



Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year. We hope both you and your children have had a wonderful summer and are all set for the new school year. I would like to give a particular warm welcome to all parents of children who joined us in September. I hope that this is the start of a positive relationship together. It's been a very busy start with lots going on but the children have made an excellent start and have settled down well to working hard and behaving well.

Mass

On Friday 3rd September Fr Albert celebrated mass with us at school. This was our first whole school mass in quite a long time and we were all delighted to be able to celebrate together once again. It was a lovely way to mark the beginning of the new school year.

Curriculum Guidelines

The curriculum guidelines for Year 1 to Year 6 have been sent out to all of you this week. These guidelines give you a brief outline of what will be covered in each year group throughout the year. It also contains some information on PE days and homework expectations. Please take some time to read through these and familiarise yourself with them. If, for any reason, that you have not received these guidelines please let the class teacher know.

Attendance

Schools target for attendance is 96% and although many children achieve this we have a significant proportion of children who are regularly unwell and are off school at least one day or more every week. Many of these children are off due to repeated sickness. Please ensure that you do not take your child out of school during term time. We have had strict instructions from the EWO not to authorise leave requests unless there are special circumstances. (Please see our attendance policy on the website) Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be referred to Brent Education Welfare and may be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date) Please remember that if your child is absent from school, and we have not already been informed in advance, parents must telephone the school by 9.00am on every day of absence. This is a very important safeguarding measure to ensure we know the whereabouts of every child. If a child's whereabouts are unknown or unclear, the school will contact Brent's Children Missing In Education team so they can carry out an investigation.

Punctuality/ Lateness

Already we have noticed a significant number of children who persistently arrive late for school. This is not just disruptive for the class but also impacts on your child's learning. We will be closely monitoring late arrivals and late collections. You will need to sign the late book if you arrive late dropping off or collecting your child. Punctuality is also vital to children's learning and well-being. So please ensure your child arrives on time and is collected on time every day.

Should you have any queries please contact us on: admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk
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A child arriving after 8.50am should be accompanied by a parent or suitable adult who must report to the school office with the child. **DO NOT** leave your child at the school gate after 8.50am. This may be viewed as child abandonment and may result in a referral to Social Care.

We also have a number of children who are picked up late after school. This causes great inconvenience to school staff who often have meetings to attend after school. If a parent is going to be late collecting their child they should ring the school office. Any parent who regularly collects their child late will be invited to meet with the Headteacher. In very serious cases of children being left late at school the child may be deemed to be abandoned with the local police station being informed, as well as a referral made to Social Care.

It is essential that you make an improved effort to pick your child up on time. These times are:

2:45pm - Nursery
2:50pm - Reception
3:00pm - Year 1, 2 and 3
3:15pm - Year 4, 5 and 6

If you have children in different year groups, you can wait on school grounds until the appropriate pick up time. You do not need to go all the way around again.

School Information

Please make sure you download the school jotter app so you can be kept up to date with school information. Other information regarding the curriculum is also available on the school's website. The website address is www.clitherow.brent.sch.uk.

Should you need any help with this, please do not hesitate to ask.

Personal Information updates

Please do ensure you complete any information we have requested such as the collection arrangements for your child and medical details as this is vital for safeguarding purposes. If your child needs an asthma pump, an epipen or other medication, please bring this in labelled with your child's name.

Year 6 Meeting

We had a wonderful turn out for our Year 6 meeting last night. It was lovely to see so many of you. If you were unable to attend, Mrs Baalla will send out the information from the meeting.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely weekend.
Stay safe and God Bless
Mrs Heath



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Breakfast club

This club will run from 7.30am and the cost is £3.00 per session. All payments must be made via **ParentPay** in advance.

Magic Breakfast

This provision will run daily **from 8.15am in the school hall**. Any child in the school from Reception to Year 6 can access this service for free.

Kidzone

The hours for Kidzone are from **3.00pm – 5.00pm**. Please book using the booking form in the office foyer or alternatively via the website under parent information then scroll to forms. All payments must be made in advance through **ParentPay**. The cost of this provision is **£6 per hour**.

Uniform

Please ensure all children have the correct uniform which is clearly labelled with the child's full name with the special clothes stickers, labels or laundry pen. Please do not use initials only or a normal pen as this is not sufficient. Please ensure your child also has their correct school PE kit. I must emphasise that PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum and a child may only be excused with a written note for medical reasons.

Should you need to order any new items, please do so using the website
<http://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com>

The link is on the school's website also. You can also place an order by calling 0333 014 8418.

Long hair for girls should be tied back. No jewellery is allowed in school, other than small stud earrings and a watch. Any child found wearing hooped earrings/necklaces/bracelets or other items of jewellery will be asked to remove them and place the items in a sealed envelope. The Parent/Carer will be contacted and requested to collect the jewellery from the school office. This is a Health and Safety regulation.

Food Bank

Our foodbank is well stocked and up and running again daily.

Weekend quote

“Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching”