



Spring Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

You will have heard in the news that teachers who are members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted in favour of strike action in connection with a national dispute with the Secretary of State for Education, over teachers' pay.

The days currently planned for strike action in our region are:-

- Wednesday, 1st February 2023
- Thursday, 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday, 15th March 2023
- Thursday, 16th March 2023

The industrial action means that we are not able to open the school to some pupils on those days. I appreciate that this action could cause disruption to the learning of our pupils and that families may have to make alternative childcare arrangements during this time. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but this dispute is, as you are aware, a national issue.

Ready, Steady, Cook

We had a very exciting morning today as we had our own version of ready, Steady, Cook here at St Margaret Clitherow School. The children really enjoyed the activity and learnt a lot about healthy food choices. Thank you to our catering company Chartwells for facilitating this assembly. (Pictures below and more to follow on the website)

Punctuality

We are noticing an increase in late arrivals at school in the morning. It is vitally important that children attend school on time every day. The soft start time in the morning is an opportunity for children to respond to marking and feedback from teachers and also some valuable learning is taking place at this time.

It is also a good life skill as children progress to secondary school and out into the world of employment. Punctuality is very important and needs to be embedded at a young age.

ISP Meetings

If your child is currently working on an ISP, teachers will arrange a meeting with you to discuss progress and discuss any new targets which will be put in place.

Volunteers Needed

To help promote reading for pleasure, we are looking for volunteers to hear children read. Volunteers must be willing to commit to at least an hour a week on a regular basis (preferably in the afternoon), and be willing to listen to children read in all year groups - ranging from Reception to Year 6. All volunteers will need to be DBS checked in line with the Safeguarding policy. If you are interested then please contact the office via email (admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk) giving your name, child's/children's names, class and contact details.

Uniform

We have noticed more and more children wearing incorrect uniform. All parents have signed a home school agreement to follow the school requirement for uniform. Please ensure that correct uniform is worn. If unsure, check on the school website for the correct items. We have also seen children wearing incorrect footwear, some of which is not only incorrect uniform but offers little in foot support and could actually cause damage to growing feet. School coats need to be in school colours of black or navy. Tights are also not to be worn under jogging bottoms on PE days. 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
iheath@clitherow.brent.sch.uk or bnolan@clitherow.brent.sch.uk



News Items



Jewellery

No dangly earrings or hoops are permitted to be worn in school. This is a health and safety requirement. Children wearing these earrings will be asked to remove them. No other jewellery is permitted to be worn apart from a watch, which may not be a **smart watch of any kind**.

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.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Heath
Headteacher

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 |
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FORTHCOMING DATES

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| 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 |

