



Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents

A warm welcome to the first newsletter of the school year. We hope both you and your children have had a wonderful summer and are all set for the new school year.

It's been a very busy start with lots going on but the children have made an excellent start and have settled down well to working hard and behaving well. There have been a number of letters going home and all of these can be found on the school website. I apologise for inundating you with paperwork but as you can imagine there are always changes and reminders needed at the start of the school year! Please do ensure you complete any information we have requested such as the collection arrangements for your child and medical details as this is vital for safeguarding purposes. If your child needs an asthma pump or an epipen, please bring this in labelled with your child's name.

We welcome some new members of staff this term, Mr Faley who will be our PE coach, Miss Keown and Miss Burling - assistant coaches. They will be teaching PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. Welcome also to Mrs Welsher-O'Shea and Miss Manley who will be working in our Foundation Stage. We welcome back Mrs Whitehead who will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Secondly, please ensure all children have the correct uniform which is clearly labelled with the child's full name with the special clothes stickers, labels or laundry pen. Please do not use initials only or a normal pen as this is not sufficient. Please ensure your child also has their own school PE kit (not shared with siblings) in school at times. I must emphasise that PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum and a child may only be excused with a written note for medical reasons.

Thirdly, on Thursday 17th September, we will be having a special Mass celebrated by Father Mark to mark the start of our school year and we would be delighted if you would join us at the English Martyrs' Church at 9.30am. All children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be walking up to the church. It would be really lovely if you can attend.

Finally, on a serious note I am very saddened that we have to write to parents once again on the parking issue. I have received a serious complaint yet again from a local resident because of the dangerous and inconsiderate actions of some of our parents. We are receiving complaints regularly and quite frankly, it is not acceptable for either myself, Mr Downing or Mrs Haneef or any other member of staff to have to waste time that should be spent on other important aspects which benefit your children pacifying locals or standing outside policing the area or repeating the same requests over and over again. Quite simply it is dangerous and I am seriously worried about the safety of our children not to mention the fact that we are fed up and disappointed that parents can not comply with a simple request. I have contacted the local police again and they are looking at our CCTV system footage of the gate and surrounding area and looking into how we can extend it even further if necessary. They will also be monitoring the area. We will have no hesitation in reporting any offenders to the police.

I know many parents do park legally and with consideration and I know it must be very frustrating to be in receipt of such a letter when it does not apply to you. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and apologise that you have to read umpteen requests about behaviour that I am sure angers and upsets you as much as it does us.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great weekend and I hope the sunshine holds out for a bit longer for us all!

Mrs McSperrin
Head Teacher



News Items



LETTERS

There will be a number of letters coming out this week informing you of the clubs being run after school by members of staff as well as outside agencies. We are very fortunate that we have so many members of staff who are willing to run clubs in their own time. Places are limited, so please send in the reply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. If we do not get the numbers to run the club, we will have no alternative but to cancel that particular club.

FORTHCOMING DATES

8 Sept	Reception Intake
15 Sept	Reception Intake
22 Sept	Reception Intake
16 Sept	Nursery Intake
23 Sept	Nursery Intake
30 Sept	Nursery Intake
7 Oct	Nursery Intake

COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 18th September Year 6 is hosting a coffee morning after the 9.30 a.m. mass in the English Martyrs hall in support of MacMillan nurses. The children will be serving freshly baked cakes for the parishioners. All are welcome so please join us if you can.

EDUCATION WELFARE OFFICER

The EWO has already been in school monitoring attendance and punctuality so please do ensure you ring if your child is absent and follow up with a letter. It is also crucial that your child arrives on time.

MONIES

Dinner, Kidzone and trip money must be put in an envelope with your child's name and class on it. Please DO NOT come into the office with money in your hand as there are many trips taking place which money has to be kept separate for the various invoices.

MEET THE TEACHERS

Please do ensure you attend the "Meet the Teachers" meeting on Monday 14th September for Y1, 2, 4 and 5 to have a chance to find out more about what your child is doing in school and ask any questions you may have.

CARPARKING

Please do not park illegally or across any of our neighbours drives or up on the kerbs. It is important that you take care when dropping and collecting your child to school.

MEDICAL LETTERS

If you have yet to bring back your medical letter can you please do so.

School website address is as follows:-

www.clitherow.brent.sch.uk