



**Brindishe Lee Newsletter**  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
**Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire**



Dear parents, carers, governors, staff and friends,

After a sunny half-term break, the children have returned to school feeling refreshed and ready for the second half of the summer term. All classes have been busy this week with their learning. Particular highlights include, Year 3 dissecting parts of a flower, Year 4 have been exploring the Viking alphabet while Year 2 have been writing detailed character descriptions linked to their class text by Roald Dahl. In addition to this, linked to their end of year production, Year 6 have been designing brochures to persuade people to visit Wonderland. Please refer to the *'this weeks learning at Brindishe Lee'* section for more learning highlights.

We hope you all enjoy the sunny weather this weekend, please keep yourselves and your families safe and remember that the latest covid guidance can always be found on the government website here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do#may-whats-changed>

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,  
Ms Sebire and the Brindishe Lee Team.

### **School Meals**

All parents/carers in Year 3 upwards who choose for their child to have a school dinner must ensure payment is made through the Arbor online portal. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to receive school meals for free, funded by the government's universal free school meals grant. Parents/carers of pupils from Year 3 upwards will need to pay for their child's meal unless you qualify for the free school meals grant.

To apply for the grant, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> as soon as possible or contact the school office for further information.

### **Medication**

It is vital that we have the right medication in school for your child. Please can you ensure you keep the school up to date with your child's medication as well as any changes to their care plan. If we have contacted you regarding out of date or due to expire asthma pumps, please do send the most recent medication in as soon as possible. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### **Online Safety Bulletin**

#### **Discord – What is it? What are the facts?**

One thing children enjoy about being online, is the connection they feel to other players both online and off. DISCORD - CHAT FOR GAMERS is an app designed to help players talk to each other in real time. While playing a game on their device, users can log in to Discord and enter a group chat with one or more other gamers so that they can talk while they play. **The app is rated 13+.** This is because it enables children to talk instantly with others. Navigating this space requires maturity; to know when they are safe and to respond appropriately when things in their game go wrong. The app is aimed at adult gamers, so often the content of conversation features topics not appropriate for younger players.

### Warm Weather

As you are aware, we are experiencing lovely warm temperatures. We would like to ensure your child is well protected from the heat whilst at school, please refer to the bullet points listed below as well as the 'Beat the Heat' (Public Health) poster attached to this newsletter.

### Before School:

- Parents are encouraged to ensure children apply sunscreen before they come to school
- It is essential that your child brings a labelled bottle of water to school, which can be re-filled during the day, as needed.
- Children should also bring a sun hat
- Children should wear suitable clothes during this warm weather
- Suitable footwear should be worn. No sandals please or open toe shoes

### During School:

- We will encourage the children to stay in the shade during playtime and lunchtime
- Children will have their water bottles in the classroom and will be encouraged to drink at regular intervals
- We will also remind the children of the above points during our whole school assembly

**Thank you for your support with this matter.**

### School Travel - Staying safe and keeping healthy – A reminder

The children had an assembly before the half-term break which focused on how to stay safe and keep healthy on the way to and from school. We talked about how walking, scooting, cycling or even jogging to school helps to keep us fit, and also helps towards the 1 hour of daily exercise recommended for children. Walking to school can help us to arrive at school refreshed and ready for learning, and a walk can also be good for our mental health.

For the few families who do need to travel to school by car, we discussed ways we could still reduce the traffic around school and the air pollution, such as:

- *'Park and stride' - can you drive most of the way, but then park your car a few roads away from school, and 'stride' the rest of the way?*
- *Driving slowly and being very aware of children and adults who may be trying to cross the road.*
- *Turning off your engine as soon as you have parked or stopped your car. We also had a reminder about crossing roads safely, including staying with your adult when approaching roads.*
- *We remembered to 'Stop, Look, and Listen', when crossing roads, and recommended an extra 'Look' to check for electric cars and cyclists that may be very quiet.*

We really appreciate your support with keeping our roads as safe as possible.

**A friendly reminder** – please can parents/carers ensure they drop their children off at the school gate and avoid leaving until your child is safely through the school gates.

### School Photographs

Brian Morris will be in school next week to take our annual school photographs. He will take individual photos and class photographs. Unfortunately, at this time due to COVID restrictions, we will not be allowing sibling photographs as it would cause a mixing of bubbles. Thank you for your understanding.

### Important Dates

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Whole school photos

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June (for two weeks) - Year 6 swimming sessions

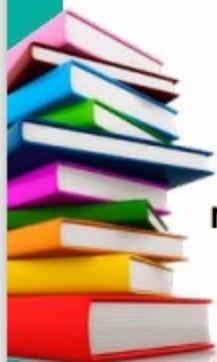
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 to Chessington World of Adventures

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 performance of 'Alice in Wonderland – The Musical'

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – End of school term



# FRIENDS@BRINDISHE LEE F@B BOOKS



F@B will be back soon with some exciting events for everyone! But for now if you'd like to support the school, we'd be delighted if you would buy a book to for your child's class library.

**RECEPTION** [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/XVUWEAS2YK5O?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/XVUWEAS2YK5O?ref=wl_share)

**YEAR 1** [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3ORI42VSPCIPP?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3ORI42VSPCIPP?ref=wl_share)

**YEAR 2** [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1CB5UF262FORR?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1CB5UF262FORR?ref=wl_share)

**YEAR 3** [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3BMGSJCDO6D42?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3BMGSJCDO6D42?ref=wl_share)

**YEAR 4** [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1NFVUES9WP16M?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1NFVUES9WP16M?ref=wl_share)

**YEAR 5** [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/13EY0VVZVVVAR?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/13EY0VVZVVVAR?ref=wl_share)

**YEAR 6** [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1RI7JC1Q2DFU2?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1RI7JC1Q2DFU2?ref=wl_share)

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