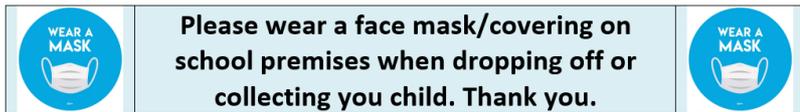


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Friday 27th November 2020

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This Week at Brindishe Green

This week at Brindishe Green, the children were reminded in assembly how to keep themselves safe. They listened very carefully about the importance of being aware of their surroundings when walking to school, crossing the road, around strangers and in the park. The teachers commented on how knowledgeable the children were and how seriously they contributed to class discussions.

Also this week, most parents/carers were able to virtually meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their progress since September. If you were not able to make your appointment, or something happened that stopped you accessing the call, we will be in touch to arrange another appointment.

We are delighted to let you know that Mr Henry won a Scholastic competition that he entered a couple of months ago. The prize was a selection of diverse and inclusive books for our school. Well done Mr Henry, and thank you!

Christmas is Coming!

Next week, you will receive a letter to let you know about the exciting festive things we have planned during the last week of term. This includes how you can order a **special festive lunch** for your child. Please look out for the letter and reply slip on **Monday 30th November**.

Cards for children and tokens of appreciation for staff

This year, we kindly ask that children **do not** bring cards or gifts into school for children in their class/bubble. This is because we want to reduce the amount of paper coming into school and going home again. If children bring cards into school they will gently be asked to take them home again and to exchange them outside of school.

We have been asked this week by a few parents and carers about whether they can bring in a token of appreciation to a staff member towards the end of this Autumn term. Whilst we certainly do not expect any gifts from our families, should you wish to send a staff member in school a card or small token of appreciation then this would need to be given by **Monday 14th December**, so that the necessary precautions can be taken before staff take them home on Friday 18th December. Many thanks.

Beacon Road – School Street

Over the next couple of weeks we will begin to see signs, cameras and pillars appear in preparation for Beacon Road becoming a School Street. We do not know the exact day this will happen but we do know that it will be soon. When Beacon Road becomes a School Street, it will be closed to vehicles during drop off and collection. This is in order to keep our children, families, staff and community safe.

Brindishe Green Online Winter Book Club/Fair

As you know, this week we are running our Online Winter Book Club/Fair.

For every £1 you spend in this month's BookClub/Fair, Brindishe Green will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. This will allow us to buy new books for the book corners in our classrooms. Thank you to all the families who have purchased books so far – we are very grateful!

Visit <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/brindishe-green/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. Please see the attached poster for more information on how you can order books **before 30th November (Monday)**.

Bike and Scooters

We love seeing some of our children coming to school on their bikes and scooters. They walk them into school so sensibly and park them in the bike rack very carefully. We have noticed however, that very few children appear to have a helmet when they come into school and would like to encourage you to remind your child that they need to keep themselves safe on their bike and scooter by wearing a helmet.



Online Safety Bulletin - Can I have an online friend?

The term 'online friend' can be used to describe people you only know through the internet, but it can also mean engaging with someone online that you also know offline.

- Talk to your child about their online friends. Talk about the difference between online friendships and offline ones. Let them know they should only talk to friends online that they know offline.
- Children should be supervised at all times when watching videos, playing games or chatting with their friends online.
- Remind them to avoid requests to chat in private.
- Encourage them to tell you if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, scared or uncomfortable.

And remember, the minimum age for signing up to most popular social media platforms is 13.

We are a GOLD Rights Respecting School.

This week's article for you to talk about with your family is...

Article 16 - Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation.

In school we spend time talking about personal privacy, people we can trust, who we should share personal information with, when secrets should/shouldn't be kept and how to respect other's privacy.



Primary School Applications for September 2021

The application process for September 2021 Reception places **has already opened**.

Applications can be made until **15th January 2021**.

You should apply online directly to your home Local Authority (i.e. the borough where you live and pay council tax) at: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

For further information, visit the Lewisham Council website...

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myserives/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>



Rapid Testing Survey by Lewisham Council

Rapid Covid testing is coming to Lewisham soon! This is good news as more testing helps stop the spread of the virus and prevents the need for further restrictions. Take part in this three-minute survey so we can better target the COVID-19 rapid testing when it comes to Lewisham. Tell us whether you'd take a test and if not, why?

The link to the survey is <https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/corporate-policy-and-governance/covid-19-rapid-test-su>

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

The BG Senior Leadership Team

Important Dates

Reception and Nursery half day – Friday 4th December

Christmas lunch and Festive Jumper Day – Wednesday 16th December (more information to follow)

End of term – Friday 18th December

And finally....

A message from the Brindishe Friends Group (BFG)

This week we held our first meeting since the March lockdown via zoom. It was very busy with lots to discuss...including some really exciting plans for Christmas such as a **raffle**, a '**popcorn and pantomime**' **afternoon**, as well as a **festive trail** that will lead you on a walk around Hither Green, solving clues and finding hidden letters to spell a special word (with prizes!). **Trail packs will be available in the playground from w/c 7th December. Scroll down to find out more.** Please see the attached poster for more information.



Plus, whilst we already have an amazing array of prizes for the raffle, we need more... If you are a local business and would like to donate something, please get in touch: bfgsocials@gmail.com.

Also, do email if you would like to get involved with the group and help out. On that note, we're still looking for a volunteer who can help us build a BFG website. All offers welcome! In the meantime, you can find out more about what we're doing by going on Facebook and searching for 'Brindishe Friends Group'. You can also follow us on twitter @bfghithergreen.