

11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I am very upset and saddened to tell you that the school premises was broken into over the weekend. On Sunday, we know that at least 2 people broke into the property, took expensive items from the house and pulled out water pipes made from lead, causing it to flood. They then proceeded to climb onto the Nursery roof and strip the lead from the roof, leaving the roof exposed to the wet weather. This has meant that our Nursery needed emergency repairs as a temporary measure until we can have it repaired.

The school house, which sits at the end of Leahurst Road, has recently had a number of weeks of renovations (including a new floor and decoration as well as a roof repair). The plan is that we will be able to use this house as our Mental Health and Wellbeing hub, which has all been funded by the PSFA.

I know that you will understand how shocked and upset we all are. This will be a costly repair and it is so upsetting to know that people feel able to take from a school without any concern for the financial and educational impact this has.

Open evening

Thank you to everyone who came to hear about their child's progress so far this year and to look at their children's learning and see their next steps. The teachers always really enjoy being able to share the learning experience for your child with you and to work with you to help your child reach their full potential.

Don't forget that our next 'Open Classroom' is on **Thursday 8th December between 3:15-3:45pm**. This gives you another opportunity to look at your child(ren)'s books and the classroom.

Winter Fair

Every year, up until 2020, the PSFA and school staff have run a really successful Winter Fair for the children and families of our school. This year we are hoping to run another successful event for you all on **Friday 9th December from 3:30pm** – please save the date and watch this space for more information!

Christmas trees

This year, our PSFA have teamed up with a trusted Christmas Tree supplier who runs an amazing school scheme to help local schools raise money. All the trees will be Nordmann Fir trees and will be delivered to Brindishe Manor on Thursday 1st December



This is the link to order your tree: [Brindishe Manor PSFA Christmas Trees - a Schools crowdfunding project in London by Ali Bailey \(crowdfunder.co.uk\)](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/projects/brindishe-manor-psfa-christmas-trees-a-schools-crowdfunding-project-in-london-by-ali-bailey)

Your contributions have already made close to £2000...now to order my own!

School planting/ gardening

As you will see from the front of our school, we are in desperate need of some support with planting in our plant beds. We need some support with knowing what plants would work well at the front of our school and then organizing a planting session for a gardening team. If you:

- ✚ Have gardening knowledge
- ✚ Enjoy gardening and wouldn't mind supporting with the upkeep
- ✚ Can support us with the actual designing/ planting



Then please let us know... we really want the front of the school looking greener and more inviting!

Children in Need

Friday 18th November is Children in Need day. Children are welcome to wear their pyjamas to school on that day for a donation towards the charity.



Key Dates

- Year 2 to the Museum of London – **Wednesday 16th November**
- INSET day – **Friday 25th November**
- PSFA Christmas trees delivered to school for collection - **Thursday 1st December**
- KS1 and KS2 performances – **week commencing 5th December** – more details on Weduc next week.
- Open Classroom – parents and carers will have the chance to look at their child's learning in their classroom – **3.15 – 3.45 Thursday 8th December**
- Winter Fair – **Friday 9th December from 3.30 p.m.**
- EYFS performances – **week commencing 12th December** – more details on Weduc next week.
- School Christmas lunch – **Tuesday 13th December**
- End of term – **Friday 16th December**

Have a lovely weekend,

Kate Porter and the Brindishe Manor Team