

Friday 18 November 2016

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends

Some parents/ carers have asked for clarification or more information on the security of the school's MIS (management information system or pupil database) and the method of electronic payment systems.

The information given below is a brief overview of how the systems work and how they each comply with regulations to ensure that your data, your child's data and your payment details are managed safely and securely:

Arbor (MIS System)

Arbor Education provide their MIS system to Brindishe Schools. The Arbor MIS system is a database that holds pupil information for the purpose of enrolment, registers, attendance records, safeguarding etc. Arbor is a trusted provider to education and its system is fully compliant with UK, EU and Department for Education guidelines.

As a data processor, Arbor abides by all terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 and is on the UK Government G-Cloud and Department for Education frameworks, which ensures that they meet all known standards of data security.

Stripe Payments

Stripe manages card payment transactions between parents/carers and the school. Stripe does not ask for bank verification as the system (known as "3D Secure") is not used in Stripe.

This method of security is only mandatory for Maestro cards and there are other forms of security such as the one used by Stripe. Security is further increased in that you create your own passwords when you log in. The school provides you with an automated email directing you to the instructions to create your own password and access. Passwords are not known to the school. The school cannot see or access your bank or

payment details. We only receive notice of how much was paid against your child's record and for what purpose. For example we would see that a payment of £20 had been made for dinner money but we would not see who paid it or how it was paid.

If you are ever concerned about making payments online please remember you are still able to pay over-the-counter in the school office on Monday mornings please for dinner money, Thursdays for school uniform or book bags and any day for visits and clubs. It helps if you avoid the early morning rush and have the correct money available.

Crisis at Christmas

We have now launched our nominated charity for our Christmas fundraising this year.

All three schools will be supporting Crisis this year; the national charity for homeless people. We hope you too will be able to help.

We are asking children to 'do' something to raise money rather than just give a donation. Children can offer to 'do' something to help. This could be unpacking the dishwasher, washing the car, helping with shopping, walking the dog, washing up etc. and through this they will earn pennies large or small, to donate to Crisis.

For just over £200.00, we can feed 10 people over the Christmas period in one of the 14 Crisis at Christmas Centres.

We are also talking to the children about how local foodbanks support families at difficult times and how we can donate to our local Foodbank. If you would like to support us in raising money for Crisis at Christmas or want to collect donations for our local foodbank, please let the office know or send me an email at headteacher@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk

Please take a look at the links below for more

information.

<https://community.crisis.org.uk/christmas-2016/reserve-a-place?gclid=CM3vv5rVh9ACFWkz0wod6OcJdw>

<https://lewisham.foodbank.org.uk/>

'Celebrating Diversity' week

It's been a fantastic week in school with much discussion, learning and exploration around the issues of inclusion, acceptance and respect.



Across the school classes have explored the colours of the Universal Flag and how important it is to celebrate and be proud of being individual.

Children have been challenging gender stereotypes by considering differences in the packaging of toys; exploring feelings and how to manage them; recognizing that families are all different and celebrating team and free spirit. A very colourful and happy week.

Next week ...

Monday

Y6, Camellia, Day of Dance

Friday

Y6 to attend 'Lewisham Junior Citizen' event @ Lee Fire Station

Y4 to the Unicorn Theatre to see 'Baddies'

Dates for your diary ...

05 & 06 December (pm) Key Stage 1 Christmas performance

10 December F@B Christmas Fayre

13 December (pm) KS2 Christmas Celebration

14 December (eve) KS2 Christmas Celebration

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES!

16 December 2016 Last day of autumn term

04 January 2017

First day of spring term

Finally ...

F@B Fayre news ...



COMPETITION TIME!

Children of Brindishe Lee! We would like you to **design a Christmas card picture**. The winning picture will be used on the annual Christmas card sent by the company Toucan Computing (one of the Christmas Fayre's contributors).

Designs should be on A4 paper (please don't fold!) – you need to create a picture to be used on the front ... and handed in to the office by **Friday 25 November**, latest. Good luck!

Warm wishes for a lovely weekend

Lisa Morris
Headteacher