



# Autumn Term Newsletter

Number 391 – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

We are now into the second half of the Autumn Term and it is going to be a very busy term with so much happening. It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the half-term break on November 1<sup>st</sup>, which was All Saint's Day. The children looked lovely as they dressed as their favourite saints and I would like to thank all the children who dressed up and educated me on Saints- some of which I had never heard.

## **Gordon Brown Centre Visit**

A special mention this week to our Year 6 class. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November, I accompanied our Year 6 children to The Gordon Brown Centre for our residential trip. The children in Year 6 had a great time and they had the opportunity to face many challenging activities, which they really enjoyed. All of the children did their best to try out new activities and take part in various challenges and I hope that they have taken away quite a few skills for the future. The children did really well and they made us all proud. Well done Year 6! I would also like to say a huge thank you to the members of staff who accompanied me and Year 6 - Mrs Baalla, Mrs Curry and Mrs Walsh. I would also like to thank Mrs McSperrin who came to join us on Wednesday. I am sure you will agree that it takes a great deal of commitment to give up your week (and leave their own families) to attend something like this. Staff members are not paid anything extra for this time and so we rely on goodwill to be able to offer such a trip. Without such dedicated, committed staff as we have here at St Margaret's these sort of events would simply not happen, so I am sure you will join me in expressing my heartfelt thanks to all my staff. Please see website for lots of lovely photos.

## **Open Evening**

Thank you to all the parents who have attended the parents' meetings. If you were unable to attend, please make sure that you contact your child's teacher to rearrange the meeting. I cannot stress enough how important these meetings are as we really do have the most success when we work in partnership. It is an excellent opportunity for you to address any concerns or ask any questions that you may have. It is also a time for teachers to give you some more information on how best you can support your child at home.

## **Phonics Coffee Morning**

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Mrs Kerai and Miss Nolan held a coffee morning workshop on Phonics. We would like to say a big thank you to the parents who attended but we were very disappointed at the poor turnout. We are aware that some parents were unable to attend due to work commitments, so the powerpoint and activities are on the website for you to access. We are considering running this workshop again after school if parents are interested. We will put up a questionnaire to see whether this is something that people maybe interested in attending.

## **Odd Socks Day**

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and this year it's taking place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and takes place from 15 to 19 November 2021 and it has the theme One Kind Word. On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> we would like children to come to school wearing odd socks. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school. There is no charge for this.

## **Bags to School**

Please ensure that you bring in any bags of clothes you have for our Bags to School collection.

Should you have any queries please contact us on: [admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk)  
[ih Heath@clitherow.brent.sch.uk](mailto:ih Heath@clitherow.brent.sch.uk) or [bnolan@clitherow.brent.sch.uk](mailto:bnolan@clitherow.brent.sch.uk)

## Sweetie Jars

We are already making preparations for Christmas at school and are asking you to send in a filled sweetie jar that can be used as a prize in the sweetie tombola at our school fair. Please ensure that no nuts or products containing nuts are included.

## Foodbank

We are pleased that many people are availing of our food bank, however, we would ask that if you need some items from the food bank that you come into the office and ensure someone accompanies you there. We have had children in the school house without adult supervision and this is causing us concern.

## Scooters

We have had to send out a notice on the School Jotter asking parents to ensure scooters are not ridden on the school premises. We have had a few collisions and some near misses. Please- ensure your child does not ride on their scooter while on the school grounds.

## Squid Games

Please see the letter sent regarding this worrying trend that we are seeing at school at the moment.

## Tik Tok

Parents need to be aware of what children are accessing on the internet. Please see school jotter for the guide. It will tell you the steps you need to take to ensure that your child is protected online.

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Heath  
Headteacher

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November we ask that you wear your own clothes and donate a gift to the tombola.

We are looking for Christmas gifts of toiletries, biscuits, toys, xmas crackers, candles for example.

## ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> NOV 2021

Year 4	98.2%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	97.2%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	94.2%
Year 3	92.2%

Whole school overall **95.9%**

## FORTHCOMING DATES

15 Nov	Parents evening – Y6
15 Nov	Kittle photos
25 Nov	Flu Nasal Spray R to Y6
29 Nov	Advent Liturgies
8 Dec	Wizard Theatre in
9 Dec	Christmas concerts Rec 10.00am
	Christmas concerts Y1, Y2 & Y3 11.00am
10 Dec	Wear a Christmas Jumper donate £1
10 Dec	Christmas Fayre 3.30 to 6.00pm
16 Dec	Christmas concerts Y4, Y5 & Y6 9.30am
	Christmas concerts Nursery 11.00am
14, 15 & 16 Dec	Film nights watch for letter in your child's bag
17 Dec	School closes for the Christmas holidays
5 Jan 2022	School opens for the spring term

**Please check out the calendar on the jotter for dates and times of events.**

## 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.

## PARENTPAY

If you have not activated your account can you please do this straight away. Otherwise you will not be able to enjoy the Christmas events happening soon which needs paying for and consent for your child to attend.

## KITTLE PHOTOGRAPHIC MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Please remember to have your child in the correct uniform and looking very smart for their individual photo and family group. Many thanks

## Children who have been awarded certificates w/e 12/11/2021

1 Jenna, Lucia

2 Afri, Lena

3 Kezia, Preston

4 Aiden, Franek

5 Diora, Filip

6 Demi-Lee, William



Photos of  
Year 6  
Fabulous  
week at the  
Gordon  
Brown  
Centre.

