



Autumn Term Newsletter



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Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to Year 6 and Miss Gaile as well as all the adults in Year 6 for hosting a fantastic coffee morning last Friday in support of MacMillan nurses, a cause very close to our hearts. An amazing £382 was raised to support such worthy cause. Huge thank you to all the parishioners and parents who attended and helped us raise the money. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Secondly, I would like to remind you of a couple of important events next week. We have the "Tieing in" assembly for Reception on Tuesday 29th September at 10.45am. This is a very important event for the reception children as they officially become members of St Margaret's. All are welcome.

Please do check you have received an appointment for your child's ISP meeting with their teacher. It is vital that you inform your child's teacher or Mrs Heath if you are unable to attend as this is a key meeting where you can discuss your child's progress and set their targets for the term. It really does benefit your child enormously when we work together in partnership so we value your input and support.

We are still awaiting some stock from our uniform suppliers but we will ensure any orders are given out as soon as we can. Sadly, we have been let down by the supplier which has meant delays with the orders. We appreciate your patience and cooperation and I would like to thank you for the huge effort that has been made in supporting us with this. The children really do look so smart. We will continue to be understanding if your child is missing any of the uniform items but I will remind parents to please ensure they have a blue tie as this is compulsory. Rest assured if you have ordered one and are awaiting it this is not an issue and we completely understand.

We wrote to you about parking in our last newsletter; I cannot stress how important it is that you abide by our requests. The council has now painted lines on the road outside the school to help prevent illegal and dangerous parking. It has a knock on effect when members of staff have to spend time dealing with issues and complaints from residents. This is time better spent benefitting your children so please do consider the impact on us and the reputation of the school. We are all part of a community that needs to work together. I would urge other parents to please also report to us any incidents also as we need your support with this.

The teacher clubs are starting next week. We are very fortunate that so many teachers are willing to give up their time to benefit the children. There are still some spaces for some of the clubs; please see overleaf for more details. If you wish your child to participate in any of these clubs, please pick up a form from the stand in the lobby.

On Tuesday afternoon, a serious fire occurred at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Harlesden. Thankfully, all children and staff were evacuated safely. The local authority is working closely with the school and other local schools to find alternative accommodation for the children's learning to continue. Please remember the children, staff and their families in your prayers.

Finally, our Year 3 children are off to the Gordon Brown Centre for the weekend. Again, I am sure you will agree, we are very fortunate that staff members are willing to give up their time to make such trips possible for the children. The children have been very excited and I am sure we are going to have a wonderful time. All we need is the good weather!

Thank you for your continued support.
Have a great weekend.

Mrs McSperrin
Head Teacher



News Items



LETTERS

There are lots of letters going out at the moment asking for consent and or money for various activities. Please can you ensure that you bring letters back with monies in an envelope with your child's name and year on it. DO NOT come into the office with loose money in your hand.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

FORTHCOMING DATES

30 Sept	Nursery Intake
7 Oct	Nursery Intake
1 Oct	Y5 visit to Wembley synagogue
5 Oct	Y5 Science museum trip

After school & Teacher clubs

There are spaces left in the following clubs:- Irishing dancing, Kung Fu, Football Dance, Boardgames, Art juniors, Sewing, French and Storybooks.

If you are interested please see Mrs Haneef in the office.

PUPIL PREMIUM/FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Did you know.....just by being eligible for "Pupil Premium Funding" the school gets extra money?

We can offer you financial help with trips, uniforms, music lessons etc, or provide additional support in school for your child to the value of £1300 if your child is entitled to Pupil Premium.

This money will also pay for your child's after school club and any other extra curricular activities.

Check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed. You can register your child for "Pupil Premium/Free School Meals" if you get any of these benefits:

Income Support

Income based Jobseekers Allowance

Income related Employment & Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

The Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment someone may receive for a further 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Please see Mrs Haneef in the office.

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.

School website address is as follows:-

www.clitherow.brent.sch.uk