



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 27th November 2020

Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire

Brindishe
Lee

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week has passed us by at Brindishe Lee, where our children continue to inspire us with their positivity, compassion and warm smiles.

This week our teachers have been busy meeting all of our parents and carers virtually. We know the staff have really enjoyed getting to speak to you all and being able to answer the questions that you had ready for them. Thank you for all the positive comments about the meetings as well as the constructive feedback to improve the new platform. We know a few people have contacted us because they were unable to connect to the meeting due to technical difficulties. Please feel reassured, the staff will be in contact with these families in due course.

Finally, thank you everyone for really making a conscious effort to ensure that you keep your distance around our school grounds. By working together, we can continue to offer our children, staff and community a secure and safe school environment.
Thank you for your support.

*Kind regards,
Ms Maxine Sebire.*

Headteacher & the Brindishe Lee Team.

Christmas Jumper Day – Reminder

On Wednesday 16th December it is *Christmas Jumper Day*. Please can the children come dressed in their most festive tops. There is no need to buy one especially for the day, instead try to decorate and upcycle an old jumper. Consider sustainability and being eco-friendly with your creations.

This year we will be supporting the *Refuge for Women and Children*. We would kindly ask that on Wednesday 16th December, children make a donation of £1.00 towards this charity.



Rapid Testing Survey from Lewisham Council

Rapid Covid testing is coming to Lewisham. This is good news as more testing helps stop the spread of the virus and prevents the need for further restrictions.

Please take part in this three-minute survey, so we can better target the COVID-19 rapid testing when it comes to Lewisham. Tell us whether you would take a test and if not, why?

The link to the Lewisham survey is:

<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/corporate-policy-and-governance/covid-19-rapid-test-su>

Online Safety Bulletin

Can I have an online friend?

The term '*online friend*' can be used to describe people you only know through the internet, but it can also mean engaging with someone online that you also know offline.

- Talk to your child about their online friends. Talk about the difference between online friendships and offline ones. Let them know they should only talk to friends online that they know offline.
- Children should be supervised at all times when watching videos, playing games or chatting with their friends online.
- Remind them to avoid requests to chat in private.
- Encourage them to tell you if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, scared or uncomfortable.

And remember, the minimum age for signing up to most popular social media platforms is 13.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 27th November – Deadline for photos to be ordered

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (more info. to follow)

Friday 18th December – End of term

F@B Lottery 2021

Please consider signing up to '*The F@B Lottery 2021*'. Please refer to the separate flyer attached to the email for more details on how to join in. The Lottery helps to raise and provide vital funds for the school and after such a challenging year your support would be greatly appreciated. There are 6 draws a year so plenty of opportunity to draw the winning number(s)! 1st prize - £80 & 2nd prize - £40 in each draw.

Please email alex.gibbins@charles-stanley.co.uk if you are interested in signing up.

School Photograph Deadline

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already ordered school photographs. Please note, if you wish to receive your order by the end of term, orders need to be placed by **Friday 27th November**.

Primary School Applications for 2021

Our virtual tour/promotional video is nearly ready for you to view on our school website. The first edit looks fantastic! In the meantime, can we remind you that the application process for primary places for 2021 is now open.

- Applications are already open (apply online) - Tuesday 1st September 2020 <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>
- Closing date for applications is Friday 15th January 2021 <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

Winter Writing Competition – Reminder

Following on from last years successful writing competition, Mr Richardson has designed another for all children in Brindishe Lee to enter. He would like children to design a poster for a new pencil. This can be completed on paper or by using IT. We will collect all entries from the children following COVID procedures. All entries must be in **by Friday 4th December**.

One lucky winner in EYFS/KS1 and KS2 will receive a book token to the value of £10.00. Please refer to the information listed below.

Christmas Offerings:

This week we have been asked by a few parents and carers whether they can bring in *a token of appreciation* to a staff member before the term ends. Whilst we certainly do not expect any gifts from our families, should you wish to send a staff member a card or *small token of appreciation* then this would need to be given by **Monday 14th December**, to ensure we adhere to COVID procedures.



Bike and Scooters

It is lovely to see so many of our children coming to school on their bikes and scooters. The children walk them into school so sensibly and park them in the bike rack very carefully. However, we have noticed that very few children appear to have a helmet when they are coming into school. We would like to encourage you to remind your child that they need to keep themselves safe on their bike and scooter by wearing a helmet. Thank you for your support.

Brindishe Lee writing competition



You have developed a new type of pencil and are going to market it to the British public.

You can create either a poster or a written advertisement to sell your product.



Things to consider:

- What is the name of your new pencil? Make it catchy!
- How are you going to persuade people to buy your product?
- What are the unique features of your pencil?
- What can your pencil do that makes it different to other pencils?
- How did you develop the idea for your pencil?
- Do you have any testimonials (expert reviews) that would add credibility to your claims?



Please make sure your entries include your name and your class.

The deadlines for entries is **Friday 4th December 2020**. Please give your entries to your class teacher for the attention of Mr Richardson in Year 6.

There will be glittering prizes for the best entries!