



Brindishe Manor Newsletter
Friday 5th February 2021
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Brindishe
Manor

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

As we are approaching the end of this first half term, many of you will be wondering, hoping and asking the same question...when will children be returning to school? As you will know by now, we will probably find out at exactly the same time you do, although on this occasion the government have stated that they will give schools 2 weeks' notice. Boris Johnson did state a few weeks ago that the earliest date would be March 8th. We will continue to offer the provision in school for critical workers and vulnerable children and to provide the online learning for those learning at home. We will be in touch as soon as we know when schools will re-open and what this will look like for children at Brindishe Manor, so please wait for us to contact you.

Along with other schools, both locally and nationally, we have now begun testing our staff in school, to enable us to detect any possible asymptomatic cases. Staff are currently testing twice weekly.

Can I take this opportunity to remind families that if you have booked a test for any person, you should not send your child/ren in to school until you have carried out the test and have your results, nor should you leave your home, other than to take the test.

Who to contact and when?

If you have any questions or queries during this time, please can we ask that you use the following email addresses so that the right person can get back to you:

info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk – queries about online learning, accessing devices, Free School Meals, concerns, general questions.

support@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk – if you need technical support with Itslearning, log in details or Weduc

Dyslexia information session for parents

On **Wednesday 3rd March** Theresa Kelly from the Lewisham Specialist Teacher team and our SENCO Jessica Dee will be hosting a Dyslexia Information session for Brindishe Manor parents. This will be a virtual session on Zoom from **3.30-4.30**. The session aims to give an introduction to Dyslexia, what it is, what are the signs that a child may have dyslexic difficulties and some strategies to support at home. It won't be possible to answer questions about individual children during the session, but there will be an opportunity to ask general questions. This session will be limited to 25 households, but if demand exceeds this we will run the session as many times as needed on alternative dates so that everyone who wants to, has the opportunity to attend. To book a place please email Jessica on jdee@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk.

Don't forget if you would like to have a conversation about your child you can also book a time for our virtual drop-ins, the next dates are:

Monday 8th February 2-4pm

Thursday 25th February 3-5pm.

Email Jessica to book on the email above.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 9th February 2021

On **Tuesday 9th February 2021**, we will celebrate **Safer Internet Day** at Brindishe Manor. With the theme once again of *'Together for a better internet'*, the day calls upon us all to join together to make the internet a safer and better place for all, especially for children and young people.

Next week, children will be able to enjoy an assembly and have a look at the resources in our e-safety section of the shared learning page. There will also be some suggested activities for children to talk about at home. You can find out more by visiting <https://www.saferinternetday.org/>

ItsLearning: Assignments

Well done to all our children who have been logging in to Itslearning every day and uploading their daily assignments. **Assignments must be uploaded by 3.15pm. It is very important that every child completes and uploads each daily assignment on time so that the teacher can respond to it on the same day.**

Other learning can be uploaded to the child's Share and Celebrate folder. We want to be able to see and praise all your child's hard work.

Share and Celebrate

All classes have a folder in the **Resources tab of ItsLearning** where children can upload work, photographs and videos they have been doing during the week so the **teacher and the other children in the class** can see and celebrate the fantastic effort everyone is making.

Teacher/Child Video Catch Up Calls

By now, many of you will have already signed up for your child's **Teacher/Child Video Catch Up** call which will take place next week. The teachers really enjoyed seeing and speaking with so many of the children last time and hearing about their learning. This week, staff may talk through an aspect of their learning that they weren't sure about or offer next steps.

To book an appointment, please log in to your **Weduc App** to book an appointment.

On the day of the appointment, please make sure that you have **logged into School Cloud ten minutes before the call** is due to take place. The teacher will be waiting for the call to start, so if you are unable to make it, please cancel the appointment or let them know.

Have a great weekend,

Kate Porter and the Brindishe Manor team

PSFA news – 15 January 2021

Virtual Valentine's Day Cake Sale

Happy New Year to all the Brindishe Manor community. We hope you're all safe and well. Times continue to be challenging and to prevent traditional forms of fundraising. Usually before the February half term we would hold a cake sale - one of our most popular events.

This won't be possible this year but could you donate the money that you would have spent at the cake sale to help raise funds? The minimum JustGiving donation is £2 and whatever you are able to donate will be much appreciated.

For the full cake sale experience, you could bake a Valentine's Day themed treat to enjoy at home. Share pictures with us on the Brindishe Manor PSFA Facebook page; we'd love to see what you make.

We are working this term to support remote learning - donating money to buy books to be distributed to children who might not otherwise be able to access them, contributing to musical instruments and other resources. In the current circumstances budgets are being stretched like never before - every donation helps no matter how large or small.

If you are able, please donate via this page to support all our children's learning and experience <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/virtualcakesale>

Thank you.