



Brindishe  
Federation

# Brindishe Lee Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear families, staff and governors

Yesterday, the children across the school were told who their teacher will be in September and we hope that they came home happy, telling you what class they will be in. You will have received all the information in the letter sent home and we look forward to them having time in their new classes over the coming weeks.

Next week we will be welcoming many of our new families who will be joining our Reception classes in September. It will be wonderful to welcome the children and get to know them a little better in preparation for when they start school.

On Wednesday, Year 6 went to the theatre to watch *The Lion King*, to inspire them as they continue to prepare for their end of year show. Expect to see some fantastic characters coming alive!

Yesterday, our Year 4, 5 and 6 classes took part in their end of year Sports Day. We were all delighted when we woke up and saw the sun shining. It was a fantastic day and all the children got to experience a number of athletic experiences at Ladywell Arena.



We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you at the Fayre,  
The Brindishe Lee team

## ***TOMORROW Summer Fayre – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 11am-2pm***

We are looking forward to our summer fayre organised by F@B on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Please come along, bring your family and friends and enjoy refreshments, a bouncy castle, a range of games and tombolas, 'beat the goalie', 'splat the teacher' and much more!

## ***Key Federation Dates***

- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July Summer Fayre 11am-2pm
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July Lewisham Library Assembly, Summer Reading Challenge
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July Transition afternoon to new classes
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 sports day, Manor House Gardens
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July Australia Day Lunch  
Full Governing Body, 6pm
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July Transition morning to new classes  
Year 6, End of Year performance, 6pm
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July Transition day to new classes
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July Reception trip to Mudchute Farm  
Year 6 Leavers Assembly, am
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 End of Term



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### **Year 3 SPORTS DAY update**

Following the cancellation of the Year 3 and Year 4 sports day, we are pleased to update you on the new sports day arrangements. In order to ensure Year 3 and 4 have a full 'sports day' experience:

Year 3 will now join the Manor House Gardens Sports Day with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July in the morning**

### **Changes to the Timings of the School Day**

As of September 2023, the government have increased their requirements on schools to have children in school to 32.5 hours per week. This means that we need to increase the time that children at Brindishe Lee need to be in school each day. Therefore, in September the school day will begin with lessons starting at 9:00am and gates opening from 8:45am and closing at 9:00am (where children can come into the classroom and read and get ready for the day). The school day will end at 3.30pm.

The new school day will be 9.00am to 3.30pm

### **Parent/Carer Survey**

We thank everyone who responded to our parent/carers survey a couple of weeks ago. We have already reached out to parents who would like to talk to us individually about their responses. Soon you will all receive information of the results, including what we are doing/will do as a school and federation in response to your concerns or queries.

### **PAYMENTS**

We would like to remind all parents/carers who have not done so already, to **pay their £20 contribution** which pays for visits and visitors, and to **clear any other remaining debt** such as school dinners and tuition. Money not paid comes out of vital funds for the children. Thank you.

### **The End of the Year**

With only two weeks to go until the end of the school year, we are beginning to bring things to a close. Next Friday, your child will receive their **end of year report**. The teachers have spent a long time writing personalised reports for every child, so please make sure you come to school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, or during the last week of term to collect it. **We cannot send reports home with children or anyone who is not their parent/carers**. There will be an opportunity for you to give feedback and comment, if you would like to do so.

### **BOOK returns**

Next week, we ask all children and parents/carers to look through the books in their house and **return any school reading/library books** so that they are ready to be used in September. Thank you.





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## ***Lewisham Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)***

Please see the attached timetable and information regarding the Lewisham Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme, which takes place during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holiday period (Spring, summer and winter). HAF programme providers will run programmes this summer between 24th July – 25th August 2023

A wide range of providers in Lewisham are supporting the delivery of the HAF programme, offering various fun-packed sessions, including arts and crafts, games, trips, food and sports.

The HAF programme is for Lewisham children and young people in receipt of free school meals to access FREE activities and food, in the core holiday periods, each child or young person is entitled to 16 Hours per week, (4 hours per day, 4 days a week). Providers will ensure to provide children / young people with

- a wide range of exciting activities to suit different ages and personalities
- fun physical activity sessions
- free, nutritious and tasty food



Opening times ~ this will vary from each provider all information can be found in the attached HAS summer programme

How to book: Parents / carers (in receipt of free school meals) book with the provider directly ~ all contact details can be found on the attached HAF summer programme and will also need the Lewisham code; ACCESS CODE OF LBLSUM23.

These spaces go very quickly, so we would encourage families to look through what's available and to book ASAP, for more detailed information on the Lewisham HAF programme please click on the link <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/young-people/holiday-programme-food-and-fun>



## **Downham Health and Leisure Centre Summer Programme**

Come to Downham Health and Leisure Centre this Summer for a packed full of fun filled sessions

Free Swimming to under 16s who reside in the Lewisham Borough which includes General swimming sessions with floats to the timetable.

Junior Gym Sessions 12.00pm - 2.00pm and again 4.00pm - 6.00pm every day

Soft Play Session Monday 10.00am - 12.00pm

Pool Inflatable Session Thursday 1.30pm - 2.30pm During the summer between 17 July and 25 August Junior Adventure group will be running a holiday camp from 9.00am - 5.00pm.



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## **SWIMMING OVER THE SUMMER**

### **Short Swimming Courses**

The Better run leisure centres in Lewisham are doing 5 day short swimming courses at Forest Hill Pools and Glass Mill Leisure Centre - £40 for 5 days.

Forest Hill Pools: 24 July – 18 August 2023

Foundation classes - 9.00am, 9.30am 10.00am 10.30am 11.00am and then a Development Class at 11.30am - 12.00pm

Glass Mill Leisure Centre: 24 July – 1 September 2023

Foundation classes- 9.00am, 9:30am 10.00am and then a Development Class 10:30am – 11.00am

Parents can use the code SWIMHAPPY to save 25%

TO BOOK [CLICK HERE](#)

### **Inflatable Sessions**

Throughout the summer holidays we will be running inflatable sessions at Wavelengths Leisure Centre, to book please [visit our website](#) and look for our Aqua Splash sessions and select your nearest centre.

### **Additional Family Swimming this summer**

All centres across the borough (Forest Hill, Glass Mill and Wavelengths) will be running additional family swim sessions to book [click here](#) and look for our Swim for All sessions and select your nearest centre.

### **Football Domination**

Will be running a football camp at Bellingham Leisure Centre for ages 5 -16 years from 24 July - 11 August 2023

To find out more and to book [CLICK HERE](#)

### **Ballers Sports Coaching**

Will be running a football camp on the 3G pitch at The Bridge Leisure Centre, for ages 10-14 and 15-19.

To book please call 0207 1013 652

You can also book activities via the Better UK app.