

## Brindishe Green School

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends.

### This week at Brindishe Green

Well done to our year 6 children for completing a very difficult few days of mock SATs during the last week of term. There has been a real buzz of energy and commitment upstairs and you should all be very proud of your dedication and achievements. You will also now be in a very strong position for the real SATs on May 14<sup>th</sup> and I know your teachers are very pleased with your efforts and hard work.

Huge congratulations to the many, many children who took part in our annual Musician's Concert on Monday evening. This was undoubtedly the best concert of this kind ever at Brindishe Green! Children played and sang with great confidence, they were well rehearsed and the standard of musicianship was amazing! Many thanks to the adults who supported on the evening and to Nate Horgan and Daisy Johnson for organizing the concert for us.

### Good attendance

At Brindishe Green good attendance is 96% or above.

Good attendance means that children can keep up with their learning and therefore have every chance of making good progress across the year. There is a direct link between low attendance and low attainment.

We expect every child to be in school during term time. Term time accounts for just 190 days each year, with the remaining 175 days given over to school holiday. There are in fact 13 weeks of school holiday during the year and we expect family holidays to be taken during school holiday dates.

Given the amount of holiday time children have, it is disappointing still to receive absence requests for family holidays during term time. As Headteacher I am unable to authorise such

absence requests unless there are exceptional circumstances which must be fully documented in writing.

Exceptional circumstances do not include, for example, cheaper travel, relatives' birthdays or other celebrations, or visiting family abroad.

Families should be aware that they may be subject to a fine of £120 per parent, (per child) if their child is absent during term time without permission. Penalty notices are issued by the local authority.

Thank you to the very many families who make sure their child is in school, on time, every day during term time and who therefore ensure their child has the best possible chances of achieving well and making good progress.

### Diary Dates

16 April - Children return to school

16 April National offer day for Reception places

26<sup>th</sup> April - Open Day

1 - 31 May KS1 SATs month (for Y2)

**3<sup>rd</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> May - school closed to children**

7<sup>th</sup> May - Bank holiday. School closed

14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs (KS2)

15<sup>th</sup> May - Full Governing Body meeting at BG

22<sup>nd</sup> May - School Photos

24<sup>th</sup> May - yr 5 & 6 Sports day at the Ladywell Arena

25<sup>th</sup> May - Break up

4<sup>th</sup> June - Children return to school

**\*\*\*Please note. Music clubs start the first week back after Easter.**

### 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 therefore 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.

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### News from the office

From 01 May 2018 the cost of a school meal will increase from £2.10 to £2.20 each day. This will mean a week of school lunches will cost £11.

### Staff changes

This week sees Amy Stapleton starting her maternity leave and we look forward to bringing you news of her second baby when he or she arrives!

### Nursery places for September 2018

Applications for our Brindishe Green nursery need to be received by Thursday 3rd May. If you need any help with the application process please ask at the school office.

And finally.....

### Rights Respecting School

Each week in the newsletter, we will share one or two of the 54 articles that link with our learning in school or a particular theme for that week.



### Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

As we approach the spring break, I hope that you all have a relaxing, safe and happy time with your friends and family.

For our many Christian and Jewish families, I know that this is a particularly special time of year for you and I wish you all a very 'Happy Easter' or 'חג פסח שמח / Happy Passover'.

Wishing all families a lovely holiday and remember we return to school on **Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>**.

Best wishes,

Sarah Gorbutt  
Headteacher

*Don't forget you can translate this newsletter into more than 100 different languages on our website: [www.brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](http://www.brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk)*

### \*\*Free Cycling Courses over the holidays

Lewisham Council will be providing free child cycling courses at Downham Leisure Centre during the Easter Holiday for children age 7+.  
Week 1 will be Bikeability Level 2.  
Week 2 will be for non-riders/wobblers and Level 1  
Full details and online booking available at <https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/london-borough-of-lewisham/#events>