

Brindishe Green School

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15th December 2017



To all staff, families and friends at Brindishe Green,

This week at Brindishe Green

Winter performances

Congratulations to all children and staff for their wonderful performances this week.

Parents and carers were treated to high quality presentation, singing and dancing.

Very well done to everyone involved.

A big thank you to all the nursery parents and carers who came and supported their children at our 'play and stay' event on Wednesday.

Shine on Saturdays

Thank you also to the many parents & carers who came to celebrate our final Shine session at Blackheath High School on Saturday. We have had the best turnout ever thanks to your support and commitment. The children have gained so much from it and loved every minute! Thank you to Mr Baguley and Mr Lewis for supporting the children this term and to Ms Campbell for coming along to Saturday's celebrations.

Christmas fundraising for 'Crisis'



We are very grateful for your generous contributions after our winter performances and when supporting the children as they fundraise in their classes - these alone have raised nearly £600 so far for Crisis at Christmas (at the last count)! We are hoping to smash our total from last year! There will be more fundraising next week and we will be able to tell you the final total raised for Crisis early in the New Year.

For every £28.06 we raise, someone who is homeless can have access to the following over Christmas:

- Hot, delicious, nutritious Christmas dinners over nine days
- Advice on housing, benefits, finances, and employment
- Healthcare screenings
- Dental treatment and eye tests
- Hairdressing and massage treatments
- Learning and skills workshop
- Specialist centres providing safe accommodation
- PLUS access to Crisis' year-round services for training and support in the year ahead

Your Foodbank donation.

Please bring in your store cupboard donations first thing in the morning on Tuesday 19th.

Examples of what to provide include rice, pasta, pulses, or tinned items that are not perishable such as tinned fruit or tea/coffee. Alternatively you may choose to donate items such as nappies, toothpaste, sanitary towels and tampons, shower gel etc.

Thank you so much for helping people in difficulty in our local community.

Staffing changes at Brindishe Green

Today, we said goodbye to Diana Chapman, and on Wednesday, to Ms Barber who is returning home to Australia after 7 years away. We wish them both the very best of luck. Ms Ikiz has already returned to us after having her little boy and Mrs Barlow returns to us on January 18th. We will also be joined in the New Year by Amy Snaith from Brindishe Manor who will be continuing her teacher training in Maple class and say goodbye to Morag Calderbank for half a term as she continues her training at Brindishe Manor.

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Attendance at Brindishe Green

Well done to Willow and Cherry class for 100% attendance this week and to Chestnut 1 and 3 for their top attendance. Beech and Chestnut 2 had the best punctuality and Cherry had no late children at all this week. Well done Cherry class!

Is your child due to start primary school in September 2018?

You can apply for up to six schools, whether in Lewisham or outside the borough. You list them in order of preference. The closing date is on 15th January 2018. You can apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

Free school meals after 31 December 2017

Following the successful launch of the Lewisham [Parent Portal](#) the Pupil Support team will not be accepting paper application forms for Free School Meals after 31 December 2017.

Any completed paper forms not yet submitted must reach the Pupil Support team no later than **29 December 2017** as they will not be processed after that date.

All applications from 1st January 2018 must be made via the Lewisham [Parent Portal](#) ensuring the security of parent and child details. **'Important information About Free School Meals'** and **'How to Apply online for Free School Meals'** documents can be downloaded.

Should there be an issue with the Lewisham [Parent Portal](#) please contact the Pupil Support team for further advice at pupil.support@lewisham.go.uk

School uniform ordering is changing

After Christmas, you will be able to order school uniform from Tesco Uniform Services

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and have it delivered to your home address. A leaflet will be sent out on Monday with more information.

Please note, the school will continue to sell school uniform on Thursdays as usual too.

Diary Dates

19th December - School Christmas lunch and wear your Christmas jumper day! Please bring £1.00 towards Crisis at Christmas

20th December - End of term

2 January 2018 - INSET day - staff only

3 January 2018 - Children back to school

Term ends next Wednesday 20 December at the usual time, 3.15pm.

Booster classes

Booster classes will start again from Monday January 8th.

Change to published term dates

Please see our website for changes to our published term dates as, despite our best efforts, we will again be used as a polling station on Thursday May 3rd for local elections.

The school will therefore be closed to children on Thursday May 3rd and Friday May 4th. Children will then return to school as normal on Tuesday May 8th after the bank holiday.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

...and finally

I wish you all a very happy holiday and, to those of you celebrating, a very Happy Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 3 January at 8.55 am.

Best wishes,

Sarah Gorbutt Headteacher

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE