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**Dear parents/carers, friends,
governors and colleagues,**

In thinking about our schools community development plan for years 2011/2014, with Brindishe Green, we started by sharing what sort of schools we wanted to be.

Our theme is,
'Touching tomorrow today'.
We are one community which is:
leading, modern, outstanding,
rights respecting, aspiring,
motivating, enabling and inspiring.
These words describe our
building blocks for our planned
developments.

Our focus will be on:

Providing the children with
learning opportunities which are
rich, creative and targeted to
their needs.

To recognize our rights and
responsibilities as pupils, parents,
staff and governors.

To work in partnerships and in
collaboration with others.

To be inclusive and accessible

If you would like a copy of our
SCDP (Schools Community
Development Plan) with further
details of the planned
developments, please ask at the
office. We welcome your views
and comments.

MUSIC NEWS

Community Choir

Our choir for adults in the
Brindishe community starts again
on Monday 19 September. If you
have ever thought about singing
with other people then this choir
is for you. We have a core of
dedicated singers looking for
singing friends. The choir is
about having fun, letting your
hair down and feeling uplifted by
singing with others. All welcome
and no previous experience
necessary!

Please come along: Mondays,
6.45pm - 7.45pm, Brindishe Lee
school hall. See Ms Achenbach
(Year 5) for more details if you
have any questions.

Children's choir

Brindishe Choir starts on Monday
19th at the new time of 3.30 -
4.15. We have a very exciting
opportunity for up to 30 young
singers (Y3 - Y6) to prepare for a
concert extravaganza at the O2
in February. The O2 Young Voices
concerts are attended by
thousands of schools across the
south east. Ms Achenbach is
hoping to welcome new voices and
to welcome back old faces.

Membership will be on a first come, first served basis and there will be a waiting list if more than 30 children apply. We took part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 in 2008, and it was a huge success. With a pop medley and lots of wonderful new songs to learn it promises to be a lot of fun.

Brindishe Singers

Our singing group for our youngest children is on hold until we get our new studio and therefore more space! Rycharde is looking forward to running this group for a max of 20 children from Rec to Y2 after half term.

Ensemble

Ensemble will not run during the autumn term, largely due to lack of available space, but also to give our small, trusty band of musicians a break! We hope to plan some opportunities to work with Trinity School in the spring term.

Anime Orchestra

On Tuesday 20 September we are taking Y5 and Y6 musicians from Brindishe Lee and Brindishe Green to take part in a composing project with Trinity School music department, in conjunction with the LSO (London Symphony Orchestra). This will run during the school day.

Ukelele club

Our brand new club, ukelele, is starting on Wednesday 21 September. It is for children in Year 5 who want to continue to learn the instrument. Places may become available for children in Year 4 and Year 6 to begin to learn. Please see Shani to put your child's name on a waiting list if they might be interested.

Clay Club

The children who took part in the club last term are waiting patiently for their work to be returned. Don't worry the work has now been fired and we are waiting to glaze them. Rest assured they are safe and not forgotten. Mrs Smith will contact the members when they are ready.

Young Writers

Last term in year 3 Mrs Rathbone's class took part in a Young Writers competition 'My First Riddle'. We were very pleased to hear that all the children had their work selected for publication. The book entitled 'Riddle me this' is due to be published at the end of December. The editorial team will now go on to select individual and school winners- fingers crossed! Very well done to all the children - how lovely for them to see their writing in print!

Rights Respecting

Children will be discussing and learning more about their rights and responsibilities throughout this year.

Next week we will be focusing on our right to have a beautiful, well maintained school, but our responsibility to take care of it. For example; putting litter in the bin; and taking care of the things we use.

Please support us with using the language of rights and responsibilities with the children.

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: 'Is jewellery is allowed in school?'

Jewellery should not be worn, except for stud earrings and watches. Items such as friendship bands /wrist bands should not be worn. Religious items such as a crucifix or a Sikh bangle may be worn but all jewellery has to be removed for PE, which includes swimming. It is much easier for children and

avoids loss, if children do not wear earrings on days they are having PE/swimming.

Sport for All

The sponsored fitness circuit will take place on Thursday morning next week. All children from reception to year 6 will be taking part. Money raised will be split between the school and Sport for All, who sponsor potential Olympic athletes.

Welcome Coffee Morning - Friday, 30th September

PHAB Lee would like to invite all nursery and reception parents and carers, as well as any new parents and carers to the school, for coffee, tea and croissants. A great chance to meet informally!

The morning coincides with the "Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning" a nationwide event to raise money and awareness of McMillan Cancer Support. You will be able to make your donation to this worthwhile cause at the event.

We look forward to seeing you there, in the hall at 9.15am. Entrance through the main office.

Lunches

Please note that I don't yet have a date for the completion of the kitchen refurbishment and we will serve cold lunches next week.

Best punctuality

Well done to Years 2,4 and 6 on 98%. Year 1 Camellia have 99% punctuality - very well done to them- the punctuality cup goes to them this week!

Best attendance

...And again year 1 Camellia with year 6- excellent 99% attendance!

Next week

Year 5 Bikeability all week for half the class

Monday 19 September

Existing nursery children return.

Yr 5 visit to Manor Park

Community choir- first rehearsal
6.45-7.45pm

Tuesday 20 September

School journey meeting for Parents/carers of yrs 5 and 6 children

Wednesday 21 September

Yr 5 swimming at the Arches

Swimming at Brindishe Green

Apologies for the swimming pool being out of action this week - the fault is now fixed and swimming will resume on Wednesday.

Open evening for prospective parents 5.00-6.30pm

Thursday 22 September

Sports for all Challenge with Olympic athlete (European junior champion).

Explore workshop for year 4 children- mathematical investigations

Future dates

Meet the teacher

Meetings will take place over two weeks beginning 26 Sept/ 3 October.

More details to follow

Friday 14-16 October

Yr 5 School journey to Marchants Hill

Monday 31 October- Friday 4 November

Yr 6 School Journey to Little Canada Isle of Wight

Half term

Monday 24 -28 October

Monday 7 November

Governing Body meeting
6.00pm

Tuesday 6 December (PM) /

Wednesday 7 December (PM)

KS1 Christmas concerts

Tuesday 13 December (PM)/

Wednesday 14 December (evening)

KS2 Christmas concerts

Friday 16 November

End of term

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We heard yesterday that our partner school Lee Manor has OFSTED visiting from Monday - every good wish to them!

Best wishes to all families

Diane Spalding