



Autumn Term Newsletter

Number 409 – 21st October 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

We have now come to the end of this half-term and the weeks seem to just flown by. We have been very busy at St Margaret Clitherow School and so many wonderful things have been happening. We also have a very busy schedule for the next half-term so please keep an eye out on the School Jotter for all upcoming dates to ensure that you don't miss out.

Reception Tie-ing In Assembly

On Thursday 13th October we had a wonderful celebration as we welcomed the Reception children officially to St Margaret Clitherow School. We would like to thank Fr Albert who led the celebration. The Reception children joined in enthusiastically and were a credit to the school. Thank you to all the parents and family members who were able to join us in such a special celebration; we are looking forward to a successful relationship in the years to come.

Coffee Morning for The Friends of St Margaret Clitherow

On Thursday 12th October we were delighted to see so many parents attend the coffee morning. It was also lovely to welcome some new parents to our school. The Friends of St Margaret Clitherow play a very important role in supporting the school with organising events and fundraising. If you would like to join in this wonderful organisation, please contact Liz on 07736 673 711.

Gordon Brown Trip

On Monday 7th November Year 6 will go on a residential trip to The Gordon Browne Centre. I know that they are very much looking forward to this and we hope that the weather will be kind to us. We know that they will have a fantastic time and will have lasting memories of this trip. Please use the half term to get organised for the trip.

Phonic Workshop for Parents of children in Reception and Year 1

On Tuesday 1st November a workshop will take place in the school hall for parents of children in Reception and Year 1. It will take place at 2:15pm and should not take more than 30 minutes. We strongly advise that you come along to this workshop to help you understand more about how we teach phonics in school and how you can help support your child in their reading and writing at home to ensure that they can reach their full potential.

Open Evening

Letters will be going out after half term inviting you to a meeting with your class teacher. These meetings will take place on Monday 14th November and Monday 21st November and on Thursday 17th and Thursday 24th for Year 5. Please keep an eye out for this as it is very important that you attend.

Secondary School Applications

The deadline for secondary school applications is fast approaching. All secondary school applications must be submitted online to Brent by the deadline of 31 October 2022. Please also remember to complete any additional forms that individual schools may also require parents to submit directly.

Uniform

Now that the weather is getting colder, please ensure that your child is wearing a coat to school. School coats need to be in school colours of black or navy. All parents have signed a home school agreement to follow the school requirement for uniform. If people persist in ignoring this, you will be asked to have a meeting with the Chair of Governors to discuss this.

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



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Black History Month

The children attended a whole school assembly today where they showcased all the varied work that they have undertaken during October. It was lovely to see the variety of work covered and how much the children have learnt. The children also enjoyed a wonderful meal on Wednesday which was specially prepared by our fantastic chef Venis. The children were very complimentary of the food and many looked for seconds and thirds!

Spirituality Week

During the first week back after half term, we will be holding a special Spirituality week. Children will have the chance to create art-work, poetry, pray and reflect and spend some time contemplating their faith. Also, Tuesday 1st November is the feast of All Saints. We will be celebrating the saints throughout this day and would ask that your children come dressed as a Saint on that day. They will be able to share information about their saint during a special assembly.

Punctuality

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 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.

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.

Parking

Unfortunately, we still have parents who are parking in a dangerous way. Staff members this week had to drive around cars parked in the entrance gates. This is not only illegal but it is also very dangerous. Please park with consideration to our neighbours. Do not park across driveways as residents are becoming very irate. They will be informing the police and give the number plate details.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your support.

Mrs Heath

Headteacher

Plea for help for our prayer garden

We are currently in the process of creating a lovely new prayer garden outside. If any parent is good at gardening and willing to help us with this, we would be very grateful for your help. Please contact the office or let Mrs Heath or Mrs Terry know.

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 and shorts are no longer appropriate. Children are not permitted to wear tights under shorts.

Friday 4th November

Please note that the school will be closed on this date. All staff will go to St Gregory's Catholic Science College to attend training as part of our Academy Trust.



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Children who have been awarded certificates w/e 21/10/2022

1 Sophia, Isabella, Zoya

2 Zuzanna, Kidus

3 Ephrata, Afri

4 Isaac, Amelia

5 M'Leiya-Skye, Natalie

6 Bryan, Max A

Edenred Vouchers

Please see the information leaflet sent on the Jotter this morning.

ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING

10th to 14th Oct 2022

Year 6 98.6%

Year 5 97.6%

Year 1 97.3%

Year 4 96.6%

Year 3 95.3%

Year 2 86.1%

Whole school overall **95.6%**

Crazy Hair Day

On Monday 17th October we had some amazing hair designs in school. The creativity shown was amazing. Thank you to everyone who took part and for your donations on the day. We raised **£102** which will go towards funds for improving our school.

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.

FORTHCOMING DATES

24-28 Oct	Half term
31-4 Nov	Spirituality Week
1 st Nov	Rec & Y1 phonics workshop at 2.15pm in the school hall
4 th Nov	Inset no school
7-11 Nov	Y6 Gordon Brown trip
8 th Nov	RSE parents' meetings (Mrs Terry) 2.15pm
14 th Nov	Kittle Photos
14 th Nov	Open evening
16 th Nov	RSE parents' meetings (Mrs Heath) 5.30pm
21 st Nov	Open evening
29 th Nov	Advent Liturgies
8 th Dec	Christmas concerts Reception 10.00am Y1 & Y2 11.00am Y3 & Y4 2.15pm
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 Y5 & Y6 9.30am Nursery 11.00am
16 th Dec	School finishes for the Christmas holidays 1.30pm NO KIDZONE