

Friday 6 May 2016

Dear parents and friends,

Today I have some important news to share with you all and that is that after an incredibly long and highly successful career in education and most of it in Brindishe Lee, Diane Spalding has decided to retire from her headship this summer. Diane has worked in the school for an amazing 30 years and has steered us through many, many successes and although she still has more energy and stamina than most of us has decided to join her husband in retirement. We cannot imagine Brindishe Lee school without her. I know that we will all want to thank her and to personally give her our goodbye wishes at the end of the summer term.

I can also let you know now that yesterday a panel of Brindishe Federation Governors unanimously agreed to appoint the current deputy Headteacher Lisa Morris as the next Headteacher of Brindishe Lee School. I know we are all very happy to hear this news, send her our best wishes and give her our every support.

Mrs Morris and Mrs Spalding will work closely together to ensure there is a smooth handover, not least for the children at Brindishe Lee.

At Brindishe Manor, earlier this term governors were delighted to recruit a new Assistant Headteacher Charlotte Dougan who will join our leadership team from September. Charlotte is currently a senior leader in a federation of schools in Lambeth. She is visiting Brindishe Manor each week this term to get to know everyone so that she can make a flying start in the autumn term. You may have seen her

with Gerlinde Achenbach on the gate of Brindishe Manor on Thursdays so do try to find time to say hello.

And more exciting news on the leadership front ... as Kate Porter the Deputy Head of Brindishe Manor goes off for her maternity leave at the end of term her post will be covered by none other than our very own Jenny Guest and Emmeline Harrison as job-share assistant Headteachers. Jenny and Emmeline both trained at Brindishe Lee and Jenny taught at Brindishe Green and then moved to a post at Brindishe Manor. Emmeline taught at Brindishe Lee and led maths across the federation and now both Jenny and Emmeline will return from maternity towards the end of this term.

It is very reassuring to know that we have so many talented and ambitious people in and joining our federation and I am confident they will take us from strength to strength. They are all, first and foremost, outstanding classroom teachers and I personally feel very privileged to be working with them now and in our future at Brindishe Schools.

With very best wishes to all families,

Dame Vicki Paterson
Executive Head of Brindishe Schools

**Dear parents, carers, staff,
governors and friends,**

Next week is SATs week for our year 6 children. We wish them lots of luck as this is their opportunity to show their

learning in a test situation. They have worked very hard throughout the year and really deserve to be rewarded with positive outcomes! We will be starting first thing in the morning and all year 6 children need to be in school at 8.30 am to have their SATs breakfast!

During May, Year 2 children will also be taking tests which inform the Teacher Assessment for each child. In June Year 1 will be taking a phonics test which is taken individually with a teacher.

Please do not book appointments or keep your child off school unless really necessary during these important dates.

All results will be reported to you later in the term.

Take care in the sun!

It has been lovely to see the sun after the hail and snow of last week!

However please ensure that you check the weather and apply sun screen to your child before they come to school. Please also make sure that they have a named sun hat, a top which covers their shoulders and appropriate footwear with socks. Children trip up very easily and open toe sandals can be dangerous.

This week/future dates

Monday 9 – Thursday 12 May KS2 SATs week for year 6

The month of May- Yr 2 SATS KS1 assessments

Friday 20 May Quiz night

Monday 23 May 5.00-6.00pm Open evening for prospective parents

Tuesday 24 May Governing Body meeting

Thursday 26 May International day

Monday 30 May –6 June Half Term

Monday 6 June - INSET day for staff

Tuesday 7 June - 2nd half of summer term

Thursday 9 June- Governing body meeting

Monday 13 June – Friday 23 June
Phonic screening-Yr 1 including year 2 re-sits

Saturday 25 June- Fun run

Wednesday 6 July – Sports day (if not wet)

Friday 8 July – Summer fair

Thursday 14 July- Art Exhibition

Monday 18 July – Year 6 leavers evening

Wednesday 20 July -End of year

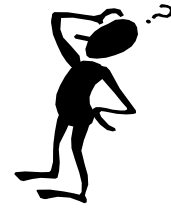
Best wishes to all families

Laid Back Quiz!



Friday 20th May at the school

Doors open 7:30 for 8pm start



Tickets £5 each (includes entry and nibbles) from class reps.

Soft drinks, wine and beer on sale at the quiz.

Bring your friends or join a team when you arrive.

All adults welcome.

No expert knowledge needed! Revision is futile!

Sorry children: this is an event for grown-ups only