

Friday 29 June 2018

Dear families, staff, governors and friends

This week at Brindishe Lee ...

A treat on Tuesday evening at the first ever Tri-School Choral concert hosted in the open air at Brindishe Green. Beautiful voices from all three schools and some amazing solos, including our own Maddie, from Year 5.

Year 4 have been out and about this week. They visited Crofton Roman Villa as part of their learning about the life and times of the Romans in Britain and they also enjoyed a jewellery workshop at Lewisham library. Thank you, as always, to parents and carers who gave their time to accompany these visits. You are such a valuable part of the day, we can't do it without you.

Picasso

Everyone has been extremely busy preparing for the Picasso exhibition next week. The school is bursting with creativity and everyone is really looking forward to sharing their learning with you on Tuesday. You will have received a letter from Ms Houghton yesterday inviting you to come along after school, make sure it is in your diary.



The Brindishe Lee Picasso exhibition
Tuesday 03 July 2018

Entrance times ...
3.30pm – 6.30pm

Classes for next year ...

Sadly, I must let you know that, after 19 Brindishe years, Kathy Salmon retires this summer. Kathy has led Inclusion and provision for all Special Educational Needs at Brindishe Lee. She has worked tirelessly to ensure opportunity for every child and provision in school to meet their learning, social and health needs. She truly believes in Inclusion for all. This was endorsed when we enjoyed the success of the Inclusion Quality mark

last year.

The report reflects the energy and quality Kathy has promoted through her role in her time at Brindishe Lee. Here is just a snapshot of what the assessor said ...

Education at Brindishe is all about complete inclusion with personalised learning as an integral part of all children's experiences.

This celebration of difference comes from the very top. Diversity and difference are welcomed and used to the advantage of all. Diversity brings with it a different strength, a different way of looking at things, it strengthens and tops up our resources and gives something extra, something to be proud of.

Kathy will be greatly missed by all children and adults. We say an enormous thank you to her for the value and commitment she has given since 1999 and wish her many happy days as she enters a very well earned retirement. I am sure you will want to make time to thank her and say your goodbyes

At the end of this summer term we will also say goodbye to a few other members of our team. Vickie Kopel is moving on to explore new opportunities with children and child care. Danielle Sanniti is leaving us to become Foundation Stage Lead in a new Primary School, Sian Simons is about to begin Schools Direct Teacher Training in Bromley and we also say goodbye to Talsia Brown as she starts her PGCE year in September. We wish them all every success as they take the next step in their teaching careers.

As we say goodbye to some old friends we will be welcoming new. Verity Ferrant joins our teaching team in September. Mrs Ferrant comes to us from Lambeth. She will take the lead on Inclusion at Brindishe Lee and we look forward to welcoming her very much.

We are still recruiting our team of support staff so cannot confirm all teaching assistants who will be working at Brindishe Lee next year. We will keep

you updated.

We can, however, tell you who will be class teachers next year.

CLASS TEACHER	CLASS
Jo Sharrock	YEAR 6
Janine Rathbone	YEAR 5 (Cherry)
Shirley Haughton	YEAR 5 (Willow)
Katie Matthews / Sarah Wagland	YEAR 4
Sharon Kirkland	YEAR 3
Laura Scallon	YEAR 2
Alex Lea	YEAR 1 (Magnolia)
Amy Etuk-Smith	YEAR 1 (Sycamore)
Nikki Hearne	RECEPTION

A plea ...

Before the end of the term please check under beds, behind the sofa, on shelves and in bags for any book that may belong to us at school. Please return all books you find. Look out for book collection boxes placed around the school. We lose so many books throughout the year and to 'top up' is impossible to track and very, very expensive. Please support our children's learning by returning everything you find. Many thanks.

Outstanding dinner, School Journey or visit monies

Most parents and carers in Brindishe Lee will be settling their debts this week. Please make sure you settle yours. It's easy to do - just go online via the school website or click [here](#) to link to Arbor and pay your child's dinner money. Thank you.

Rights Respecting School

Next week, in our assemblies and discussions we will be focusing on Diversity and Pride. **Article 2:** *All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their*



religion is, whether they are a boy or girl, what their culture is, whether they have a disability, whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.

Dates for your diary ...

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday	Picasso exhibition
Thursday	Tri-school Debating competition
Friday	Year 2 to Broadstairs
10 July	Year 6 Leavers' evening
17 July	Year 6 day out
18 July	BBQ
20 July	Last day of the school year

03/04 Sept	STAFF INSET DAYS
05 Sept	Children in, NEW School Year for Years 1-6 , Reception staggered start begins

Attendance this week

Best attendance this week ...

Year 4, Cherry with **99.6%** and

Year 5 with **98.9%**.

Well done to both these classes!

Finally ... Sun, sun, sun

We take advice from Public Health England on keeping children safe in the sun:

- Apply sunscreen (at least 15 with UVA protection) before school every day
- Wear a sunhat - wide-brimmed is best – to avoid sunburn
- Wear loose, light coloured clothing that covers vulnerable areas such as the shoulders

Please note that school staff are not allowed to apply suncreams to children for safeguarding reasons. We don't know the creams your child may be allergic to and we don't want to ask staff to rub cream onto children's bodies. If you have a concern about your child's skin in the sun during the day please let us know via the school office

Have a great weekend.