

14 December 2018

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends at Brindishe Green,

A message from Rachel Waite, our Executive Head

Dear parents and carers,
As we head into the final week of the Autumn Term, I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all the best during our festive break. I have had the absolute pleasure over the last week or so to see a number of amazing performances. From the angelic choirs, to the sinister characters in A Christmas Carol; the rhythmic samba drums and not to mention the coolest donkey around. The acting, singing and performing has been superb and something we as a Brindishe Federation are very proud of. It's at times like this when we remind ourselves of how amazing our children and staff are. A huge well done to you all.
I hope you all have a lovely time over the Christmas period and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 7 January, ready to embrace the Spring term.
Kind regards, Rachel Waite

This week at Brindishe Green: Fantastic winter performances

We have been incredibly impressed the performances from all our children this week:



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On Tuesday we enjoyed 'Christmas Around the World' from our Y3 and 4 children, including some really amazing samba drumming and super singing;
On Wednesday our Y1 and 2 children sang their hearts out and wished us all a Merry Christmas in their 'Winter Warmer' concert;

On Thursday our Y5 and 6 children gave the most amazing performance at our local St Swithun's church, complete with beautiful singing from class choirs and soloists, a narration of the Christmas story and carols for everyone to join in with.

Thanks go to all the staff who have supported the children to produce such outstanding performances and, in particular, to Jonnette Bowen, Clair Taylor and Lauren Campbell for putting programmes together.

Many thanks also go to Daisy Johnson, Rachel Callow and Esther Yeboah for working with our choirs across the school and getting such amazing singing from all the children involved.

Thanks go too to all at St Swithun's Church, and in particular Rev Juliet, for allowing us to use such a beautiful space for our concert.

We want to thank all those parents and carers who came along to our performances. This year we were trialling having 2 performances each day for our younger children and this proved a real success. We really appreciated that so many of you stayed to enjoy the entire performance and to support everyone taking part.

Today, Friday, our youngest children in Reception and Nursery have enjoyed sharing lots of festive activities in school with their parents and carers. It has been a lovely day with lots of very happy faces. and we would like to thank the staff for preparing and organising such a special event.

Reception Theatre Visit

All 3 Reception classes were excited to go to the Albany theatre this week to watch the show, Pinocchio.

The tickets were provided through 'A Theatre Trip for Every Child, Lewisham': this is a new giving scheme to provide a free theatre ticket for every 5 year old in the borough of Lewisham.

The children all had a wonderful time and their behaviour was exemplary.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who came along to help.

Festive cake sale

Last week we had a cake sale, the first event run by parents and carers in several years. The sale raised an

amazing **£395** for the school! Thank you to everyone who contributed cakes and treats and to everyone who came to buy them!

We have a growing group of parents and carers who are keen to run more fund raising events. Please email bfgsocials@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved.

Next week at Brindishe Green: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch day is on Tuesday 18 December. Children are invited to wear a festive jumper and donate £1 to 'Crisis at Christmas'.



We have held collections for 'Crisis' at all our Christmas performances. So far, our

collections have made **£541.00** and we are raising more next week ... look out in the new year for the final grand total!

Every £28.18 raised will give a homeless person the following:

- A warm welcome and good company
- Three nutritious, hot meals daily, including a delicious Christmas dinner
- A bed for the night, if needed
- A chance to shower, freshen up and get clean clothes
- A health check and treatment from a doctor, optician and dentist
- Expert help with mental health and addiction problems
- Advice on housing, employment and benefits
- A way out of homelessness for good through Crisis' year-round training, education and support.

Thank you for all your support for this very worthwhile cause.

Applications for Reception Class 2019

We would like to remind all our Nursery parents and carers that the deadline to apply for a place in reception class is **15 January 2019**. Apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

Our trim trail and climbing equipment

A reminder to all families that our trim trail and climbing equipment are 'out of bounds' for children before and after school when they are unsupervised by school staff. Please help your children stay **off the equipment** at these times.

Headlice

We have had cases of headlice in some classes this term. Please take the

opportunity of the school holiday to check and treat your child's hair.

Fantastic Attendance!

- Best attendance this week from Walnut, Cedar (100%!) and Chestnut 3
- Best punctuality from Oak, Magnolia and Chestnut 2.

Very well done to these classes.

Rights Respecting School

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)

Every child has the right relax, play and take part a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



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Safeguarding our community

We try very hard to keep our zigzag lines outside school clear at drop off and pick up times. This is for the safety of all our children and their families who need to cross the road. Thank you to everyone who parks up safely and doesn't either stop on the zigzag lines or double park on the other side of the road. If you ask a friend or family member to drop off or collect your child, please remind them to respect the zigzag lines outside school and to park up legally and walk in with your child.

Your donations

This is a final reminder that if you would like to donate a tin of fish or anything else to the Helping Hands Foodbank, the box is in the main foyer. We have a bulging box to donate to the foodbank this December thanks to your contributions. We really appreciate all the support you have given.

Diary dates

18 December Christmas lunch for children and Christmas Jumper Day - bring £1 to donate to Crisis at Christmas

19 December Last day of term

7 Jan 2019 Children return to school

10 Jan Open Day for prospective parents and carers: 9.30 – 10.30am and 5 – 6pm. Please tell your friends and neighbours.

15 Jan Deadline for applications to Reception class 2019 for children born between 01.09.2014 – 31.08.2015: www.eadmissions.org.uk

And finally...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for their support this term, both for the school and for all the charity causes for which we have been raising money. Here is a reminder of the amazing amounts (!) you have raised for good causes since September:

NSPCC : £1,709



: £ 687



: £541 so far...

Our
a great
fish and
items



local foodbank:
supply of tinned
other essential



: £ 395

(Cake sale)

There are 3 more days of term next week and our last day is Wednesday 19 December. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 7 January.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas if you are celebrating, and a very Happy New Year to all our families.
Have a lovely holiday when it comes!

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher