

9 November 2018

*Dear Parents and Carers,
Last Friday myself, the Governing Board, the Local Authority and members of the Federation interviewed candidates for the Brindishe Manor Headship. It is with great pleasure that I would like to inform you that Kate Porter, the current interim headteacher, was successful and will begin the substantive post from September 2019. On behalf of the Governing Board, the staff and the children, I would like to extend our congratulations to Kate and look forward to her beginning the permanent post in the new school year.*

*Rachel Waite,
Executive Head*

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



This week at Brindishe Green we are all very excited about our **Little Pop-Up Book Hut**, on loan from

the Children's Book Project. The Book Hut is set up in the early years lobby and is full of high quality new and gently used children's books. It will be with us until the end of term and every class will visit it each week.

At the end of term, the books will be distributed between the classes so that we can continue to enjoy them long after the Book Hut has gone!

Y2 Sponsored Read success!

Ms Dunn (Y2 Olive) says: A huge well done to all of the children who took part in the half term sponsored read! We were able to raise nearly £500! All of the

money will go towards buying brand-new resources for year two's current and upcoming topics, including resources for planting, cooking ingredients and, of course, some lovely new books!

Visit from the NSPCC

The NSPCC visited our school this week and delivered their *Speak out. Stay safe.* assembly to share information with your child about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries.

It was a very worthwhile and empowering session for both pupils and teachers. They spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country, and explained how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their 'fight for every childhood'.

Brindishe Green is set up for 'Easy Fundraising'

We have found an exciting and simple way to raise money for our school... through your online shopping!

'Easy Fundraising' has been set up to help organisations like schools get additional (and much needed) funds in the easiest of ways. Each time you shop (either through the easy funding link or choose to have the donation reminder) the school will earn money.

At <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> all you have to do is this:

1. Go to the Easy Fundraising website (link above)
2. Select the 'cause' (Brindishe Green)
3. Register your name and email address
4. Then shop!

We hope many of you will choose to support our school in this way.

Fantastic Attendance!

- Best attendance this week from Ash and Rowan at 100%
- Best punctuality from Magnolia, Chestnut 1 and Walnut!

Very well done to these classes.



Children In Need

On Friday 16 November it is Children In Need day. This will be an opportunity for us as a school to help raise money for children and young people across the UK who are in need of support.

Ms Campbell tells us that the theme this year is 'Do Your Thing!'

On this day we plan to give everyone one minute each to share with each other the things we enjoy and that make us 'shine'. This could be a hobby, a talent, a special celebration, something from our culture or talking about our favourite people and places.

We are also encouraging everyone to come to school in their funkiest **pyjamas!**

Here are a few practical suggestions for the day: We ask that children do not wear onesies because they are impractical and unhygienic when using school toilets, that they DO wear their trainers or shoes (not slippers) and that they bring a warm dressing gown or coat for the playground.

More information about the day will be sent home with the children as part of their home learning.

All donations should be brought into school next Friday morning (16th) – please contribute what you can... every little helps!

Diary dates

15 Nov Open Day for prospective parents and carers 9.15 – 10.30am and 5 – 6pm. Please tell interested friends and neighbours.

22 Nov Full Governing Body Meeting 6pm - please let us know if you would like to attend and we will arrange seating for you.

11 Dec Y3 and 4 'Christmas Around the World' performances 9.15 and 2.15

12 Dec Y1 and 2 'Winter Wonderland' performances 9.15 and 2.15

13 Dec Y5 and 6 Carol Concert at St Swithuns Church, 6pm

14 Dec Reception festive family learning session 1.45 – 3.15pm

14 Dec Nursery festive family learning sessions 9 – 11am, 12.45 – 2.45pm

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

Best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach
Headteacher