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To all staff, families and friends at Brindishe Green,

Time for change

Today we have shared some very important news with the children and that is next September this school will have a new 'Headteacher of Brindishe Green' as I step down from the role at the end of the summer term 2018. I have now been a Headteacher for ten years. I have enjoyed it very much indeed, with all its challenges and successes, but it is time for me to make a change. Now that my own children have both (finally) flown the nest, my partner and I will be moving out of London to be nearer to the coast.

Of course it is quite a long time until the end of next year and I have told the children that the change won't be until they are in the 'next year up' because of course we want to be reassuring and positive for them. I am sure you will help us with this message.

As you will see from the message below from our Executive Head Dame Vicki Paterson this will be her last year here too. It is indeed going to be quite a busy year for Brindishe and especially for Brindishe Green. I know very well that with the staff and governors, Dame Vicki and I will do our best to keep things calm and constant for everyone whilst we make the changes.

Of course we will keep you posted with all developments via the weekly newsletter.

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

And now from Dame Vicki:

Dear families and friends at Brindishe Schools,

I am writing to let you know that I have decided to make this my last year at Brindishe. After 40 years of working in London primary schools, 27 of them at Brindishe and 10 as Executive Head, I have decided it's time for me to find new things to do with my time and energy. I am now planning my next venture in Education.

It is unfortunate, and entirely coincidental, that Sarah Gorbutt and I made these personal and professional decisions at the same time but we are confident that the governors, staff and the local authority will turn this into a great opportunity for Brindishe.

Although next September is a very long time away we thought it better to let people know as soon as possible so that plans can be made for the future of our schools. Over the next few weeks and months our governors, led by the Chair Spyros Elia, will set about finding a new Executive Head for the Federation and a new Headteacher for Brindishe Green. I am sure that working together we will find two great leaders to take these wonderful schools to even greater heights. If we start now we can make sure we make good appointments, build a smooth transition and have everything in place ready for September 2018.

I can assure you all that Brindishe is a strong and cohesive community. We have the most wonderful children and an amazing and talented staff. There are truly great relationships in and between all three schools. This federation is built upon those

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great relationships and strong values and shared beliefs. These won't change. We will keep you posted on how the recruitment plans are progressing and, as ever, thank you all for your continued support for and investment in Brindishe Schools.

Dame Vicki Paterson
Executive Head
Brindishe Schools

This week at Brindishe Green

This week 48 of our year 6 children went on School Journey to Liddington in Swindon. They have clambered up climbing walls, played water polo in canoes, built rafts and played basketball on a trampoline to name just a few of the activities they have taken part in. They have had a wet but wonderful time, behaved impeccably and the school journey team has been full of praise for them. We are delighted to have them back and wish their team of adults a well-earned rest this half term!

Well done also to the children who were not able to go on school journey. They have been a delight and a great support to all. We have really enjoyed them being here for their special week at school.

On Wednesday Year 2 visited the Royal Festival Hall to enjoy the Brightsparks concert with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra - many thanks to the parents and carers who came along to support the children.

Thank you also to all the parents and carers who helped out last Friday when Year 3 visited the Science Museum. We couldn't have done it without you!

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

Secondary Transfer

Year 6 parents and carers are reminded that the deadline for secondary school applications is **31 October**. You should apply online at www.lewisham.gov.uk via the 'School Admissions' page.

Dates for your diary

6 Nov - Flu vaccine (nasal spray) Reception - Year 4

13 Nov - Shakespeare Performance of The Tempest at the Albany Theatre, Deptford.

Tickets go on sale from this week at <http://www.thealbany.org.uk/tickets/2167/ Theatre/O-Deptford>. Please make sure you get your tickets early before they sell out!

16 Nov - BG Open Day

21 Nov - Full Governing Body Meeting at BL

24 Nov - Health Screening Year 6

Attendance at Brindishe Green

Well done to Elm (again), Birch, Cherry and Lilac class for having the best attendance. Beech (again) and Bamboo had the best punctuality too! Well done children!

Lost property

Please make sure you collect all items you may have mislaid over the term before you leave today and before they find their way to the charity shop! Thank you

...and finally

We break up today and return to school on Monday 30th October at 8.55am - (don't forget to put your clocks back.....).

Have a lovely half term everyone whatever you are doing and we look forward to seeing you all back in a week.

Best wishes,

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

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