



Spring Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Sadly we have had to deal with some issues where children have been accessing online apps which are not age appropriate. We had to ask our local police constable to come in to school to talk to the children and emphasise how serious this is. This is something which takes place outside of school and parents need to be more aware of what children are accessing outside of school time and monitor how social media is used.

In school, we regularly talk to the children about how to keep safe online. This is built into our computing curriculum as well as PSHE. We also have filters in place to prevent access to inappropriate social media content. Access to social media and age inappropriate games and apps are having a huge impact on the mental health of children and we are seeing this more frequently in school. We have had examples of children in Years 4, 5 or 6 who have been using **Tik Tok**, **WhatsApp**, and **Roblox**, to name but a few.

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to oversee their child/children's use of technology. Parents must ensure that the children are not using apps or games 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.

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.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is celebrated every year on a Tuesday in mid-February. In 2022, it will be on the 8th of February. Safer Internet Day is an event, organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre, which aims to promote safe, responsible and positive use of internet technology.

The theme of Safer Internet Day 2022 is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. This year looks at online gaming, chat functions, streaming and video. The day will celebrate young people's role in creating a safer internet however they choose to use it, from creating content to interacting with friends and peers.

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

Snapchat

The minimum age for **Snapchat** users is **13 years old**.

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.**

Please watch out for further information on the school jotter.

Top tips for internet safety

Staying safe on the internet is a vital part of modern technology use. Here are our top tips for aiding you and your children in this process:

- Monitor your child's internet use and keep a track of their browser history.
Make sure you choose strong passwords for your secure information.
Keep your privacy settings high to ensure your security.
Ensure you're up-to-date with all the latest security software.
Remember to be as vigilant on your mobile as your desktop or laptop.
Don't click on links you don't trust.

Tissues

Thank you to those parents who have sent in boxes of tissues. At present, we are using quite a lot of tissues as we have lots of seasonal colds and sniffles in classes. If you have not done so, please send in boxes of tissues as soon as possible.

Booster Classes

This week we have begun to hold booster classes for selected pupils throughout the school. If your child has been selected for a booster class, either before or after school, you will have received a letter home. Some classes will run in the morning from 8:00am to 8:30 am and some classes will run after school. If your child is one of the children who will attend the early morning sessions can you please make sure that they are in school in time for the session to start at 8:00am. Please **do not send your child any earlier than 8:00am** as there will not be adults available for supervision before this time.

Children attending booster classes do not go to breakfast club unless they have paid for it.

Paid breakfast club runs from 7:30am if you need to avail of this.

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

Regards

Mrs Heath

Headteacher



News Items



Children who have been awarded certificates w/e 04/02/2022

1 Jeremiah, Pola

2 Blanca, Ephrata

3 Edward B, Amelia D

4 Danielle, Alvia

5 Next newsletter

6 Russell, Daniel

Spirit of St Margaret Clitherow Badge awarded to:

Russell, Aaron, William, Keely, Lena

NURSERY PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

Your child can come dressed as a pirate on Friday 11th February.

This is part of their literacy where they have been looking at pirate books.

ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING 24th Jan to 28th Jan 2022

Year 2	94.7%
Year 6	93.2%
Year 5	92.4%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 1	86.7%
Year 3	83.4%
Whole school overall	90.5%

FORTHCOMING DATES

11 Feb	Nursery only- dressing up as pirates
14-18 Feb	Half term
28 Feb	Nursery opening evening
1 March	Nursery opening evening
14 March	Open evening
2 March	Lenten liturgy time TBC
4 March	Non uniform Catholic Children's Society – Lenten appeal
21 March	Open evening
23 March	Bags2school collection day
25 March	Feast of St Margaret Clitherow
29 March	Film night Years 1 & 2
30 March	Film night Years 3 & 4
31 March	Film night Years 5 & 6
31 March	Easter Egg hunt AM
1 April	Marie Curie wear something yellow bring a £1
1 April	School closes for the Easter holidays
19 April	School open for the summer term

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

