

Brindishe Manor School

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Welcome back parents, carers, staff & governors

New families

A big welcome to all of our new reception children and new children joining us throughout the school. We welcome them and their parents, carers and families to Brindishe Manor.

A note from Rachel Waite

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all as we begin the Autumn Term. Over the last few days it has been wonderful to watch the children walking through the school gates, delving into their learning and talking to each other about their summer time adventures.

As I too embark on a new year, I want to thank the staff at all three schools for such a warm welcome. It has been fantastic to be part of the INSET days where we immersed ourselves in the priorities for the year, looked at exciting opportunities for 2018-19 and prepared the classrooms for the year ahead.

I will be spending the next few weeks getting to know each school. I am looking forward to greeting as many of you as I can on the school gates, spending time in the classrooms and talking to the children and staff.

My passion is to ensure that every child that is part of our school community is provided with opportunities that inspire them to learn, prepare them for the future and support them in becoming the best they can. I look forward to working within the Brindishe partnership and taking the schools forward.

Have a fantastic weekend, Rachel Waite, Executive Headteacher

Staff news...

Many congratulations to Rebecca Sanders and her husband on the birth of their son, Sebastian and also to Lizanne La Roux and her husband on the birth of their daughter Michelle. Both babies were born during the school holidays. Jenny Guest and her husband also welcomed Elliot to their family yesterday. We can't wait to meet all of the new babies and send our best wishes to the three families.

As you are aware, I was asked to take on the role of Interim Headteacher for the first two terms as we were able to recruit a headteacher for our school. Since then I found out I am expecting my second child and will be leaving on maternity at the end of the Autumn term. Rachel Waite, our Executive Headteacher, alongside the Governing body will be ensuring that a strong team is in place to continue the work we have started this term and keep Brindishe Manor moving from strength to strength. Regular updates will be sent out to you all as and when we have information to share.

New Staff...

We have welcomed Catherine Wilmot, class teacher of Topaz into Year 4; Eleanor Benton, class teacher for Pearl class into Year 3 and Kasia Kozysa, class teacher for Ruby class into Year 2. I know

Interim Headteacher: Kate Porter Executive Head: Rachel Waite Chair of Governors: Lindsay Dale

In partnership with Brindishe Green and Brindishe Lee Schools

they have all had a fabulous first week and are very much looking forward to getting to know the children and their families over the course of the next few weeks.

Gold Awards

During the summer holiday, we received confirmation that Brindishe Manor has been awarded the Gold Sing Up award. Well done to Mark Maguire who completed our application and the inspirational teacher who leads music at Brindishe Manor.

Yesterday it was confirmed that we have also been awarded The Primary Geography Quality Mark (PGQM) Gold level. Many thanks to Emily Da Silva and her team who submitted all of the necessary documentation for this.

Alternative arrangements for collecting children

If you need to make alternative arrangements for the collection of your child/children, please make sure that you have notified the school office and class teacher (where possible) with details of who will be collecting. If it is somebody who has not collected before, please contact the school office with a password that can be used.

School lunches

Please remember to make your payments for school lunches in advance, on our parental portal <https://brindishe-manor.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index>

Please note that the cost of school dinners for this half term total £72.60.

Year 5 and 6

If your child is walking home along and need to bring a mobile phone to school, they should hand it into the office at the start of the day before going to their classrooms. Mobile phones are then kept safely in the office throughout the day and children can collect them at 3:15pm

Dates for your diary:

September 27	Information evening for Y6 parents
October 2	Open day for prospective parents
October 4	Year 5 School Journey meeting – final arrangements
Week beginning October 15	Meet the Teacher, parent/carer meetings
October 22 - 26	Half Term
October 31	Secondary school application deadline
November 5-7	Year 5 school journey
November 13	Open day for prospective parents
December 12 & 13	Key Stage 1 Nativity performance
December 17 & 18	Key Stage 2 winter performance
December 19	End of term