



# Autumn Term Newsletter

Number 406 – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year. We hope both you and your children have had a wonderful summer and are all set for the new school year. I would like to give a particular warm welcome to all parents of children who joined us in September. I would also like to welcome our new members of staff: Mrs Kailou (Inclusion Manager and SENDco), Miss Higgins (Y2 teacher and Computing Lead), Mr Pridding (Y6 teacher and Maths Lead) as well as Mr George (our morning site manager). I hope that this is the start of a positive relationship together. It's been a very busy start with lots going on but the children have made an excellent start and have settled down well to working hard and behaving well.

## **Meet the teacher for R to Y6**

All teachers from Reception to Year 6 will hold a meet the teacher session in the next few weeks. To ensure that you are fully aware of what is expected of each year group, it is very important to come along to these meetings. The times and dates are as follows:

**Reception: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September @ 2.30pm**

**Y1: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September @ 2.30 pm**

**Y2: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September @ 2.30 pm**

**Y3: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September @ 2.30 pm**

**Y4: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September @ 2.30pm**

**Y5: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September @ 2.30pm**

## **Year 6 Meeting next Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September @ 6.00pm**

We strongly encourage all year 6 parents to attend this meeting where you will meet the year 6 teacher, find out the expectations for Year 6 and also hear some very important information regarding secondary school transfer. As you will need to apply for a secondary school place very soon for your child, it is vital that you attend this meeting.

## **Attendance**

Schools target for attendance is 96% and although many children achieve this we have a significant proportion of children who are regularly unwell and are off school at least one day or more every week. Many of these children are off due to repeated sickness. Please ensure that you do not take your child out of school during term time. We have had strict instructions from the EWO not to authorise leave requests unless there are special circumstances. (Please see our attendance policy on the website) Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be referred to Brent Education Welfare and may be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date) Please remember that if your child is absent from school, and we have not already been informed in advance, parents must telephone the school by 9.00am on every day of absence. This is a very important safeguarding measure to ensure we know the whereabouts of every child. If a child's whereabouts are unknown or unclear, the school will contact Brent's Children Missing in Education team so they can carry out an investigation.

## **Punctuality/ Lateness**

Already we have noticed a significant number of children who persistently arrive late for school. This is not just disruptive for the class but also impacts on your child's learning. We will be closely monitoring late arrivals and late collections. You will need to sign the late book if you arrive late dropping off or collecting your child. Punctuality is also vital to children's learning and well-being. So please ensure your child arrives on time and is collected on time every day.

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



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A child arriving after 8.50am should be accompanied by a parent or suitable adult who must report to the school office with the child. **DO NOT** leave your child at the school gate after 8.50am. This may be viewed as child abandonment and may result in a referral to Social Care.

We also have a number of children who are picked up late after school. This causes great inconvenience to school staff who often have meetings to attend after school. If a parent is going to be late collecting their child they should ring the school office or email [admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk). Any parent who regularly collects their child late will be invited to meet with the Headteacher. In very serious cases of children being left late at school the child may be deemed to be abandoned with the local police station being informed, as well as a referral made to Social Care. It is essential that you make an improved effort to pick your child up on time.

These times are:  
**2:45- Nursery**  
**2:50- Reception**  
**3:00- Year 1, 2 and 3**  
**3:15 –Year 4, 5 and 6**

If you have children in different year groups, you can wait on school grounds until the appropriate pick up time.

## School Information

Please make sure you download the school jotter app so you can be kept up to date with school information. Other information regarding the curriculum is also available on the school's website. The website address is [www.clitherow.brent.sch.uk](http://www.clitherow.brent.sch.uk).

Should you need any help with this, please do not hesitate to ask.

## Personal Information updates

Please do ensure you complete any information we have requested such as the collection arrangements for your child and medical details as this is vital for safeguarding purposes. If your child needs an asthma pump, an epipen or other medication, please bring this in labelled with your child's name. Similarly, if your child has any dietary requirements, you must let us know so that we can inform the kitchen staff. If there have been changes in your personal information, please make sure that you pass the updates to the office so we can update our records.

## Food Bank

Our foodbank is well stocked and up and running again daily.

## Uniform

Please ensure all children have the correct uniform which is clearly labelled with the child's full name with the special clothes stickers, labels or laundry pen. Please do not use initials only or a normal pen as this is not sufficient. Shoes should be black— School Coats must be plain black or blue. Please ensure your child also has their correct school PE kit I must emphasise that PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum and a child may only be excused with a written note for medical reasons. Long hair for girls should be tied back. Haircuts should be no shorter than a grade 3 with no zig-zags, patterns etc.

No jewellery is allowed in school, other than small stud earrings and a watch. Any child found wearing hooped earrings/necklaces/bracelets or other items of jewellery will be asked to remove them and place the items in a sealed envelope. The Parent/Carer will be contacted and requested to collect the jewellery from the school office. This is a Health and Safety regulation.



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## Uniform orders delays

We are aware that there has been a delay in the uniform orders placed by the parents. We understand that these are circumstances beyond parent control so if your order has not arrived, please let the school office know. We may be able to lend you second hand uniform until your order arrives. We have contacted M&S and they have assured us that this matter will be rectified very soon.

## Breakfast club

This club will run from 7.30am and the cost is £3.00 per session. All payments must be made via *ParentPay* in advance.

## Magic Breakfast

This provision will run daily **from 8.15am in the school hall**. Any child in the school from Reception to Year 6 can access this service for free.

## Kidzone

The hours for Kidzone are from **3.00pm – 5.30pm**. All payments must be made in advance through **ParentPay**. The cost of this provision is **£6 per hour**.

## Secondary School Transfers

If your child is in Y5 or Y6 then you should be planning to visit our local Secondary Schools. The open evening dates are available on their websites. It is worth looking at as many as possible. Our Catholic children are guaranteed entry into St Gregory's and most will get into Sacred Heart or the Salvatorian. If you are not Catholic then you must have back-ups to these Catholic Schools by visiting other schools.

### **Open Evening Dates:**

**St Gregory's—6th October 4pm-7.30pm**

**Sacred Heart—14th September 6.30pm-8.30pm**

**Salvatorian— 4th October 5.30pm-7.30pm**

St Gregory's will be holding a special open morning for our students. The date is yet to be finalised. We are living in tough financial times and I am aware of how difficult life is for so many of our families. We will always do what we can to support you so please talk to me. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals then please let us know. Please apply even if your child is in the Infants because we get funding to support all children on the free school meals register. We also have our Food Bank which you are all welcome to use.

## Governors' Fund

Governors' Fund—our annual voluntary payment of £90 for this year 2022-2023 is now available to be paid via parent pay. This can be paid annually or in 3 instalments. Thank you for your support.

Best wishes and God Bless

Mrs Heath

Headteacher



## **HRH Queen Elizabeth II 21<sup>st</sup> April 1926 – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

We offer our sincere condolences to the Windsor family following the sad death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. We will always remember her indisputable kindness, as well as the service and dedication she gave to our country.

May she Rest in Peace.