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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends.

Welcome back to our first newsletter after the half term break. We hope you had a restful holiday.

Last week at Brindishe Green

Thank you to our Year 3 parents and carers for helping on the visit to the Horniman Museum on Thursday and Friday last week and to Su-Ling's dad for his very interesting presentation on the Stone Age to Palm class.

As you know all 5 ducklings hatched last week and they spent a lovely weekend with Ms Supple and her family. They will be leaving us on Friday.

Fantastic attendance last week!

Well done to Elm, Rowan and Chestnut 1 for top attendance this week and to Beech (again), Bamboo and Chestnut 2 for top punctuality.

Diary Dates

11th June - Phonics testing begins

19th June - New Reception parent meeting

19th June - Yr 1 & 2 Sports Day

20 June - Yr 3 & 4 Sports Day

27th June - Full Governing Body meeting at BG.

Please let us know if you wish to attend so that we can arrange seating for you.

6th July - Reception Sports Day

20th July - End of term

Article 3 (best interests of the child)

The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

Should my child wear a bike/scooter helmet?

More than half of the estimated 90,000 on-road and 100,000 off-road accidents involving bicycles every year involve children. Tests have shown that wearing a helmet could reduce their risk of suffering a head injury by 85 % and a severe

brain injury by 75 % (The Telegraph). Here's a very brief summary of the pros and cons of

wearing a cycle helmet. We hope this helps you make an informed decision.



The argument against compulsory use of cycle/scooter helmets

- Helmets are part of the culture of "cotton wool parenting", and this makes children believe cycling is a risky activity
- Few people in The Netherlands, where cycling is a mainstream transport choice, wear a helmet
- The benefits of cycling in terms of improved health and better life expectancy, out-weigh the risks from not wearing a helmet
- Risk compensation - riding a helmet may cause riskier behaviour, as the rider feels protected

The argument for why children should wear cycle/scooter helmets

- Some evidence, used by the pro-helmet lobby, shows that helmets have been effective in reducing potential injury to children's head/brain in the event of a fall or impact with an object.
- Brain injury is devastating and we believe it is not worth leaving it to chance - *Bicycle Helmet Initiative Trust*
- Helmets are best suited to providing protection during low speed impacts. As a child is learning to ride, this is precisely the type of fall they are likely to have

7 Ways to encourage your child to wear a helmet

1. Start Early
2. Tell them why they have to
3. Get them involved in helmet selection
4. Try a cool 'adult helmet'
5. Make sure it fits
6. Make it a condition - persevere and stand your ground
7. Lead by example

...and finally

Results of the 5/6 Sports Day

It looks like the overall winners could be BL although there will be a recount today as it is so close. More news to follow...

Best wishes Sarah Gorbutt Headteacher

Headteacher - Sarah Gorbutt

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE

