



Autumn Term Newsletter

Number 393 – 17th December 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of all the staff for all your kind gifts, cards and good wishes for Christmas. Staff has been overwhelmed by your generosity and appreciation.

I cannot believe we are now breaking up for the Christmas holidays. I want to thank all of you for your continued support this term in these difficult times. I want to thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the necessary changes that were made to keep everyone safe. I must say a huge thank you to all my staff for all of their hard work in such difficult times. They have worked tirelessly to make sure that the school ran smoothly and your children were safe. They have done an amazing job in helping the children close their gaps in learning. This time last year we would have had 3 year groups closed but this year under current guidance we stayed open. Closing schools is not the way forward but I admire my staff for working in these conditions. Thank you also to all of you who have provided such support for us here during the past year. It has been a difficult and stressful year but we have all worked together really well to provide an excellent education for the children—this is a testimony of what the community of St Margaret's is all about.

I wish you all a happy, holy and safe Christmas. If you are travelling, I wish you a safe journey and I hope your families are well. Make sure you get plenty of rest, keep safe and enjoy your time with your children.

Christmas Shows

We have had a very busy and festive time in school during these last few weeks as all classes performed their Christmas shows. We had amazing performances from all year groups. It put everyone in the Christmas spirit and it reminded us what Christmas should be all about. I hope that you all enjoyed the performances last week. I was delighted that some of you were able to join us. We had to change the arrangements for the Y4, Y5 and Y6 shows in light of the increasing presence of Omicron. We apologise to anyone who may have been inconvenienced due to these changes. Our priority was to try to ensure that we stayed safe and could all enjoy Christmas with our families.

Christmas Fair

I would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of St Margaret Clitherow for organising the Christmas Fair. It was a great success, in spite of the last minute change of venue. We raised just over £2,400.00 pounds, which will go towards playground equipment, outdoor furniture and other resources needed for the children. Thank you to Morrisons in Colindale for the donation of one of the raffle prizes. I would also like to say a big thank you to all my staff for giving up their time to help out with the running of the fair. It was a real team effort.

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

Charitable donations

Our Year 6 children recently wrote to some local retailers to ask them for donations to our food bank. The letters written by the Year 6 children were wonderful and really touched the hearts of all who read them. The children were delighted to get a positive response from Asda in Wembley who made a donation to our food bank for which we are very grateful.

Christmas Eve Mass

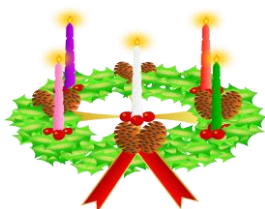
We hope to see as many of you as possible at the Family Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 6:00pm at English Martyrs Church, especially those who have been part of our school choir. Thank you to those who have returned your slips to the school.

Return to School in January

Remember that we reopen on Wednesday 5th January after the Christmas holidays.

Have a wonderful Christmas, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all after Christmas.

Regards
Mrs Heath
Headteacher



ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING 29th Nov to 3rd DEC 2021

Year 6	97%
Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 2	93.5%
Year 5	90.6%
Year 1	84.4%
Whole school overall	92.7%

FORTHCOMING DATES

17 Dec	School closes for the Christmas holidays @1.30pm
5 Jan 2022	School opens for the spring term

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





News Items



Xmas4school

If your child designed a Christmas card and then had it printed, thank you so very much. You managed to raise £41.00 for the school. We will be doing this again next year.

Children who have achieved 100% attendance this term. They will receive their certificates in the New Year.

Year 1

Gurudes, Nissi Trudy, Kidus

Year 2

Afri, Liam, Calvin, Cheryl, Ephrata, Lena, Isaac, Shannon

Year 3

Kezia, Oskar, Tiana, Elizabeth

Year 5

Zara, Lesley, JP, David, Janyl, Chloe, Nathan, Dominik, Ann, Rebecca, Filip

Year 6

Amalia, Yuan, Kyra, Michal, Reous, Maja, Martyna, Nicola, Lilly

Children who have been awarded certificates w/e 10/12/2021

1 Nissi Trudy, Ayla

2 Nhea, Joanna, Dennis

3 All of Year 3, Nada

4 All of Year 4

5 Henry, Carl

6 Martyna, Michalina

**SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR THE
SPRING TERM ON
WEDNESDAY 5TH JANUARY
2022**

LATENESS

If you are late in collecting your child at the end of the day they will have to go into kidzone where you will be charged.