2016 only**, we would offer four Reception classes at Brindishe Green instead of three. We would have some building alterations and improvements to our Early Years classrooms, outdoor learning areas and the children's toilets. Over the next few weeks we will continue to explore this option with Lewisham and keep you posted on any proposals.

There is currently no intention to provide an extra class (sometimes known as a 'bulge class') at either Brindishe Manor or Brindishe Lee. The Local Authority would like to provide extra places at Brindishe Manor School but needs more time to develop an affordable plan to remodel the school building and site, including the playground, to bring it to the required specification. There are no plans to increase or decrease Nursery places at Brindishe Manor.

Brindishe Lee has already taken two extra or 'bulge classes' and the building and site is at capacity. We do not have a nursery class at

Brindishe Lee because the nursery classroom was used to offer extra Reception places.

If you have any specific questions about the provision of Nursery or Reception places at Brindishe Schools please contact me by email (vickipaterson@brindisheschools.org) or ask for an appointment with me through one of the Brindishe School offices.

You may also wish to contact the Lewisham Places Manager Margaret Brightman at Children & Young People 3rd Floor Laurence House 1, Catford Road London SE6 4RU
Tel: 0208 3148034
margaret.brightman@lewisham.gov.uk

Best wishes

Vicki Paterson DBE
Executive Head Brindishe Schools

A third deputy headteacher for Brindishe Green

We are delighted to let you know that after a rigorous interview process this week, Lauren Campbell will join James Baguley and Debbie Hughes at Brindishe Green as the third deputy head. Lauren has been with us for many years and is a highly effective and respected teacher and colleague.

Parents and carers in Oak class can be reassured that Ms Campbell will remain with her class through to the summer and I'm sure you will all wish to congratulate her on her very well earned promotion.

This week at Brindishe Green

All this week Year 6 children have been taking part in bikeability training. We have received very positive feedback from the trainers who have really enjoyed working with our children. We are so pleased to see so many of them gaining confidence and learning this important life skill. On Wednesday Year 6 took part in a tri-school team-building day at Brindishe Manor, and had a great time working with and making new friends

in our partner schools.

Also on Wednesday Theo's Dad from Cherry Class came to visit all of the Year 1 classes to talk to them about his job as a magician. He stayed for nearly an hour and put on an amazing magic show! Many thanks to him - the children really loved it.

Today Years 4 and 5 took part in the Lewisham Get Cycling campaign and have had the opportunity to ride all kinds of very interesting two wheeled bikes! It's been a great experience for them.

Attendance and punctuality

This week Birch class had 100% attendance closely followed by Mangrove. Birch also had the best punctuality well done Birch!

Diary Dates

19th November - Open Day

30th November - Ash and Oak visit the Imperial War Museum.

1st December - Willow class to the Imperial War Museum

2nd and 4th December - Christmas Pantomimes

Christmas performances

11th December - 2:15pm - Yr 1 & 2

15th December - 2:15pm - Early Years

16th December - 2:15pm - Year 3 & 4.

16th December - School Christmas lunch

**** Change of Date**

16th December - Year 5 and 6 Christmas service at St Swithun's Church, 6:45pm start.

18th December - End of term

5th January - Children return to school

Have a good weekend everyone

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

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****PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICE**

Please give them your views whether you are a current user of library services or not.

This consultation will close at midnight on **Sunday 15 November 2015**.

How to respond

Online:

https://lewisham-consult.objective.co.uk/public/proposed_changes_to_the_library_and_information_service

Printed copies of this consultation are available upon request. Please email library.consultation@lewisham.gov.uk. Or visit your local library.

After the consultation

Once the consultation has closed all responses will be considered and a summary of responses will be included in a report to the meeting of Lewisham's Mayor and Cabinet on 9th December 2015. This report will seek a decision on the future plan for library services and approval to proceed with implementation.

****Hither Green Station: Community Meadow Sowing Day**

If you are interested in being part of the Community Seed Sowing Day THIS Saturday 14th November and working with the landscape designers (Streetscape) who will lead the session.

Drop in any time between 8am - 4pm, rain or shine. Safety footwear and hi-vis gear will be provided. Over 18s only please.

Email: info@ourhithergreen.com for more information

Christmas Lunch 16th December

Children who usually have a packed lunch are able to have a Christmas Lunch. Please book in the office and pay £1.90 before the 2nd December. *Dinners cannot be booked on the day.*

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE