

Friday 21 September 2018

Dear families, staff, governors and friends

This week every class at Brindishe Lee has been busy finding out about Carnival across the world. It has been exciting to hear music from Mexico, Italy, Spain, Saint Lucia to name a few countries being researched. Workshops with the Performing Arts team begin next week in readiness for 05 October. Don't forget to put the date on your calendar.



Clubs

At the start of each term, we invite parents/carers to choose after school club opportunities run by Brindishe Lee staff and parents. This term the clubs were extremely popular and each provision has a waiting list, some with up to 50 children.

When allocating places, Miss Matthews has ensured that ALL children at Brindishe Lee who applied for a club, have at least **ONE** of their choices. Yesterday, you will have received offer letters for each club. It is highly likely you have only been **offered one** club to ensure fairness and that all children are included. If you have not received an offer letter for a club you chose, then you have been unsuccessful in gaining a place but your child has been put on a waiting list and we will let you know should a space become available.

Many thanks for your understanding and in helping to ensure as many children in our school as possible, are able to access an enrichment opportunity of their choice.

A request from Ms Lea

Crochet club starts on Tuesday, and we are looking for more wool. If you have any left over from old projects or from a friend or a relative, please pass it onto Ms Lea in Year 1

Magnolia. Thank you.

Bringing children to school at the start of the day

09:15 can be very busy outside the classroom doors each day. Please make sure you stay with your child every morning until the teacher opens the classroom door and your child arrives safely in their classroom.

Thank you very much for helping to keep all our children safe.

Lost property

We have a huge number of items of clothing children have left on the pitch or the mound at the end of playtime and lunchtime. Many of these items have been left since the beginning of this term and appear brand new, some were left during the summer term.

We will leave the basket with all the clothes in at the front of the school every day next week. Please take time to check the basket and see if any of the clothes belong to your child. All items still in the basket will be taken to the charity shop at the end of next week.

Thank you.

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

Secondary School Selection

Over the next few weeks our Year 6 children will be visiting local secondary schools in readiness to make their choice for starting Year 7 in September 2019.

Last year's Year 6 have now moved on and we wish them well. The table below shows the 14 secondary schools our children transferred to ...

Secondary School transfer for Brindishe Lee children Sept 2018	No. of children
Bonas Pastor Catholic College	2
Colfes School	3
Crown Woods School	1
Dartford Grammar	1
Eltham Hill	5
Haberdasher Aske's Knights Academy	1
Harris Academy	1
International Academy of Greenwich	1
James Allen's Girls' School	1
Lee Academy Blackheath	1
Newstead Wood School for Girls	1
Thomas Tallis	9
Townley Grammar School	1
Trinity Lewisham School	1

Dates for your diary ...**Next week:****Mon - Fri** **Clubs begin****01 October** Open evening for prospective families**05 October** **BRINDISHE LEE CARNIVAL!****Procession from 2.30pm****08 - 12 Oct** Y6 School Journey**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 6 with 100%**Year 5 with 98.85%**

Well done both classes!

And finally ...

You will have received details this week about applying for the two parent governor positions within the Brindishe Federation Governing Board. Parents from Brindishe Lee, Brindishe Manor and Brindishe Green are welcome to apply for the posts.

If you have any questions about the role please ask me or Mrs Waite.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Lisa Morris***Headteacher***