

16 November 2018

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

This week at Brindishe Green we were visited by record numbers of prospective parents and carers keen to see Brindishe Green in action on Open Day.

Our Y6 'ambassadors' showed them around and received so much praise from our visitors. In particular they loved the way the children talked so positively about their school. They were very impressed by the quality of learning in each classroom, and commented on the care and respect the children show each other at Brindishe Green.

### Children In Need



A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our 'Do Your Thing!' Pyjama Day today for BBC Children In Need. The children have had a fantastic day.

We are very pleased to announce that we have raised over £600 so far for this very worthwhile cause. If you would like to make a contribution, please bring it into school by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

### Emergency procedures at Brindishe Green

As you will know, schools are obliged to have procedures for safe evacuation and invacuation – that includes getting everybody out of the building in the event of an emergency, or getting everybody inside safely.

The likelihood of a real emergency taking place is extremely low but, so that everyone can feel informed and confident, we practise our procedures at least once a term.

All the children are well prepared by their teachers so they know what to do when they hear the signals. This week we held our first 'invacuation' for the term and it went very well. We also had a successful 'evacuation' or 'fire drill' earlier this year.

### Parents and Carers hope to run a Festive Cake Bake – 7 December – with your help!

Some parents and carers at Brindishe Green are keen to find some ways to offer fundraising support for our school. They have asked me to include this message in today's newsletter:

"We are looking for some parents and carers to help organise a Festive Cake Bake on Friday 7 December 2018. If you can help, we will meet over the next 2 weeks to discuss the bake and then we will need people to be available to help out on Friday 7 December from early afternoon (around 2pm).

Please email [bfgsocials@gmail.com](mailto:bfgsocials@gmail.com) for further information and to register your interest. We look forward to hearing from you."

### Christmas Lunch – 18 December

We will be sending home information about the children's Christmas lunch early next week. If your child does not usually have school lunch but would like to have Christmas lunch on 18 December, you will need to let us know by next Friday 23 November. There is a charge of £2.20 for children in Ys 3 – 6, unless your child is already entitled to free school meals.

There is no charge for Rec – Y2.

### **Fantastic Attendance!**

- Best attendance this week from Ash and Chestnut 3 for the third week running!
- Best punctuality from Walnut, again for the third week running!

Very well done to these classes.

### **Rights Respecting School**

This week we are looking at Articles 1 and 3: Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention and the best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.



**Universal Children's Day** is celebrated every year on 20th November. The purpose of the day is to improve child welfare worldwide, promote and celebrate children's rights and promote togetherness and awareness amongst all children. At Brindishe Green these themes thread right the way through our curriculum and shape everything that happens in our school.

### **A reminder about 'Easy Fundraising'**

'Easy Fundraising' has been set up to help organisations like schools get additional (and much needed) funds through your online shopping!

All you have to do is this:

1. Go to the Easy Fundraising website <https://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/>
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, especially at this festive time of year.

### **Safeguarding our children at drop off and pick up times**

Please help us to keep everyone safe at these busy times by not bringing hot drinks onto the school site, even in a reusable cup. We do not allow hot drinks around children at Brindishe Green.

As a **healthy school** we ask that end of day snacks for children do not include sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. We also ask that any birthday treats distributed at the end of the day are saved until the children have left the school site. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Diary dates**

**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

**18 December** Christmas lunch for children

**15 Jan 2019** Deadline for applications to reception class 2019 for children born between 01.09.2014 – 31.08.2015: [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Best wishes,

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