



Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter. On Monday this week, Fr Albert came to celebrate mass for our new school year. It was lovely to see so many parents attend.

Steve Frew

We had a very exciting visitor to our school on Friday 30th September when Olympic athlete Steve Frew came to visit and lead some sessions with children. Thank you to all those who have returned the sponsorship forms. If you have not done so yet, there is still time to get these forms in to school. An astonishing amount of money was raised - £1100 which is absolutely amazing for a school as small as ours. The money will be used to purchase the PE equipment such as Spring boards, adjustable nets, giant connect four, long jump mats to name but a few, which will help enhance the children's PE skills. It was so wonderful to see that so many parents supported this initiative which shows a huge commitment from the parents' side. A big thank you goes to Miss Pugh who is the PE lead and made this event possible.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We had our annual Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 30th September. As usual, Year 6 students were very involved in running this event. We also sold some cakes after school on Friday. Over £400 was raised for this very worthy cause. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

School chaplains

Mrs Terry, Mrs Fernandes and our new school chaplains visited Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 4th October to undergo some training on the role of school chaplains. The children had a great day and had the opportunity to meet with other pupil chaplains. We are looking forward to their new ideas being used in our school.

Coats

Now that the weather is getting colder and wetter, it is very important that children wear coats to school as they spend a lot of time outdoors. Please ensure coats are navy or black (clearly labelled). Suitable footwear (school shoes) are also essential.

Black History Month

As a Catholic community, we recognise and celebrate all our pupils and staff of BAME origin every day, every month. Our school rightly recognises the importance of October being associated with Black History Month. But it does not stop there. During the month of October and throughout the year, the children will be learning about cultural diversity throughout the curriculum.

PE

Please ensure that your child wears the **school jogging bottoms for PE** as this lesson takes place outdoors and the weather is now much colder; shorts are no longer appropriate. Children are not permitted to wear tights under shorts as this is not hygienic.

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



News Items



Tissues

Thank you to those of you who have been sending in boxes of tissues. We are getting through a vast amount every day as many of the children have sniffles and runny noses. If you have not already done so, we would be grateful if you send in a box of tissues with your child for classroom use. Thank you for your support.

Food tasting session

On Wednesday, parents had a chance to come and try some of the food we serve children for lunch. All of our school lunch food is prepared freshly on site every day. There is a wonderful choice available and those who came on Wednesday will testify as to how tasty this food is. Thank you to Chartwells and our wonderful cooks, Venis, Eva and Regina for always working tirelessly to provide the children with high quality food.

A survey will be coming up soon and we would encourage everyone to complete this. We value your feedback.

Punctuality

I would just like to urge all parents to please ensure your child is in school on time. Most children, we are pleased to say, do come on time but we still want to ensure that all children are present on time and do not miss out on valuable learning time. We have our free Magic (Bagel) Breakfast from 8:15 every morning and would love to see more children attend. As well as having bagels, we also have lots of activities for the children to enjoy in the mornings, including, Lego, board games, reading books, colouring and many puzzles. It is so important that the children are on time as this plays such an important part in their learning and establishing routines.

Applying for a secondary school place

The deadline for applying is 31st October. Your child is less likely to be offered a place at their chosen schools if you miss the deadline for applications.

New scheme of work for RSE

Thank you for filling out the recent questionnaire on RSE. If you have not completed this, can you do so by Monday so that we can arrange a meeting for parents.

School Jotter

Can you please ensure that you have downloaded the SCHOOL JOTTER. If you are an IOS user please go to the Apple App Store and for Android users it is Google Play. We upload newsletters and notices etc. frequently.

Contact numbers

Please ensure that the office has the most up to date contact numbers so that we can update your records. It is extremely important that we have three numbers that enable us to contact you in case of emergency.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your support.

Mrs Heath
Headteacher

CRAZY HAIR DAY 17 OCTOBER



Children can style their hair in anyway their like for a donation of £1.

School uniform must still be worn.

Class Saints Day

The children can wear their own clothes and celebrate their Saint.

Reception: St Francis of Assisi – 4th October

Year 1: St Patrick – 17th March

Year 2: St David – 1st March

Year 3: St Andrew – 30th November

Year 4: St George – 23rd April

Year 5: St Vincent De Paul – 27th September

Year 6: St Martin de Porres – 3rd November

BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Please make sure that your child gets off their bike or scooter before entering the school gate.

Children are not allowed to ride on school premises.

FORTHCOMING DATES

13 th Oct	Parents' coffee morning in the school house
14 th Oct	Year 5 going to Mass
17 th Oct	Crazy hair day
24-28 Oct	Half term
1 st Nov	Reception phonics workshop at 2.15pm in the school hall
4 th Nov	Inset no school
7-11 Nov	Y6 Gordon Brown trip
14 th Nov	Kittle Photos
14 th Nov	Open evening
21 st Nov	Open evening
29 th Nov	Advent Liturgies
8 th Dec	Christmas concerts Reception 10.00am Y1,2,3 11.00am
13 th Dec	Film night Year 1 & 2
14 th Dec	Film night Year 3 & 4
15 th Dec	Film night Year 5 & 6
15 th Dec	Flu Spray R to Y6
15 th Dec	Christmas concerts Y4,5,6 9.30am Nur 11.00am
16 th Dec	School finishes for the Christmas holidays

ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING 26th to 30th Sept 2022

Year 1 99.3%

Year 5 99.3%

Year 6 99.3%

Year 4 95.9%

Year 3 94.3%

Year 2 93.5%

Whole school overall 97%