



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

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Wishing you a relaxing holiday and some autumn term highlights...

Parents/Carers and Children,

It has been a rollercoaster of a term and hasn't it flown by! I would like to 'thank you' all for making me feel so welcome at Brindishe Lee. I have very much appreciated your support and the kind comments along the way.

I thought it worthwhile to briefly share some of the highlights of the term. 'Learn Street' in September was a real success and the children had a wonderful time participating in a range of creative activities outside the school on Effingham Road. It was also great to see local councillors in attendance. Another highlight was celebrating World Mental Health Day and helping our school and the local community develop a greater awareness of maintaining not only a healthy body, but also a healthy mind. It was also a great privilege to open the new sensory room for our children and this is now being used to support children emotional and mental well-being. A huge 'thank you' to the F@B team for raising the money to support this project. And finally, as always, the Christmas performances were a huge success and enjoyed by everyone. A huge 'thank you' to all the teachers and teaching assistants for making these and many other events a really enjoyable experience for the children.

To all our parents, carers and children I would like to wish you all a relaxing break.

This week at Brindishe Lee...

It has been another hectic week at Brindishe Lee. The highlight of the week was of course the Key Stage 1 Christmas performance. As usual, the children and staff excelled themselves. The costumes and props were truly superb and the beaming smiles of the children on stage were a sight to behold and reflected the real enjoyment the children experienced in putting on the performance. As always, many thanks to all the staff who helped prepare the children and to Ms Etuk-Smith for pulling it all together. A great job!

Meet and Greet...

I will be actively taking forward in the New Year some of the ideas raised in our recent 'meet and greet' session with parents. Some of these suggestions include a coffee morning and a week long careers fair where we will invite parents to come into school and undertake workshops with children relating to specific jobs and allowing children the opportunity to obtain an understanding of the world of work.

F@B Christmas Fayre...

What a fantastic Christmas Fayre last Saturday! Thank you to all the parents/carers and children who

attended the event. As usual, it was a real success and the atmosphere was not only festive, but warm and welcoming. As usual the F@B team did a tremendous job working away tirelessly behind the scenes to organise the whole event. We raised over £3000 for the school. A huge 'thank you' to the whole team and especially Leila Minnell for pulling it all together. I look forward to working with you all in the New Year.

The F@B Lottery fund is back. If you would like to sign up for the F@B lottery 2020 then please contact Alex Gibbins via the following email address: alex.gibbins@charles-stanley.co.uk **There will be over £700 of prizes to be won during the year for the 2020 F@B Lottery.**

Lost Property...

We have gathered in all lost property that we have found recently. If your child has lost or misplaced an item of clothing, please have a look in the lost property box. The office team will be happy to help.

Messages from the office and myself...

Please can you ensure that outstanding dinner money is paid in full by Tuesday 7th January 2020. Thank you.

Centrepoint

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection for Centrepoint over recent days. This involved our Festive Jumper Day and the recent Christmas performances. We have raised an impressive £520 for Centrepoint and this will help a great many homeless people over the Christmas period. Thank you for all your support.

Rights Respecting focus...

With the holiday period upon us, we have been promoting the importance of **Article 31** (leisure, play and culture)

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



Online Safety message...

With the holidays upon us, this is a great time to think about how screen time looks in your home. The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health have created a facts sheet to support you to find the right balance for your family. Please follow the link below:
https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/201812/rcpch_screen_time_parent_fact_sheet_-_final.pdf

Fantastic attendance this week!

Key stage 1: Year 1 96.7%
Key stage 2: Year 3 99%
Well done to these classes! Please remember that we are always

aiming for your child to be in school every day of the week.

Some wonderful news...

I am delighted to announce that Ms Ferrant had a baby boy recently called Gabriel. We wish them all the very best.

Staffing in January...

In January, we welcome Ellis Frost, who will become a member of our federation mental health and wellbeing team. We also welcome Chris Sinclair and Rebecca Rice from Brindishe Green who will be with us for the first half term. And finally we welcome Jessica Dee from Brindishe Manor who will be covering Ms Ferrant's maternity leave.

Dates for your diary...

Monday 6th January – Staff INSET day

Please remember school starts back on Tuesday 7th January 2020 and we look forward to seeing you all then

Have a lovely and relaxing break,

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