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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week at Brindishe Green

Thank you to the parents and carers who came to support Redwood children on their recent visit to Tate Britain on Monday.

On Tuesday a group of Year 6 more able writers worked with the author Tony Bradman at Brindishe Manor.

Next week at Brindishe Green

On Tuesday Reception and Year 1 will take part in a special circus themed drama workshop.

On Thursday Year 5 are off to Eltham College to take part in a special musical production called Zimbe.

On Friday Year 4 visit the Tower of London as part of their topic on the Tudors.

Brindishe Green BBQ - 9th July

As part of our normal lunchtime arrangements for children, there will be an option for children to eat food from a special BBQ on Thursday, 9th July. If your child is normally a packed lunch and you would like them to have a school lunch on this day, please book and pay £1.90 at the school office by **Monday 29th June 2015**. Thank you.

Dates for your diary at Brindishe Green

23rd June - Drama Workshops for Reception and Year 1

25th June - Year 5 to Eltham College

29th June - Year 3 at the Barbican with the LSO

1st July - Massed choir at the Festival Hall
6th July - Year 1 to the Cutty Sark
7th July - Year 1 to the Cutty Sark
9th July - Lunchtime BBQ for children
10th July - Year 1 to the Cutty Sark
10th July - Reception children sports day in Manor House Gardens
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 Prom 6.00 - 8.00pm
17th July - End of Term

Attendance and punctuality

This week Elm class had 100% attendance with Walnut close behind! Chestnut 1 had the best attendance in the Reception class - well done Chestnut 1! Rowan class also had the best punctuality - well done Rowan class!

Reminder about unauthorised absence during term-time

Parents and carers should be aware that current government guidance clearly states 'Head teachers may not grant **any** leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.'

This means that in Brindishe Schools we will not authorise absence in term time unless there are exceptional and professionally documented reasons why the absence cannot be taken during holiday times. Penalty notices can be issued by the education authority and failure to pay will lead to prosecution.

Penalty notices can be issued by the education authority for the following:

- ❖ parentally condoned absences

- ❖ unauthorised holidays during term time
- ❖ persistent late arrival at school

Failure to pay could also lead to prosecution. Under current legislation parents found guilty of school attendance offences could be subject to a penalty of up to £2500 and/or a period of imprisonment for up to three months.

...and finally

Ramadan and fasting

Ramadan this year began on Thursday 18th June and will continue for 30 days until Friday 17th July / Saturday July 18th (depending on the sighting of the moon). We recognise that some of our older primary age children may be fasting for some or all of the school week as will many of our parents/carers and some school staff.

The Brindishe Schools will support children who are fasting and we wish to ensure that they can do this safely and with the least impact on their learning. Therefore, for health and safety reasons we need verbal or written permission from parents/carers, providing information about which days the child is fasting and what the fast will involve (e.g. is it drink as well as food?) For the welfare of the child, it would be more helpful if fasting days could avoid P.E. or swimming days. We would welcome the opportunity to meet parents /carers in order to discuss how best to decide on which days to allocate fasting and which ones to avoid.

We recognise that children who are fasting may want to rest or be quiet whilst others are eating their lunch.

We will ensure that relevant staff are aware, so that no child who is fasting is required to do anything that would make them break their fast or become dehydrated and weak.

We will encourage children who are fasting to rest and not to over-exert themselves, especially during the longer lunchtime break. This is particularly relevant when Ramadan falls during a spell of hot summer weather.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

Final reminder.....

Hither Green Lane - Streetscape Improvements - we need your help.

Lewisham Council are opening up the proposals for comment and feedback so that we can improve our local area and make Hither Green a better place to live and work.

The proposal document can be found by clicking the following link:

https://lewisham-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/regeneration/t/hither_green_lane_streetscape

Parents and carers can provide their support by emailing

transport@lewisham.gov.uk with "Hither Green Lane - Streetscape Improvements" in the subject.

Please note the consultation is open until the 21st June.