

**Friday 11 January 2019**

**Dear families, staff, governors and friends**

### Happy New Year!

Welcome back to 2019. I hope you all enjoyed the break and had a chance to spend some time together ...

### This week at Brindishe Lee ...

Everyone has come back to the new term with energy for spring. The staff and children have already started work on outdoor areas in Reception and Key Stage 1, change is happening! Across Key Stage 2 I have heard children talking about the Stoneage times, the Ancient Greeks, the Rainforest and, in Year 6, children perfecting a performance following their learning about the second world war.

Next Friday our Year 6 children will be launching Lewisham Holocaust Memorial Day 2019 with a performance they have been preparing reflecting their understanding of the atrocities that took place during WWII. Year 6 have been given this very special opportunity which will be attended by a number of dignitaries from Lewisham Council, including the Lady Mayoress, Liane Segal, who, in 1939, when she was just seven years old, fled her home in Vienna and escaped with the Kindertransport. The performance takes place at Brindishe Lee and will be followed by a number of events over Lewisham during next weekend to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January.

### Spring term clubs and Music tuition

All children brought home letters about clubs for this term yesterday. Please make sure all responses are returned to the office by next Friday, 18 January. Thank you.

### Starting Reception September 2019

If your child was born between 1 Sep 2014 – 31 August 2015, please don't forget to make your

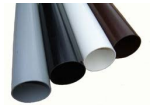
online application for a Reception place for September 2019. The deadline is this Tuesday 15 January. Apply at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk).

### Outdoor learning ...

Reception / KS1 plea is still out there! If you have

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- guttering and pipes
- offcuts and planks of wood
- heavy cardboard tubes, packing supplies, or corrugated cardboard
- tyres, rope, tubs, tubes, old musical equipment, rugs, material, wood, logs, crates,
- old kitchen equipment such as pots, pans and utensils
- old dressing up costumes, hats and fancy wear
- Anything else you think could be interesting ...!



Please send all items to any of our KS1 classes.

**And for KS2 ...** all water bottles, please!! We will have all your water bottles and re-cycle if we have too many, so ... please keep sending them in! Many thanks.



### Safeguarding our community

As we start a new term, please make sure staff know who will be collecting your child at the end of each day. If this changes, please make sure you let the school office know in advance. You can set up a collection 'password' with us if the person collecting is not someone we are expecting.

### Rights Respecting news

Our focus in assemblies and discussion next week is [Article 12](#)



*You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.*

### Dates for your diary ...

#### NEXT WEEK

<b>Tuesday</b>	Reception Hearing and Vision <b>Final day</b> for applications for <b>Reception</b> places, <b>September 2019</b> .
<b>Friday</b>	Yr 6 Holocaust Memorial Day Performance Y5 / Y2 / R Fire electrical safety with the London Fire Brigade's Education team
<b>w/b 11 February</b>	Mid-year parent / carer reviews
<b>15 February</b>	Break for Half Term Holiday

### Attendance this week

Best attendance this week ...

Very well done to **Year 5, Cherry** with **99.6%**  
and **Reception** with **98.9%**.

**And finally ...** Please see term dates for 2019 -  
2020 attached to this letter.

Enjoy the weekend!

**Lisa Morris, Headteacher**

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[www.brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk](http://www.brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk)*

## This week's learning at Brindishe Lee...

As Brindishe Lee oils its gears and restarts its engines following the Christmas break, we have given our in-house journalists a week's respite to reacclimatise. Watch this space for the weekly reports of our Spring Term Class Correspondents!

In addition, you can expect upcoming fixtures and match reports from our resident Sports Correspondent and features focusing on the global community from our Rights Respecting Correspondent.