

# Spring Term Newsletter

Number 398 – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

This week we had the first of our Parents' meetings for the Spring Term. It was lovely to see so many of you and it was great to hear all the positive comments about our school. We have wonderful children in our school and very supportive parents. This partnership with parents is vital in ensuring the best outcomes for all our children. Next Monday on March 21<sup>st</sup> we will have the second meeting and Year 6 will also have a meeting for parents on March 28<sup>th</sup> (in place of the cancelled date on March 14<sup>th</sup>). I encourage all of you to attend.

## **Collecting and Dropping off children**

As we return to normality, we no longer see the need for a one-way system at school. The children will come in as usual either through the hall door (year 1 and year 2) or through the classroom doors or main entrance to junior block (junior classes). Any parents will then exit back through the main gate. The back gate will no longer be open to exit. At the end of the day, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will be dismissed from the Reception playground at 3:00pm and Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be dismissed from the side gate at 3:15pm. Reception children will continue to enter and exit through the Reception gate as normal.

## **Stations of the Cross**

As we continue on our journey through Lent, the children have been learning about The Stations of The Cross. This week some children visited the church to see the Stations of the Cross and others visited the Stations of the Cross in our prayer room. Please ask your children about this. Photos overleaf.

## **Bags to School**

Please remember to return your clothes for bag2school on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March by 9:00am. Please see the school jotter for further information on what items can be recycled. Remember the more we collect the more money we earn for the school.

## **Money Champions Coffee Mornings**

These sessions have begun at our school. Those who have attended so far have found the sessions very useful and enjoyable. Pop in on Wednesday mornings at 9:15am if you would like to hear some tips on how to make your money go further. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents, have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee.

## **Attendance**

It is vitally important that children attend school every day. Any unauthorised absences will result in a referral to the EWO and a fine will be issued. We are also concerned about the persistent lateness of some children. We cannot stress it enough the importance of being in school on time. It really sets the children up for the day. The EWO checks the late book and she will contact the parents if your child is persistently late.

## **Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel**

Next week, the 21<sup>st</sup> March, sees the beginning of the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2022. We encourage as many people as possible to try and walk, scooter or walk to school. We will take a survey each day to see how many children are taking an active journey to school. This school challenge has now been running for 11 years. It has inspired hundreds of thousands of families to take active journeys to school. It also helps to cut down on pollution.



## **Cake Sale**

The Friends of St Margaret Clitherow will hold a cake sale on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March** after school. We would like you to help by sending in some baked goods by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March and by coming along and buying some of the lovely cakes on offer.

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)

## Feast of St Margaret Clitherow

Next week, we will be celebrating the feast of St Margaret Clitherow.

St. Margaret Clitherow was born in Middleton, England, in 1555, of protestant parents. In 1571, she married John Clitherow, a well-to-do grazier and butcher and they had two children. A few years later she entered the Catholic Church. Her zeal led her to harbour fugitive priests, for which she was arrested and imprisoned by hostile authorities. She was condemned to be pressed to death on March 25, 1586. She was stretched out on the ground with a sharp rock on her back and crushed under a door over laden with unbearable weights. Her bones were broken and she died within fifteen minutes. The humanity and holiness of this servant of God can be readily glimpsed in her words to a friend when she learned of her condemnation: "The sheriffs have said that I am going to die this coming Friday; and I feel the weakness of my flesh which is troubled at this news, but my spirit rejoices greatly. For the love of God, pray for me and ask all good people to do likewise." Her feast day is March 26th. The children will have a special assembly about the life of St Margaret Clitherow on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Father Albert will be celebrating mass with us on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March. All parents are welcome.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards

Mrs Heath

Headteacher



## FRIENDS CAKE SALE

Please bring your cakes in on  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March for the cake sale  
on Friday afternoon after school.



## Lenten Prayer

GOD OF GOODNESS AND MERCY,

HEAR MY PRAYER AS I BEGIN THIS LENTEN JOURNEY WITH YOU.  
LET ME BE HONEST WITH MYSELF AS I LOOK INTO MY HEART AND SOUL,  
NOTICING THE TIMES I TURN AWAY FROM YOU. GUIDE ME AS I HUMBLY SEEK  
TO REPENT AND RETURN TO YOUR LOVE.

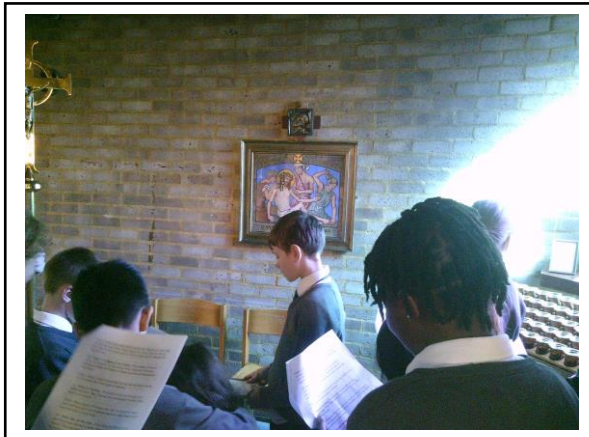
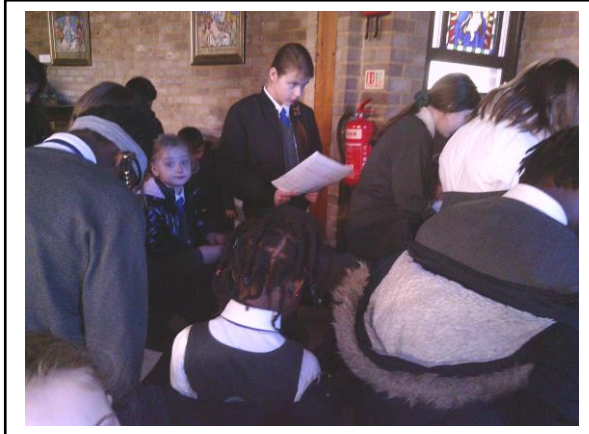
MAY HUMILITY GUIDE MY EFFORTS TO BE RECONCILED WITH YOU AND LIVE FOREVER  
IN YOUR ABUNDANT GRACE.

TRANSFORM ME THIS LENT, HEAVENLY FATHER. GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO  
COMMIT MYSELF TO GROW CLOSER TO YOU EACH DAY.

AMEN.









# News Items



## Children who have been awarded certificates w/e 18/03/2022

1 Anna, Guru

2 Rebecca, Isaac

3 Antonia, Zuzanna

4 Zuzanna, Gabriela

5 Channel, JP, Ethan

6 Emily, Aaron, Isabella

## ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDING 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Year 5	97.2%
Year 2	95.9%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 6	94.8%
Year 4	92.0%
Year 3	89.3%

Whole school overall **94%**

## FORTHCOMING DATES

21 March	Open evening
23 March	Bags2school collection day
24 March	Open evening Y5 only
25 March	Feast of St Margaret Clitherow
25 March	Friends Cake Sale
28 March	Open evening for Year 6 only
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.**

Can you please ensure that your parent pay account is up to date. There is outstanding dinner, kidzone, breakfast and wrap around care monies still to be paid.

Bag2school leaflets are in your child's bag this evening. Please get your unwanted good condition clothes back to school for collection by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 3pm.

Please use your own bags to put the clothes into.

Many thanks for your support.