

## Brindishe Green School

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To all staff, families and friends at Brindishe Green,

Welcome back to all our families. I hope you had a good holiday. The children seem so happy to be back and they were eager to start their new learning straight away. We were delighted to see them come in so enthusiastically!

Thank you to our parents and carers for adapting so quickly to our new office layout. The feedback so far has been very positive and we must thank Alex Casagrande, our Premises Manager, Helen Ashan, our School Business Manager, and Aleks Piatkowski, our ICT Manager, for making this area of the school so warm and welcoming and even more efficient!

### New Staff

You may have also noticed some new staff to Brindishe Green: Anna Wilks has now joined us as our new Inclusion Leader and Ruth Foster is our new School Admin Officer. We have two new teachers to Brindishe Green but they are not new to Brindishe Schools: Rebekah Chin from Brindishe Manor and Diana Chapman from Brindishe Lee. We have lots of new teaching assistants: Seval Fleming, Megan Brewer, Hollie Campbell, Alex Mancini, Holly Barren, Rebecca Rice and Emma Collins. Annalise Boetang has been with us for this first week in preparation for starting her teacher training.

### This week at Brindishe Green

This week we have been getting to know our new Reception and Nursery children. We welcome all our new families in these classes and across the school to Brindishe Green and look forward to getting to know them over the coming weeks.

### Clubs

Sports clubs will start from 25 September and we will notify parents and carers if your child **has been selected** for a club by letter on 18 September.

Music tuition will start from 18 September and more details will follow next week.

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

### Dates for your diary

17 Sept - Yr 6 sing at The Thames Festival

21- 28 Sept - Scholastic Book Fair

28 Sept - 'At Home' for new BG families

W/C 2 Oct - Meet the Teacher

5 Oct - BS Secondary School Meeting for year 6 children

16 Oct - Yr 6 School Journey

...and finally a message for and from our local community. It's from Stephanie Nsom from the group '**Hither Green Lane Streetscape Improvements**'

"Please support the efforts of a small group of Hither Green residents who are attempting to keep children safe in traffic. Hither Green Lane is a very busy road suffering from excessive speeding and dangerous pedestrian crossings. In an effort to tame traffic and improve the overall amenity value of our local streets, a petition for a safer and greener Hither Green Lane was launched. It needs your support.

The petition is urging political decision-makers in the Council to fund traffic calming measures and the planting of new trees on Hither Green Lane, in addition to significant streetscape improvements. It is about creating a healthy and inviting environment that residents and their children feel safe in and want to spend time in. Your signature will help make Hither Green Lane a more pedestrian and family-friendly place to live, work and shop.

There is no age restriction on who can sign the petition. Please, make sure your husbands, wives, partners, daughters and sons sign too! Signatures are only accepted as valid from persons who live, work or study in the Borough of Lewisham. Please, help spread the word, talk with neighbours and friends and share the petition on your social media. You can find it here : <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/hither-green-lane-streetscape-improvements>  
Many thanks."

Best wishes,  
Sarah Gorbutt  
Headteacher

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE