



Spring Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

As this is the first newsletter of the New Year, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break, filled with all of the love, peace and Joy that comes with the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour - as well as spending time with those we love, reflecting on the importance of this special time. It has been great to see the children return to school full of smiles, excited to talk about their holidays and ready to learn.

On Friday 6th January we celebrated the feast of Epiphany. We joined in the live stream from the parish where Fr Albert celebrated mass. In class, the children learned about Epiphany and the ways that people all over the world celebrate this feast day.

On Thursday 5th January, the children also took part in an Act of Worship to mark the funeral of Pope Benedict XVI. We spoke about the Pope's life and what made him special. We remember him as he was described by Cardinal Nichols, "he was a very spiritual, very kind, very insightful, immensely intelligent and sensitive man."

Trips

We have begun the new year with many trips out for the children. As we are exploring Hinduism as part of our study into other faiths, the children from the junior classes have visited the Hindu temple in Kingsbury. This has been a wonderful opportunity for children to see how people of other faiths worship and express their faith.

Booster classes

The children are very fortunate in that we offer so many booster classes to help children make progress and to fill in any gaps in learning. The school has worked hard to ensure that any child who needs extra support is included in a booster class. These booster classes are **compulsory** for the students involved and we ask you to be on time for those classes that take place before school. The early morning classes will start promptly at 8am. When children come late they are missing out on valuable learning. If your child is in an afterschool booster class, please ensure that you are on time to pick them up once the class has finished.

Parking

Once again, we have had issues with parents parking inconsiderately and putting children's lives in danger. The yellow 'zig-zags' road markings outside school are there for a very good reason: the safety of pupils. **Do not park or stop even for a short moment on these markings.** Any cars stopped or parked in the restricted area can hide small children who are about to cross the road.

Clubs

We are delighted to be able to offer so many after school clubs this term. The clubs are open to children from Year 1 to Year 5 only. We ask you to be aware of the finishing time of these clubs and to **be on time** to pick up your child when the club finishes. Please see box below for times etc.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Heath

Headteacher

Should you have any queries please contact us on: admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk
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News Items



PHOTOGRAPHS

Photos taken of children at school events are not to be shared on social media.

After School Clubs

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| Monday | Dance Y1 – Y5 3.15 to 4.15pm |
| Tuesday | Kung Fu Y1 – Y5 3.15 to 4.15pm |
| | Multi Sports Y1 & Y2 3.00 to 4.00pm |
| Wednesday | Football Y3 – Y5 3.15 to 4.15pm |
| | Gymnastics Y1 to Y5 3.15 to 4.15pm |
| Thursday | Choir Y3 to Y5 3.00 to 4.00pm |
| Friday | Science Club 3.00 to 5.00pm |
| Mon to Friday | Kidzone Club 3.00 to 5.30pm |

FORTHCOMING DATES

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| 16 Jan | Height & Weight Reception & Y6 |
| 17 Jan | Y5 Nat History Museum trip |
| 18 Jan | Y3 trip to Hindu temple |
| 2 Feb | Y4 going to Mass 9.30am |
| 6-8 Feb | Y5 Lincolnsfield Centre trip |
| 13-17 | Half Term |
| 21 Feb | Shrove Tuesday |
| 22 Feb | Ash Wednesday |
| 24 Feb | Oral health parents workshop 9.00am |
| 1 March | Feast of St David Y2 own clothes |
| 2 March | World Book Day |
| 10 March | Y3 going to Mass |
| 13 March | Open Evening |
| 14 March | Science club Forest School trip |
| 20 March | Open Evening |
| 21 March | Y4 trip to Wallace Collection |
| 28 March | Y1 & Y2 Film night |
| 29 March | Y3 & Y4 Film Night |
| 30 March | Y5 & Y6 Film Night |
| 31 March | Wear something Yellow £1 support for Marie Curie |
| 31 March | School Finishes at 1.30pm |

PARENTPAY

Can you please make sure any money that is outstanding is paid.

Dinner monies are paid directly to Chartwells the dinner provider as such payments should be made weekly.

If you have a problem with parentpay please see the school office.

If you are waiting for a letter to log on please see the school office.

LATENESS

Please make sure that your child is in school on time each day. Please do not leave them at the school gate or front door as you need to sign the late folder.

If your child is constantly late we will be in touch to arrange a meeting.

It is important that your child is on time and does not miss the start of the day.