

## Brindishe Green School

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**Friday 6 September 2019**

**Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends of Brindishe Green,**

Welcome back to school after the long summer break. It has been lovely to see the children again and watch them settle so quickly to their new classrooms and to their learning. It was a joy to see the surprise and happiness on their faces when they turned the corner on the first day and were greeted by the spectacular display of sunflowers!

### **This week at Brindishe Green**

This week we have been meeting our new Reception and Nursery children and their families. We welcome all our new families across the school and look forward to getting to know you and your children.

### **Sad news about a member of staff**

We wrote to all families earlier this week to let you know about the very sad and untimely death over the summer of a member of our staff, Tracy Suarez (Miss Cookie), a much-loved teaching assistant and friend to many.

Many of you have come to us to let us know how sorry you are to hear the news and to ask how to share your memories of her. From next Monday 9 September, we will set up a Book of Remembrance for Tracy in our library. If you want to share a memory of her or write a personal thank you, please come and find the book in the library (near my office). We will give the book to her family.

### **Staffing Update**

We would like to congratulate Emma Brookes (formerly Emma Dunn) who was married over the summer. We wish Emma and her new husband every happiness for the future. Sadly, Toni Harris, classroom assistant, leaves Brindishe Green next week for a new role in a pre-school. We wish her well and thank her for her contribution to our school over the past four years.

We are very pleased to introduce a number of teaching assistants joining our teaching team this term: Helen Onwuka, Eleanor Harris, Jade Mackay, Rachel Willis, Viktoria Szanto and Elif Gokhas. I know you will join me in welcoming our new staff to Brindishe Green.

### **IT provision**

Michael Payne and Aleks Piatkowski, who lead on the development of our schools' IT, have spent the entire summer holidays rebuilding and upgrading every computer at all three Brindishe Schools to Windows 10. It has not been a small job and we thank them for their long days and late nights ensuring that we were ready to go for the start of term. Thank you both!

### **Messages from the school office**

Please make sure that we have your most up-to-date contact details as we start the new school year. We need to have at least 2 emergency contacts for your child. You can update your child's details using your login details at <https://brindishe-green.uk.arbor.sc> or you can let the school office know. If you have forgotten your Arbor log-in, you can request a new one from the school office.

If your child is having school meals please remember to pay for these in advance at a cost of £11.50 per week. You can pay for them electronically on Arbor or via the payment box in the foyer (exact money please).

Headteacher: Gerlinde Achenbach Executive Head: Rachel Waite Chair of Governors: Lindsay Dale

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As you know, school uniform is not compulsory at Brindishe Green. However if you would like your child to wear a school sweater or polo shirt please go to [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com) to purchase online. Book bags or PE bags are available to purchase from the school office every Thursday and we also currently have a small stock of polo shirts and sweatshirts (small sizes only).

Key Stage 2 choir and music tuition will start week commencing 16 September. After school clubs (Teachsport) will start again during the week of 23 September 2019. The timetable will be sent home next week via your child's book bag so please look out for it and return it to us asap.

### **Brindishe Green Nursery**

We only have a few part time places left in our Nursery – these places are in the afternoon class. We offer 15 hours per week of high quality early years education and children aged 3 before 31 August 2019 are eligible for a September 2019 place. Please let your friends and neighbours know and ask them to contact the office team as soon as they can if they are interested.

### **Collection arrangements for Ys 2 – 6**

At the end of the day, parents and carers are asked to wait for their children in the designated areas of the playground and not to take children from the line as they are walking out of the building. For safeguarding reasons you will understand how important it is that the staff see each child go safely to their expected adult from the collection point.

### ***We are a GOLD Rights Respecting School***

Each week in the newsletter, we will share one or two of the 54 articles from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child that link with our learning in school or a particular theme for the week. This week we are focussing on: **Article 28 (right to education)** Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



### **Diary dates**

**19-25 Sept** Scholastic Book Fair, before and after school in the main hall and EYFS area

**26 Sep** Brindishe Green 'At Home' – a welcome evening for all families who are new to our school, 5.30 – 6.30pm. Invitations to follow.

**1 Oct** How to apply for your child's new secondary school – a meeting for parents/carers in Year 6 who would like more information on the process of applying for secondary schools, 5pm in the main hall

### **And finally...**

#### **Friends of Brindishe Green**

We are planning to set up a friends association at Brindishe Green in the autumn term. The association will be for all parents, carers, staff and friends of the school. If you think you might be interested in helping to get the group off the ground, please let me know at [headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk), and I will put you in touch with other parents and carers keen to do the same.

With best wishes,

Gerlinde Achenbach  
Headteacher