



# Brindishe Manor Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2020

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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

As we come to the end of our first half term of this academic year we would like to express our thanks to you all for the support you have shown over the past 7 weeks. It has been a tricky time for us all and the Brindishe schools have been no exception. At a time when we are all dealing with so much, it has been comforting to know that the school community is here to support each other. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to email the school or pass on their support at the school gate.

As Friday draws to a close, our true thanks goes to the teachers and support staff across the Federation for doing such a fantastic job to ensure our children are focused and engaged in their learning and most of all feel happy, safe and calm. They have worked tirelessly, through the recovery curriculum to support the children's return and we are all very grateful.

So now is the time to switch off from the morning school run and enjoy the half term break. Next week may feel a little different for each and everyone of us. Not being able to mix with extended family members or close friends in your homes may be hard but we must remember, the rules are there to keep us safe so please think carefully and act responsibly.

We really do wish you all, children, parents, carers, staff and governors a lovely break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and if any further guidance is published before then, we will email you as soon as we know.

From all of the Brindishe Federation Team

## **School streets - update**

I have had a few emails this week from parents and carers asking us to support Leahurst Rd becoming a school street. Rachel Waite, Julie Hockham and I have met with Lewisham Council a few times over the past 18 months to discuss their proposal, but lockdown then happened so we have not met since. Lewisham have been in touch with us and we look forward to working with them to establish a system that is both manageable for our staff and safe for our children. We will keep you updated of any developments that occur.

## **Pupil Safety and Dark Nights**

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 2am (during our Saturday sleep) we will be setting the clocks back an hour and summer time ends. Road traffic collisions increase by 20% in the fortnight after the time change. Sadly, some of these collisions will involve child pedestrians and cyclists. Children under-16 are one of the most vulnerable groups of road users. Please talk to your children about the dangers of crossing roads in the dark. Current quieter roads in the local area does not mean they are not being used by cars!

The resources below will help remind children, about road safety and safe cycling.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents <https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Safety First – Cycling at Night <https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>

## #ALPSgetactivehalfterm

We have all seen the headlines outlining the decrease in activity in our young people during lock down and we have been working this term to re-install good habits and promote 60 daily active minutes to help sustain the children's physical, mental and social health.

#ALPSgetactivehalfterm is a selection of meaningful activities that challenge: physical fitness and skill acquisition along with mental alertness and problem solving along with social interaction.

#ALPSgetactivehalfterm engages young people and families with simple activities that can be performed in small areas with little or no equipment and enable the participants to challenge themselves and compete with others in the family.

Attached are score sheets for each of the activities which can be done as a circuit each day or 1 challenge each day or any combination in between!

1. [Step ups Challenge](#)
2. [Catch Clap Challenge](#)
3. [Speed bounce](#)
4. [Around the world](#)
5. [Climb the Mountain challenge](#)
6. [Figure of 8 Challenge](#)
7. [Socks in a box Challenge](#)

## Christmas Cards

The PFSA along with the school have decided to take part in the creative card project this year to raise money.

Your children have made some seasonal Christmas cards which have been sent home to you today with a unique code on the reverse and instructions on how to order online.

You must order your cards, gift cards, wrapping paper by **12 November 2020 at the latest**. After ordering please return your artwork to the class teacher via your child so that we can send them off for scanning.

**The artwork must be returned to school to enable your order to go ahead.** We expect the cards to be back by approximately 3 December 2020.

# HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISING

## A MESSAGE FROM BRINDISHE MANOR PSFA

It's been a really challenging year for our school and our community. We hope you are all safe and well. Due to Covid-19 restrictions most of the fundraising events we do each year to help fund additional equipment and projects for our school have been unable to go ahead. We've been working to create some new ways to raise money - remember every penny goes to Brindishe Manor School to support our children's learning and experience.

We've designed a Halloween fundraiser to help you provide some Halloween fun for your family and to raise money for our school. It's contact free - everything you need to take part will be emailed to you to be printed at home.

*Our suggested donation is £5 and the pack will include:*

### Map for a Halloween trail

From Wednesday 28th October to Friday 30th October a number of houses in the local area will be decorated for Halloween. These will be marked on a map with clues on how to find them and there will be a puzzle to complete - you must find each house to figure it out. There is no set start or finish point and the trail can be done on any of those evenings.

**TRICK OR TREATING IS NOT PART OF THE TRAIL AND NONE OF THE HOUSES DECORATED AS PART OF THIS FUNDRAISER WILL BE GIVING OUT TREATS OR SWEETS. ALL COVID-19 GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY ON THE DATE YOU DO THE TRAIL MUST BE STRICTLY OBSERVED.**

If you do want to include the treat element then we suggest that you take your own treats with you and give them to your own children when they find each house - and maybe some more.

### Haunted House make at home craft activity

You'll be sent a download of an amazing 3D Haunted House kit (created by local artist Emily Skinner) to print and make at home - we'd love to see them so please share your photos.

### Entry to a pumpkin carving competition

If you feel inspired, carve your own designs at home and send photos to [brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com](mailto:brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com) - the winner will receive a £10 Amazon voucher sent by email.

### Halloween Mummies recipe

Get a recipe to make some tasty spooky themed treats to enjoy at home.

### How to take part:

1. Click this link to see all information and make your donation <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/brindishemanorpsfa>
2. Make your £5 donation
3. Forward your confirmation of donation email from JustGiving to [brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com](mailto:brindishemanorpsfa@gmail.com)
4. Downloads will be emailed to you - if you have not received your downloads by Saturday 24 October please resend your email to the PSFA email address above.