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Dear parents, carers and friends,

Ofsted news

As you know this week we had full and official Ofsted inspections at both Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Green Schools. The phone call announcing their arrival came last Thursday and our inspectors arrived on Monday and Tuesday. Each school had their own separate team of inspectors and each school will have its own separate report.

The inspection teams looked at and read the parent questionnaires, the children's questionnaires and the results of the staff surveys. They spoke to groups of children at playtime and at lunchtimes, observed many, many lessons over the two days and made sure they observed the teaching in each and every single class. They examined all of our school policies, procedures and progress reports. They looked at the sats results for children aged 7 and 11 years over the last three years and at the progress of children as they move through nursery and reception and into year 1. They also looked at the progress of children in years 3, 4 and 5.

The inspectors looked carefully through many, many children's books, watched assemblies, looked at the learning on display around the school and interviewed teachers with posts of responsibility, and some of our governors. The inspection teams worked closely with the senior leaders at each school especially Diane Spalding and Sarah Gorbitt our Associate Heads both of whom did splendid work in leading all of their staff through the inspection process. The inspectors also looked at how the school supports and works with parents, carers and the local community both at each school and at both schools.

The official Ofsted report for each school will come to you, as parents, within about two weeks once it has been checked and approved. Each report will then go on the Ofsted website and school's website.

I am delighted to tell you that we are all very pleased with the judgments for both schools. Both schools got the same Ofsted grade. Each school received fantastic reports - and so they should because your children were absolutely marvellous. They showed themselves as welcoming, polite, well-behaved and very keen learners - no more than we have all come to expect. I know

you will be very proud when you read about them and as soon as I am able to I will send the report for each school to every family.

Best wishes

Vicki Paterson
Executive Headteacher

Dear parents, carers and friends,

The new studio

Today we expect to be handed over our new studio, ready for use. We are really pleased with the result, the studio is even better than our previous space - and we will start to use it next week. The room has a sprung floor for dance / gym. The remodelling works, which have created a new boardroom area as an entrance to the studio, are also complete. The extra space is very welcome after a year where we have only had the use of our main hall. The children will I know really enjoy the greater range of activity that the extra space will support.

If you would like to have a look at the new room please come along on Thursday at 9.15am in the morning or at 3.00pm before the end of the day.

Parent Question

Parents ask many helpful questions so in the newsletter in

each week, we will be taking one question and answering it. If you have a questions please write to me or e.mail me at

dianespalding@brindishelee.lewis.ham.sch.uk and we will answer it

through the newsletter. I'm sure it will be helpful to you and other parents.

A parent asked: What clothing should my child wear for PE?

Children in Reception and KS1 may wear underwear or shorts and t-shirts/leotards with bare feet for indoor PE. Underwear is by far the easiest clothing for young children to manage. Please also ensure they are wearing clothes that they can manage to take off and put on again independently including the fastenings of their shoes.

Children in KS2 should wear shorts and t- shirts/leotards and have bare feet. If your child has a verruca it can be securely covered or plimsolls can be worn. In cold weather it is important for children to have a warm tracksuit or sweatshirt and leggings in order to enjoy their outdoor PE. (Please remember socks, so that their feet do not rub and so that the socks can be regularly washed.)

We ask for watches and earrings to be removed or in the case of earrings covered. If your child wears earrings it is easier for

them and us if they are left at home on PE days.

Long hair should also be tied back with hair bands.

Children do need to change for PE and change back to be in class for the rest of the day- this also includes clubs. This is good practice and ensures appropriate clothing for the activity-such as being able to stretch and bend clothes and also for good personal hygiene.

Sport for All

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their sponsorship money. Quite a few children in all year groups have said they still have money to bring in.

If they have lost their form they can bring their money into school in an envelope clearly marked with their name and class.

Mary's meals

Our kitchen company and staff are supporting a charity called Mary's meals. This is a charity which supports children's welfare in preventing poverty and hunger, enabling children to receive an education. The charity supports children in Africa, Asia, South America and Eastern Europe. They will be selling flapjacks on Monday at 3.30pm in the hall with the proceeds donated to the charity.

Best punctuality

Excellent punctuality this week across the school with year 1 Camellia, year 1 Lilac, year 2, year 3, year 4 and year 6 all on 100%- fantastic!

Best attendance

Winners this week are year 4 with 98%, closely followed by year 2 and year 6 on 98%- well done to all of them!

Brindishe Green's International evening

All are welcome at Brindishe Green's International evening on 3 November 5.00-7.00pm. Parents /carers and staff at Brindishe Lee are invited to this special event. Please make a note in your diaries. Donations of food are welcome. Also if you sing,dance or play an instrument Brindishe Green would like to hear from you!

Next week

Monday 10 October

Community choir- rehearsal
6.45-7.45pm

Please come along new members very welcome - no experience necessary.

Wednesday 12 October

Yr 5 swimming at the Arches

Thursday 13 October

Year 4 visit to the Tower of London

Governing Body meeting
6.00pm.

PHAB AGM 5.45pm

Best wishes to all families

Future dates

Diane Spalding

Friday 14-16 October

Yr 5 School journey to Marchants Hill

Free football coaching at half term

These sessions are offered FREE during the half term holidays at the SOCCER DOME in Greenwich, near the O2 (Previously called the Beckham Academy). The venue itself is an amazing experience, to walk onto two full size state of the art astro-turf pitches fully covered, is pretty amazing.

Half term

Monday 24 -28 October

<http://tescoskills.thefa.com/SkillCentres/Kent/LondonSoccerDome>

Monday 31 October- Friday 4 November

Yr 6 School Journey to Little Canada Isle of Wight

Monday 7 November

**PHAB LEE NEWS
(PARTNERSHIP OF HOME AND BRINDISHE)**

PHAB Lee Annual General Meeting - Next Week!
Thursday 13 October 2011

Partnership of Home And Brindishe Lee (PHAB Lee) will be holding its AGM on Thursday 13 October at 5.45pm in the School Hall.

All parents, carers, staff and governors are most welcome to come along to this open meeting. We will be discussing future fundraising and social events and ideas on how funds raised might be used to help the school. There will be a crèche for school age children. We would love to see you there!

Dates for your Diary!

We have an exciting set of events for this term:

Autumn Cake Sale - Thursday, 20th October

Bring your colourful and scary offerings to the hall on the day! But get in fast after school as the cakes go quickly!

Harvest Supper 8pm - Friday, 18th November - Come and share your favourite dish with us in an informal gathering.

Refreshments in the Lodge - Friday, 25th November - PHAB Lee will be organising regular get-togethers in the Lodge straight after morning drop-off. A great chance to meet other parents.

Saturday, 3rd December - Christmas Fair. Come along to our annual Fair with seasonal treats, games, gifts and some amazing raffle prizes. Who knows there may even be a mystery visitor bearing gifts!

Next term, we shall be organising a fantastic sale of old and new clothes, books and gifts. As you start making room for Christmas, please collect any clothes your children have grown out of, toys or unwanted books, all in good condition. We will keep you posted on dates and when to deliver the items to school.