

Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May
School Closed



Brindishe Green Newsletter

Friday 5th May 2023

Dear families, governors, neighbours and staff,

Although it has been a short week in school for many of our children, we have certainly packed a lot in. Heron and Cassowary class visited Sedgehill School to watch a performance of School of Rock, Year 3 visited Chislehurst Caves and children from across the school took part in our special Coronation Lunch and competition. We were thrilled to see so many children bring in their creations from home and proudly wear their headpieces at lunch.

Next week is a very important week in school. Our Year 6 children will be sitting their end of Key Stage 2 SATs every morning. The children will come into school early to enjoy a breakfast together and to ensure they are calm and ready to do their best. They have worked very hard all year and the staff are very proud of all their efforts. We wish them all the very best and know that they will be fabulous.

Wishing you all a very happy Bank Holiday weekend.

Best Wishes

The Senior Leadership Team

Something Wonderful to Celebrate

We praise all the children in school for being **curious, committed, confident, collaborative and compassionate**. This week, the following children have stood out for going above and beyond!

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Swift class! Ziah & Lucia Sofiia & Yeshua	Sophie & Link Ryan & Sona Emilia & Tomi	Alice & Harrison Reo & Nailah Kaylin & Adrian
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Nevaeh and Niko George & Alex Josias & Laderra	Macaw class Jazmin & Oliver Galliani & Megan	Malo and Luca Hazeem & Amari Mya & Alice Amaia and James

Start of the School Day

Our school gate opens at 8.45am and **all children should be in their classrooms at 8.55am**. If they are arriving at school between 8.55am and 9am, they are late for school. We have noticed that more families have been arriving late for school which means they have miss their Early Morning Work, feel rushed when they arrive in class, and miss important messages that are given at the beginning of the day. **Please can all families make sure they are in school on time.**

No mobile phones on school premises

Please can we remind all families that mobile phone conversations should not take place on school premises. We ask everyone who drops off and collects children during the day to finish their conversation **before coming through the school gates**. This is so that staff can talk to you if needed, so that you can greet your child/ren and so that everyone is concentrating on collecting the children safely during a very busy time. We are also trying to model to our Year 5 and 6 children that they should not use their phones when in school. Thank you.



Request for Leave of Absence for Exceptional Circumstances during Term Time

Parents/carers are requested **not to take their child/ren out of school during term time** as this causes disruption to their education. Children only attend school 190 days a year.

At Brindishe Schools we must follow the law* in this regard and may only grant leave in exceptional circumstances if certain criteria are fulfilled.

- Parents/carers should not normally take their child(ren) out of school during the school term.
- Leave of absence **in exceptional circumstances** (such as religious observance or the death of a very close relative) is authorised at the discretion of the Headteacher (it is not the automatic right of parents/carers).
- Please do not book your leave of absence until you have received the permission of the Headteacher.
- **Each request for leave of absence will be considered individually, taking into account:**

Ø the circumstances for the request

Ø the supporting evidence provided

Ø the overall attendance of your child(ren)

Ø your child(ren)'s stage of education, progress and attainment

- If the absence is approved by the Headteacher, you will be advised as to how many days the Headteacher has approved for your child(ren)'s absence.
- If the school does not agree the absence and you take the leave without permission, or your child is absent for more than the agreed number of days the absence will be **unauthorised**.
- **You should be aware that a pattern of unauthorised absence is very likely to result in a Penalty Notice, which carries a fine of £120 per parent (for each child), reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. In the event that this is not paid, the Education Authority may institute court action, which on conviction could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and a criminal conviction.**

A message from the Brindishe Friends Groups (BFG)

COULD IT BE YOU? - Sadly, current BFG chairs, Dana and Charlie, are stepping down at the end of this term. To continue the amazing work that BFG does, we need a volunteer/s to take on the role. Imagine a world with no more cake bakes...or winter fairs...or Year Six leaving gifts.

If you are interested in taking on this highly rewarding position, please get in touch so we can tell you more about what the job entails: bfgsocials@gmail.com.

PIZZA EVENING - Our next make-at-home pizza evening will be on Friday 19th May. Ordering a kit means we can raise money for the food parcels we put together to help Brindishe families in need feed their children during the school holidays. Thank you for your support.

SUMMER FAIR - We are meeting on Monday 22 May at the school (5-6pm) to gather as many ideas for this event as possible which will take place on Friday 16 June. We'd love to see you there. Drop us an email to let us know if you can make it: bfgsocials@gmail.com

EASY FUNDRAISING - We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help raise money for the BFG for FREE. Over 7,000 shops will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them (eBay, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, John Lewis, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and loads more) – at no extra cost to you! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising when you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at: <https://bit.ly/3p17zLZ>

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Cheese & Tomato Pizza **V**
(milk, gluten (wheat), may contain egg)

or

Spaghetti Bolognaise
(gluten (wheat))

with Herby Potatoes (gluten (wheat)) & Sweetcorn

Followed by

**Chocolate Sponge
& Custard**
(egg, milk, gluten (wheat))

**Come and Join us on
Thursday 18th May**



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