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## Brindishe Lee's Newsletter

*Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022*

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

How quickly time has flown since the beginning of the academic year and now we find ourselves nearly at the festive holiday. As always we have managed to pack a huge amount into the term, including our class trips and experiences, charity events, bikeability, swimming, cricket coaching and the chicks to name but a few highlights. In addition to this, children across the school have been discussing this week how proud they are of their learning and the progress made this term.

Over the next two weeks, we have the festive performances, as well as dress rehearsals, which we are so looking forward to. If you need to find out any more information about events taking place before the break, please take a look at on Weduc.

Finally, with all the festivities I wish you all wonderful weekend, whether that be relaxing at home, off exploring or taking part in any family traditions.

*Kind regards,*

*Ms Sebire & the Brindishe Lee Team.*

### Festive Christmas Performances:

The festive performances will take place in the school hall at 2.30pm. Communication went out this week about the performances and tickets. If anyone is unable to make the performance, we are going to film it and will send out the link before the end of term.

### Performance dates:

- 7.12.22 at 2.30pm: Years 4 & 6
- 13.12.22 at 2.30pm: Reception & Year 1
- 14.12.22 at 2.30pm: Years 2 & 3
- 15.12.22 at 2.30pm: Year 5



### Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch 2022

This year, we are having our Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14th December. We are encouraging our pupils and staff to bring a voluntary £1.00 donation to wear their Christmas jumper and the money raised will be donated to Save the Children. We can also accept either cash or a minimum donation of £1.00 through Horizons.

We recognise that some children may already have Christmas jumpers but if they don't, we do not expect you to go and buy one. Why not get creative and turn an old jumper into a Christmas Jumper, or if you don't want to wear a jumper why not design a Christmas t-shirt instead?

We will also be holding a competition – Design a Christmas Jumper. Templates for the jumper competition will be handed out on Monday 5th December in classes. Children can take them home and decorate, so be as creative as you can! We are asking children to return their competition entries by Tuesday 13th December so they can be judged, and prizes will be distributed on Christmas Jumper Day. There will be one winner per key stage, have fun and good luck!



## Winter Weather – Coats and Hands



As many of you have noticed, the weather has really changed this week and it has certainly got much colder. Please can we remind you to make sure that your child brings a **warm coat to school, and perhaps a hat, scarf and gloves** for the end of the day and lunchtime. Please make sure these are clearly labelled with your child's name. Also, we are still making sure that the children wash their hands several times a day in school as part of keeping everyone safe and well. As the weather has turned colder, please can we suggest that you moisturize your child's hands before they come to school and when they get home as well. This will help to prevent them getting dry and sore. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## Cost-of-living support

We know everyone is feeling the pinch this winter and we want to support those families in our school community who are impacted the most. If you're struggling with your finances, please do get in touch to let us know, as there may be things we can suggest which will help. We want to do everything we can to help you and your child through this difficult winter.

Each week we will aim to provide some support and information here to help support our families.

### Get free or low-cost food

If you're worried about not having enough food to feed your family, you're not alone. There are a number of places offering support.

- If you have a child under 4, and meet the eligibility criteria, you may be entitled to [healthy start food vouchers](#)
- Find a local foodbank with these websites: [Bankuet](#), [The Independent Food Aid Network](#), the [Trussell Trust](#), or your local [community fridge](#)
- Use food waste apps and websites like [Olio](#) (for free food and household items from your local community), [Too Good To Go](#) (for low cost food from local restaurants), or [Low Price Foods](#) (food that has passed its best before date, but is still safe to consume)

## Brindishe Lee Key Dates

- Wednesday 7th December – School Health Team – height and weight checks for Year R & 6
- Thursday 8th December – Open Door - Shared learning (3.30pm-4.00pm)
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch and festive jumper day
- Friday 16th December - Pantomime for all year groups (kindly funded by F@B)
- Friday 16th December – End of term – Festive holiday starts



## **Rights Respecting at Brindishe Schools - Article of the Week**

### **Article 4 (implementation of the Convention)**

Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

### **Article 41 (respect for higher national standards)**

If a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.

### **Human Rights Day**

On 10th December 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

This important moment in human history is now remembered on that date every year and is known as Human Rights Day.

All children have the same human rights as adults. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child sets out the **additional** rights that all children have until the age of 18.

Children's rights are human rights so we can celebrate them alongside the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



## **Brindishe Weekly Online Safety Bulletin**

### **Pop-ups and adverts**

When your child is playing on certain games or is on social media, they may see adverts/ pop up adverts. The content in these adverts may not always be appropriate to them, particularly if clicked on.

It is important to talk to your child about adverts and to think about what they are clicking on before they do and if they are unsure to either ignore them or to check with a trusted adult.

Further information <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/security/pop-ups-adverts/>

### **Key Federation Dates**

- End of Term – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Closing date for primary applications – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- Primary offer day - Monday 17 April 2023 (you will get an email in the evening telling you where your child has been offered a place)



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### **Governing Body Dates**

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting as an observer, please email our Chair, Liz Murphy - [lizcmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:lizcmurphy@gmail.com)

Spring 1	Brindishe Lee	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023, 6pm
Spring 2	Brindishe Green	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023, 6pm
Summer 1	Brindishe Manor	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023, 6pm
Summer 2	Brindishe Lee	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2023, 6pm

### **Starting primary school in 2023 - advice and support for Lewisham families**

#### Event

Lewisham are excited to announce that they are running a free informal event for parents to learn about the primary application process. They will be offering friendly and supportive advice from Admissions, Family Information Service, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and Free School Meals teams.

**This will be on Wednesday 14 December from 9am-6pm at Catford Library.**

**Primary schools and Early Years providers** – Please see the below link where you can find out more and book a space if you are interested – Lewisham have broken up the day into four timed sessions and some may be more popular than others.

[Book your slot on the 'starting primary school in 2023' event at Catford Library](#)

#### Email reminders

Don't forget you can also sign up for weekly emails – these go out weekly every Tuesday with tips, advice, and reminders and have been very useful for parents in the past.

[Sign up for weekly emails about applying for a primary school place in 2023](#)



### **Lewisham Winter Programme**

Please find attached to this newsletter the Winter Holiday HAF Programme. This winter, with funding from the Department of Education, Lewisham Council is providing a varied holiday programme, with free activities and lunches for school aged children and young people (aged 5-16 years-up to 19 for children/young people with SEND) eligible for and in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals. Please note priority is given to families and young people who are in receipt of free school meals ages 4-16 years.

Dates of delivery: 19-30<sup>th</sup> December 2022.