



Autumn Term Newsletter

Number 390 – 22nd October 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

We have now come to the end of this half-term and the weeks seem to have just flown by. We have been very busy at St Margaret Clitherow School and so many wonderful things have been happening. We also have a very busy schedule for the next half-term so please keep an eye out on the School Jotter for all upcoming dates to ensure that you don't miss out.

Reception Tie-ing In Assembly

On Thursday 14th October we had a wonderful celebration as we welcomed the Reception children officially to St Margaret Clitherow School. We would like to thank Fr Michael who led the celebration. It was our first whole school assembly in our new building. It was also the first assembly where we welcomed parents. It was lovely to see so many parents attend. Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Boyle, also attended this assembly. The Reception children joined in enthusiastically and were a credit to the school.

Year 6 visit to the Welsh Harp

On Wednesday 13th October, our Year 6 class spent the day at the Welsh Harp as part of their study of Living Things and their Habitats. The weather was kind to them on the day and they had lots of fun as they learnt. Thank you to all the adults who accompanied them on this trip.

Generosity

Two weekends ago I was asked by Mrs Boyle to post an appeal on behalf of some new parishioners who were in dire need of some baby equipment. Within hours we were in a position to provide the much needed help, thanks to your generosity. Mrs Boyle was delighted with the response and was most appreciative. It shows how as a school community we put our Christian values into practice for the good of others.

All Saints' Day

As you know, St Margaret Clitherow School is part of the All Saints' Trust, which also includes four other fantastic schools: Our Lady of Grace Catholic Infant School, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Junior School, St Bernadette's Catholic Nursery and Primary School, St Gregory's Catholic Science College.

Together, our All Saints' Trust Family provides an outstanding Catholic Comprehensive education, based on the Gospel values for young people aged 3-18 in the London Boroughs of Brent and Harrow. This year, our schools will be celebrating All Saints' Day across the Trust by taking part in lessons and activities focussing on the importance of Saints and their role in our faith. In addition, all of the staff in the trust will be joining together for an Inset Day on November 5th. As a Trust, we encourage all of our pupils to take inspiration from all of the Saints who had the courage to live by the Gospel values even when it was very difficult to do so.

As Monday 1st November is All Saint's Day, we are asking all children to come to school on this day dressed as their favourite saint. We will be celebrating this day with an assembly in school as we will be inviting children to talk about their favourite saint and why they have chosen this particular saint. It might be that a child has been named after a saint or that this saint has a special connection to their country of origin or that this saint is special to their family. Over the half term, we would like the children to complete research on their chosen saint. There will be a winner chosen to represent the school.

Bags 2 School

We will once again ask you to look through your wardrobes and find any unwanted clothes for our Bags to school campaign. It is a great opportunity to sort through and get rid of any clothes you no longer need. We raised lots of money for the school last time and hope to do the same again.

Survey

Thank you to those parents who have already completed the survey we have sent out on the jotter. Your feedback is important to us. Please complete this if you have not already done so.

Should you have any queries please contact us on: admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk
heath@clitherow.brent.sch.uk or bnolan@clitherow.brent.sch.uk



News Items



Cake Sale

The Friends of St Margaret Clitherow ran another very successful cake sale after school yesterday. A big thank you to all involved in helping out setting up the cake sale and selling the cakes and to those who supported the sale by buying the cakes. A huge thank you also for your generous cake and money donations. We have now reached £175 which will go towards outdoor equipment.

Christmas Cards

A reminder, if you have not already done so, to return your art work with the completed form to the school by 7th November so that it can be sent off in time to get back to you in time for Christmas.

Gordon Brown Trip

On Monday 8th November Year 6 will go on a residential trip to The Gordon Browne Centre. I know that they are very much looking forward to this and we hope that the weather will be kind to us. We know that they will have a fantastic time and will have lasting memories of this trip. Please use the half term to get organised for the trip.

Phonic Coffee Morning for Parents of children in Reception and Year 1

On Tuesday 2nd November a workshop will take place in the school hall for parents of children in Reception and Year 1. It will take place at 9:00am and should not take more than 30 minutes. We strongly advise that you come along to this workshop to help you understand more about how we teach phonics in school and how you can help support your child in their reading and writing at home to ensure that they can reach their full potential.

Secondary School Applications

The deadline for secondary school applications is fast approaching. All secondary school applications must be submitted online to Brent by the deadline of 31 October 2021. Please also remember to complete any additional forms that individual schools may also require parents to submit directly.

Uniform

Now that the weather is getting colder, please ensure that your child is wearing a coat to school. School coats need to be in school colours of black or navy. All parents have signed a home school agreement to follow the school requirement for uniform. If people persist in ignoring this, you will be asked to have a meeting with the Chair of Governors to discuss this.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely half term

Stay safe and God Bless

Mrs Heath

Headteacher

ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING **11th to 15th OCT 2021**

Year 5	100%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 6	96.3%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 1	94.2%
Year 3	90%
Whole school overall	95.7%

FORTHCOMING DATES

1 Nov	Parents evening – R,Y1,2,3,4,5,6
5 Nov	No school staff inset
8 Nov	Parents evening – R,Y1,2,3,4,5
8-12 Nov	Year 6 trip to the Gordon Brown Centre
15 Nov	Parents evening – Y6
15 Nov	Kittle photos
25 Nov	Flu Nasal Spray R to Y6
8 Dec	Wizard Theatre in

PARKING

Please park with consideration to our neighbours. Do not park across driveways as residents are becoming very irate. They will be informing the police and giving number plate details.

Open evenings

R to Year 5

Monday 1st November and Monday 8th November

Year 6

Monday 1st November and Monday 15th November

Staff Inset Day on
5th November.

No school on this day

Children who have been awarded
certificates w/e 15 & 22/10/2021

1 Kidus, Maja, Luiz, Jeremiah

2 Lily-Rose, Shannon, Calvin,
Ephrata. Isabella

3 Bryan, Antonia, Aniela, Alex G

4 Nadia, Serena, Ivy, Danielle, Sama

5 James, Max, David, Chloe,
Winston

6 Michal, Reous, Keely, Demi-Lee,
William, Kyra



News Items

Photos of Nursery dressing up as super heroes today and photos from the Black History month assembly. Also the Police came to visit yesterday some photos with Year 5 pupils.

