

Friday 28 September 2018

Dear families, staff, governors and friends

This week in the classroom it's been a week of story planning, ambitious vocabulary and great pride in showing what we can do. I heard Reception children share some 'wow' moments yesterday ... they have really arrived at school! And ... every class has been Carnival busy at Brindishe Lee. Masks, costumes, banners, drumming ... so exciting! All getting ready for next Friday, 05 October. I hope the date is on your calendar.



Parent Governor elections

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the governor team and play an important role. If you would like to stand for election, please complete and sign the nomination form we sent out last week and return to the school office no later than midday on **Monday 1st October 2018**. Please mark your sealed envelope, "Parent Governor Election".

For further information about the role of the parent governor, please get in touch with either rwaite@brindisheschools.org or our Chair of Governors, Lindsay Dale lindsay.dale@me.com

Hand wash!

We have had a number of children sent home this week with sickness and diarrhoea. In an attempt to limit spreading any further we are really encouraging thorough handwashing throughout the day. Our message is that to do a good job takes soap and then a good amount of hand wringing before rinsing.



A full chorus of 'Happy Birthday to you' whilst washing should mean the job is done well! Please talk about this at home ... it will help to limit the passing on of unwanted bugs and keep us all well.

Please remember that guidance from the Health Protection Agency part of Public Health (gov.uk) says that children with vomiting and/or diarrhoea **should not attend school for 48 hours from the last episode**. Thank you.

Meet the teacher meetings Y1 – Y6

This is an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how they have settled in to their new class and to pass on any relevant information to support learning. Meetings will take place during the week beginning 15 October. We very much hope you will be able to make an appointment to meet with us.

Booking will be available next week. To book an appointment please log on to our Parent Portal (Arbor) and select a time to suit you. If you do not have access to a computer, or are having difficulty logging on, please pop in to the office and Gwen Neil or Mary Lawlor are able to support.

Music opportunity in Lewisham

Lewisham Music are running two fantastic holiday courses during the half term break with the return of their **Rock & Pop School (children in school years 5-11)** and **Lewisham Junior Orchestra (children in school years 4-8)**.

Both courses cost £40 (£15 concessions) and will run on **Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 October from 10am-3.30pm** at Prendergast Vale School, Lewisham. For further information and to apply please visit www.lewishammusic.org/learn-with-us/holiday-courses

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Black History Month, a message from the office ...

To celebrate Black History Month this October there will be a celebration lunch.

- It's next week on 04 October
- All orders from children who wish to have the dinner (only those who usually have packed lunch) need to be in to the school office by 02 October.
- Cost is £2.20

Jamaican Vegetable Pattie

Coleslaw

Banana Bread, Fruit Drink, Salad, Custard

Secondary School Selection

Parents and carers of Year 6 children please remember to check the Lewisham website www.lewisham.gov.uk for dates when you and your children can visit local secondary schools in preparation for entry in September 2018. The closing date for applications is 31 October 2018. Applications are made online at www.lewisham.gov.uk

Dates for your diary ...

Next week:

Monday F@B Welcome to Reception – new families @ 09:20
Open evening for prospective families @ 17:00

Friday **BRINDISHE LEE CARNIVAL!**
Procession from 2.30pm

08 - 12 Oct Y6 School Journey
15 – 19 Oct Y1 – Y6 meet the teacher
19 October Break for half term holiday
31 October Secondary selection closing date
Year 6 families please check the Lewisham

website for further details :

www.lewisham.gov.uk

Attendance this week

Best attendance this week ...

Year 5 Cherry with 99.63%

Year 6 with 99.21%

Well done both classes!

And finally ...

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL!

Severe food allergies

We have a number of children with nut allergies. Please do not pack foods in lunch boxes that contain nuts. This includes for instance, peanut butter or Nutella (or other chocolate spreads) or cereal / cereal bars that contain nuts.

Thank you very much for helping us with this very important matter.

I hope you enjoy the sunshine this weekend and look forward to seeing you next Friday for the Carnival Procession at 2.30pm and World Food Celebration after school at 3.30pm.

Lisa Morris

Headteacher

Don't forget you can translate this newsletter into more than 100 different languages on our website: www.brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk