



Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020

Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire

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Dear parents/carers,

We hope everyone had an enjoyable half-term break. It was really good to see all the children back at school, refreshed and ready to start the new half-term. When I walked around the school this week, the children were all working hard and enjoying their learning.

We ask you, even more than ever, to continue to follow the procedures we have in place. We appreciate you may have to walk a little further or wait a little longer but we want everyone to be as safe as can be. Please can we draw your attention to our weekly Covid Bulletin, which offers guidance and updates to ensure that everyone is kept informed and up-to-date.

Wednesday 11th November is Armistice/Remembrance Day. This is when many people across the United Kingdom take time to remember and think about all those who lost their lives or who have been injured while serving our country in the army, navy and airforce. It is also a time to thank those still serving in the armed forces today.

We will hold a short virtual assembly and a two minute silence on Wednesday at school. We will also continue to sell red poppies at school within each class bubble. We will be collecting donations all of next week. The funds collected will go straight to *The Royal British Legion*.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Ms Maxine Sebire.

Headteacher & the Brindishe Lee Team.



Mental Health and Wellbeing

The mental health of all is more important than ever during these times. The NHS as well as other wellbeing organisations have provided some support and guidance for parents/carers who would like to find out ways to help their family in this area. Please refer to a selection of links listed below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mindmatters/childrens-mental-health>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Recovery Email

We recognise that all families are having different experiences at the moment and some of you may be finding this time especially challenging. In order to support you and your child, we have kept our recovery email account active, in order to sensitively support you during this time. If you feel there is anything that you would like the school to know about your family or about your experience, please contact us via the following email address:

recovery@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk

Virtual Tour and Promotional Video - Reminder

The best way to get to know a school is to visit. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to host visits to the school at this current time.

However, we are delighted to announce that the staff and children at Brindishe Lee will be producing their very own virtual tour and film.

In a few weeks time, we will be joined by a professional film maker/editor who will be capturing the school at its best.

This video can then be viewed by prospective parents/carers on our school website as well as the Brindishe Lee community.

If you do not wish for your child to be filmed and appear in this virtual tour/promotional video, please let us know by emailing

info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk

Sharing Learning Virtually - Reminder

The teachers would like to share photographs of the children and their learning with you on *Itslearning*, our password protected platform. This will be updated on a weekly basis so that we can share and celebrate the wonderful learning occurring in school. Please take the time to visit our virtual classrooms.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th November – Bikeability for Year 5

Thursday 12th November Flu Vaccination, Reception – Year 6

Tuesday 24th November Reception hearing and vision test

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – *(more information to follow)*

Friday 18th December - End of term

Autumn Term Parent/Carer Meetings - Update

Due to the current situation, this event will take place virtually. We have provisionally booked the event for the week commencing the 16th November. More information will follow shortly with regards to dates and booking an appointment. As a federation, we are finalising the online platform. Thank you for your support and patience.

NHS Flu Vaccination - Final Reminder

You may be aware that the NHS is currently aiming to give all Reception to Year 7 children the Flu vaccination from October to December 2020. The date allocated for Brindishe Lee Primary School is **Thursday 12th November 2020**. We are now inviting parents/guardians to register your consent for the flu vaccination. We have developed a secure on-line link that you can use to register consent for your child to be vaccinated at school. The process is quick and easy to use.

Please click on this link to access the eConsent: <https://qlink.uk/LGflu/100717> Here is a video on how the eConsent portal works <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7321177>

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will help to protect them from getting the flu, and prevent it spreading among more vulnerable family and friends. With COVID-19 in circulation it is more important than ever to reduce the number of people becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them and the NHS. The vaccination is free and in most cases is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year otherwise they won't be protected. The healthcare team and school will follow guidelines to ensure your child is safe from COVID-19 while getting the vaccine.

Please contact the **Lewisham School Health Immunisation Team** at the Downham Health and Leisure Centre on **0203 049 1897** or lg.shshimmunisation@nhs.net if you require any further assistance.

F@B AGM

Just a reminder that the F@B AGM will be held on **Tuesday 10th November, from 8-9pm**.

F@B is a voluntary parents organisation seeking to raise funds for the school, to improve the educational experience for our children. An email has been sent out to all Brindishe Lee parents with the virtual meeting link.

Please join us to hear about F@B's activities for this year. Everyone is welcome and we would appreciate your input/ideas.

Any questions, please email friends.brindishelee@gmail.com

Thank you for your support, the F@B Team.

Harvest Collection Thank You letter from Bridget Shepherd and AFRIL

Dear Ms Sebire and the Brindishe Lee Community,

I'm writing to you on behalf of 'AFRIL' and our parish, to thank you for supporting the Helping Hands Foodbank this through your harvest appeal. We're incredibly grateful for the interest that you've shown, and the practical support that you've provided.

Please do pass on our thanks to all the members of your school community; their generous donations have made a difference to families in need, and will help to keep our food cupboard stocked for the next few months.

I hope the remainder of this term is as smooth as it can be!

With kind regards,

*Bridget Shepherd
Vicar of the Good Shepherd & St. Peter's, Lee*

*Helen Mason
AFRIL Foodbank Manager*