



Spring Term Newsletter

Number 415 – 10th February 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end of another very busy half term here at St Margaret Clitherow School. We are all looking forward to a well-earned rest next week.

Lincolnsfield

The children in Year 5 have just returned from a very successful residential trip to Lincolnsfield Education Centre. The children left on Monday and returned on Wednesday afternoon. The children had a fantastic experience and were fantastic throughout. They learnt so much about what life was like as a wartime evacuee. Many thanks to the adults who accompanied the children with me, Mrs Baalla, Mrs Walsh and Mrs Fernandes. Without this support, this trip would not have been possible. Photos to follow on Google classroom.

Edenred Vouchers February Half Term 2023

The Government announced that the Household Support Fund grant has been extended until March 2023, however the LA is currently awaiting details regarding the Council's allocation and grant conditions. Once they have confirmation of these details we will update the parents.

For the upcoming February Half Term, the Council will be using this grant to provide supermarket vouchers for families whose children are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Each family whose children are eligible will be issued with a £15 Edenred voucher per eligible child for each week of the February Half Term. This totals **£15** for the February Half Term. Please look out for the email sent to you containing the eCode and step-by step instructions on how to access the voucher.

Please note:

- Supermarket vouchers are valid for 3 months and cannot be reissued once expired
- Please communicate any problems redeeming your voucher to Mrs Heath

Volunteers in school

Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to come in and hear children read. Miss Nolan will be in contact with you after half term to arrange an induction session. If there are any other parents who would like to help, please email the school (admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk) giving your name, child's/children's names, class and contact details.

Bag2School

We are again collecting good quality clean used clothing and shoes for the Bag2School scheme. If you need some bags, please come to the school office. We will be accepting the bags up to Monday 27th February.

Multi-sports Club

We are delighted to be able to run the multisport club again. This free club will run on Monday from 3:15 to 4:15. It was such a popular club last time that we had to create a waiting list. The children on the waiting list will now be given priority for this club. Children selected will have been given letters with all the details. The club will begin on Monday 20th February.

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



News Items



World Book Day

The annual World Book Day will take place on 2nd March 2023. To celebrate this event, we are asking the children to dress up as their favourite book character on Friday 3rd March. The theme for this year is 'You are a reader'. We do not expect parents to go out and buy costumes but would much prefer it if children used their imaginations and creativity with resources they might already have.

Brent Libraries

Brent Libraries run many events throughout the year to encourage children to read more and to help foster a love of reading in children. All of these events are free. Please see the jotter for more information.

Polite Notice

Please do not sit on the windows outside the hall. The plants underneath the windows have been damaged by people walking over them.

Have a lovely and restful half-term and we look forward to seeing you all back again on Monday 20th February.

Mrs Heath
Headteacher

Uniform

Please take notice that the school uniform is a white shirt and **not a white or yellow polo shirt**. We want children to take pride in their uniform as the uniform represents the school. Wearing the incorrect uniform does not represent the school in a good light. Please also ensure that coats are black or navy and shoes are appropriate. No boots should be worn to school.

Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the Friends of St Margaret Clitherow cake sale today either by donating cakes or buying some of the delicious cakes on offer. £240 was raised which will go towards equipment and resources for the children.

FORTHCOMING DATES

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

Children who have been awarded certificates w/e 20/01/2023

1 Alicja, Joshua, Bastian, Mate

2 Van Jacob, Jeremiah

3 Ricky, Nadia

4 Acacia, Kimberly, Joshua

5 Ivy, Gabriela

6 Henry, Lacey-Ann

Science Club

We have come to the end of our wonderful science club. The last session took place on Friday 3rd February. We are so lucky that we could offer such a fantastic experience to our children at no cost to parents. Thank you to Ruta and Marco for running this club for the last 12 weeks. To celebrate the end of the club, the Science club will go on a trip to the Forest School on 14th March. Letters will go out after half term.

“The promise of spring’s arrival is enough to get anyone through the bitter winter,,

–Jen Selinsky

ATTENDANCE w/e ending 03/02/2023

1st	Year 2	97%
2nd	Year 1 & 6	96.4%
3rd	Year 3	95%
4th	Year 4	94.9%
5th	Year 5	93.6%

Total for the week **95.6%**

“Spring’s greatest joy beyond a doubt is when it brings the children out.”

–EDGAR GUEST