

## Brindishe Green School

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends.

### **Please switch off your car engines**

Thank you to our many parents and carers who park safely on or around our local streets - it is much appreciated.

Did you know that an idling engine can produce up to twice as many exhaust emissions as an engine in motion?

Exhaust emissions contain a range of air pollutants such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter. These can affect the air quality of the surrounding environment and the air we breathe, and are particularly bad for anyone with asthma, young children and the elderly.

Every day, we see many parents and carers sitting in their cars for long periods of time, running the engine unnecessarily outside our school.

Please remember to switch off as soon as your car is safely parked:

- turning off and restarting an engine causes less pollution than keeping the engine running.
- turning off your engine could help to reduce asthma, heart disease and lung cancer.
- idling wastes fuel and money and can increase wear and tear on your engine.

.....and it is illegal and you could be fined

### **Attendance at Brindishe Green**

Well done to Ash & Banyan class with 100% attendance this week. Well done also to Redwood and Birch class for coming to school on time. Chestnut 3 had the best attendance and punctuality! Well done to all of you!

### **Starting primary school in September 2018?**

Please remember that the closing date for applications is today. You can apply online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

### **Diary Dates**

16 January - Phonics workshop for parents/carers at 9.00am or 4.30pm

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

18 Jan - Basketball competition Yrs 3 & 4

22 Jan - Parent Portal opens for Mid Term Reviews

5<sup>th</sup> Feb - 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - Mid Term Reviews

7<sup>th</sup> Feb - Full Governing Body Meeting at BM

9<sup>th</sup> Feb - Break for half term

19<sup>th</sup> Feb - Children return to school

15<sup>th</sup> March - Full Governing Body Meeting at BM

19<sup>th</sup> March - Challenge Partner Review at BG

29<sup>th</sup> March - End of Spring Term

### **Mid-term review meetings**

Online booking takes place via the Parent Portal (see the link on our website). Booking opens on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January and will close on Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>.

At the mid-term review meeting you will be able to see some of your child's learning and talk with the class teacher about your child's progress so far this year and their next achievable steps.

The link to Arbor and the parent portal is:

<https://brindishe-green.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index>

If you have already given us your email address you will have been sent log-in information so that you can access the Parent Portal. If you have not used the service before or you cannot remember your log-in, please ask at the school office or email us on [info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) and we can arrange for the information to be sent again.

...and finally

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> for the local elections. The school will be closed to children on Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Children will then return to school as normal on Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>, after the bank holiday. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Sarah Gorbutt Headteacher

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE