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Dear parents and friends,

Today I have some important news to share with you all and that is that after an incredibly long and highly successful career in education and most of it in Brindishe Lee, Diane Spalding has decided to retire from her headship this summer. Diane has worked in the school for an amazing 30 years and has steered us through many, many successes and although she still has more energy and stamina than most of us has decided to join her husband in retirement. We cannot imagine Brindishe Lee school without her. I know that we will all want to thank her and to personally give her our goodbye wishes at the end of the summer term.

I can also let you know now that yesterday a panel of Brindishe Federation Governors unanimously agreed to appoint the current deputy Headteacher Lisa Morris as the next Headteacher of Brindishe Lee School. I know we are all very happy to hear this news, send her our best wishes and give her our every support.

Mrs Morris and Mrs Spalding will work closely together to ensure there is a smooth handover, not least for the children at Brindishe Lee.

At Brindishe Manor, earlier this term governors were delighted to recruit a new Assistant Headteacher Charlotte Dougan who will join our leadership team from September. Charlotte is currently a senior leader in a federation of schools in Lambeth. She is visiting Brindishe Manor each week this term to get to know everyone so that she can make a flying start in the autumn term. You may have seen her

with Gerlinde Achenbach on the gate of Brindishe Manor on Thursdays so do try to find time to say hello.

And more exciting news on the leadership front ... as Kate Porter the Deputy Head of Brindishe Manor goes off for her maternity leave at the end of term her post will be covered by none other than our very own Jenny Guest and Emmeline Harrison as job-share assistant Headteachers. Jenny and Emmeline both trained at Brindishe Lee and Jenny taught at Brindishe Green and then moved to a post at Brindishe Manor. Emmeline taught at Brindishe Lee and led maths across the federation and now both Jenny and Emmeline will return from maternity towards the end of this term.

It is very reassuring to know that we have so many talented and ambitious people in and joining our federation and I am confident they will take us from strength to strength. They are all, first and foremost, outstanding classroom teachers and I personally feel very privileged to be working with them now and in our future at Brindishe Schools.

With very best wishes to all families,

Dame Vicki Paterson
Executive Head of Brindishe Schools

This week at Brindishe Green

We have focused our assemblies this week on being more aware about deafness and how we can be more deaf aware. Thank you to Ruby and Freya's mum who came to teach us about sign language on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, Year 2 children had scooter training to ensure they are always being as safe as they can be using their scooters and taking them on roads.

Today Yr 3 have visited Chislehurst Caves and continued their learning in Mountsfield Park.

Also today Brindishe Green hosted a tri-school hockey tournament. Thank you to Mr Lewis for organizing this event for our children and to Mrs Dodd for looking after our visitors so well.

Next week at Brindishe Green

On Friday 13th May, Cedar class will visit the Museum of Childhood as part of their learning about Victorians.

BS Fun Run 25th June

Please put this important date in your diaries so that you don't miss the Brindishe Schools Fun Run on Saturday June 25th. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help on the day. Please encourage as many people, family and friends to take part.

If you would like to volunteer, please let Mr Baguley know

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Diary Dates

13th May - Cedar class to Museum of Childhood

17th May - Year 1 to the Royal Observatory

24th May - Full Governing Body Meeting

27th May - Spring half term

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

6th - 8th June - Challenge Partner Review

9th June - Full Governing Body Meeting

W/C 13th June - Healthy Living Week and sports days. More information to follow....

16th June - Open Day

***23rd June - school closed to children**

Attendance and punctuality

Well done to Birch class again for another impressive week and also to Banyan. Cherry class had top punctuality this week! Well done!

Bexley selection tests registration

If your child is in year 5, you may be considering entering them for Bexley selection tests for secondary school in 2017. If so you will need to register your child online. Registration opens on 3 May. The closing date for registration is 10 July 2016. Results will be available on 13 October. For more information see

www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests

...and finally

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 will sit their important end of year tests next week and we know they are more than ready to show us what they can do and are looking forward to them! We wish them all the very best and look forward to seeing them bright and early every day (at 8.15am) for a healthy breakfast and a calm start to the day. Good luck also to our year 6 children in Brindishe Lee and Manor.

Best wishes for a lovely, sunny weekend.

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE