



Spring Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now almost at the end of the Spring Term. It is strange to think that a year has passed since we were last able to mix freely with family and friends. Here at school we, along with the rest of the country, held a minutes silence on Tuesday 23rd March to remember those no longer with us due to the pandemic. Now with the days getting longer and brighter and more people having received the vaccine, we look forward with hope to better times ahead.

Online gaming/apps

It has come to our attention that some of our children have been using online games and apps which are not age appropriate. We have had examples of children in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 who have been using TikTok, WhatsApp, and Roblox, to name but a few. It is your responsibility as the parent/carer to oversee your child's use of technology. You need to ensure that the children are not using apps that are not age appropriate. It is having an impact on learning as children bring disputes and grievances into class and teachers end up using valuable learning time trying to sort out issues which arise outside of school. In future, if this occurs, we will refer the matter to Brent Front Door and flag this issue as a Safeguarding Matter and you the parent will be accountable.

TikTok

The full TikTok experience is intended for users **age 13 and over**. If you learn that your child under the age of **13** has registered for a **13+** TikTok account, contact them at: <https://www.tiktok.com/legal/report/privacy>. They will promptly take appropriate action.

WhatsApp

The minimum age of use for **WhatsApp** is **16 years old**. It had previously dropped to **13 years old** but in April 2018 returned to 16, as a response to data-protection legislation.

Roblox

The account controls are optional; children of any **age** can create an account on **Roblox** with no parental restrictions. On accounts of children under 13, **Roblox** automatically defaults to stricter settings, but a child could change these if there's no parent PIN.

Summer Uniform

When we return after Easter, as it will be the Summer Term, we expect all children to wear summer uniform. Please see the website for details of the summer uniform. Please note that the yellow PE t-shirt is **not** to be worn as summer uniform. The yellow t-shirt is for PE days only. The summer uniform for boys is a yellow polo shirt with the school logo.

Easter Raffle

We still have a few tickets left for our chocolaty Easter raffle. You may have seen the wonderful prizes on display after school. Please return any remaining tickets stubs and money by Monday 29th March. The draw will take place on 31st March. You don't want to miss out!

Walk for Water

This Lent as part of our almsgiving we are supporting CAFOD. On Thursday the children came to school wearing something blue and walked around the playground. This was our 'Walk for Water' as we remembered those people who do not have ready access to clean water. If you have not yet done so, we ask you to make a donation to this worthy cause.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Have a relaxing weekend.

Stay safe and God Bless
Mrs Heath
Headteacher

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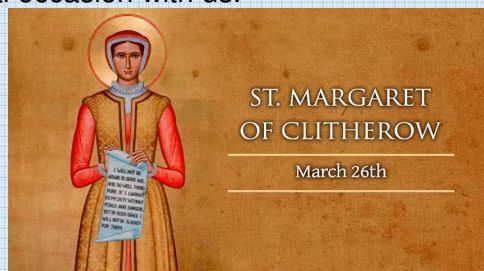
Wear Something Yellow

Every year we raise money for Marie Curie. On Thursday 1st April we ask the children to wear something yellow and to bring in a contribution of £1 for Marie Curie.



Mass for St Margaret Clitherow

Today March 26th is the feast day of our school saint, St. Margaret Clitherow. Fr Michael celebrated a beautiful mass with us today at the school. He was joined by Year 6 in the hall and the mass was live-streamed to the other classes. Communion was also distributed to the older children in Year 5 and Year 4. We would like to thank Fr Michael for coming to celebrate this special occasion with us.



Easter Holidays

Remember we close for Easter Holidays on Thursday 1st April at 1:30pm and reopen on Monday 19th April.

Open Evenings

The teachers have been contacting parents during the past few weeks to discuss your child's progress. Thank you for all the positive feedback. Research shows that support and assistance at home has a huge impact on children's progress. I am sure you have been able to see how hard the staff work with your children and the dedication and commitment they have in wanting the best for your children. I would continue to urge you to ensure you listen to your child read daily and support them in any way you can. Teachers always comment on how easy it is to see when a child has a good level of support at home. I know many parents are busy with work and other commitments but even a short period of time every day really can make a big difference. It is when we work in partnership that we have the most success!

Kidszone

We are delighted to be able to offer our Zidzone after school provision for the Summer Term. The spaces will need to be booked a week in advance and will need to be paid for on Parentpay. We are unable to take last minute bookings as we will only have sufficient adults to care for the number of children booked in advance. If you would like your child to attend after Easter can you please get your booking in by **Thursday 1st April**. Booking forms are on the website under parent's information and forms.

If we get fewer than six children wanting to attend the supervision arrangements will have to be reviewed.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

After School Clubs

We are pleased to offer the football club for the Summer Term. This is for **years 3 and 4** only and this will be on a Wednesday. Due to Covid restrictions, places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Please contact Non-Stop Action via their website:

<https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk>

or phone them on 020 8446 0006 for further details and prices.

After School Clubs Year 1 and 2 only

We would like to start a football club for **years 1 and 2**. If you think your child would be interested could you please email

admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk to let us know.

If we get enough interest then it could go ahead in the summer term. Watch this space for further information.

St Margaret Clitherow Facebook Page

Please check out this page for news on events and what's happening in the community.

Easter hamper donated by Morrison's Colindale. Thank you for everything you do to support our primary school.



Some photos of Reception doing the Walk for water



Money raised for Walk for water was £215.65

Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

Year 6 – Mass for the feast of St Margaret Clitherow

