



# Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's Newsletter. Firstly, can I say a huge thank you to all those parents who not only came to our Open Evenings but took the time to complete our questionnaires. We are just in the process of compiling the information and I will write to you soon with the results. If any parent did not complete a questionnaire and wishes to do so we would be very grateful. Copies are available in the stand in the lobby.

Next week, we will be having our Advent Liturgy for Reception to Year 6 on Tuesday afternoon. You are very welcome to attend. Please see overleaf for information on times. We are also having an Art and DT focus next week and all the children are very excited. The teachers have planned many exciting Art and DT activities linked to Christmas which I am sure the children will love.

Secondly, I'd just like to request that parents kindly check that all your child's uniform is named and that they have all the required items. Despite numerous requests many children are still wearing coats, hats etc which do are not in line with our uniform policy or not wearing ties. There is a specific school hat for winter which is available for £6. It really does look so much smarter when the children dress appropriately and sends the right message about how the school is valued.

We have had a number of requests recently from parents regarding their child being excused from PE. I would just like to make it clear that PE is not optional. It is a compulsory part of the curriculum and, as such, all children must take part. Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school at all times. If your child is in school then they will be expected to take part in PE lessons. A child will only be excused in exceptional circumstances e.g upon the advice of a doctor.

Just a reminder with regards to break time snacks. Please ensure your child has fruit or vegetables to eat at break time. No other snacks are permitted.

Plans are also well under way for our Christmas shows the times of which can be found overleaf. The theme of the concerts this year is Nativity. Please do help your child with learning their words. No doubt they will all do you proud, as usual, by the time the shows come around but there is a lot of hard work that goes on behind the scenes. It is a very busy time of year again so please keep an eye out for updates on everything. I know the children are all so excited that Christmas is approaching and it makes for a lovely atmosphere in school!

We are also having an own clothes day on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We are asking that each child brings in a suitable gift for the tombola for our Christmas Fayre on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Finally, just a reminder to ensure you please sign your child's reading record each night. There is a huge emphasis on reading both at school and at home in the New National Curriculum and as this is part of your child's designated homework we expect it to be done consistently. Failure to do so will hinder your child's progress and we will have to discuss it with you. I know most parents are supporting us with this and we are very thankful. We do understand that family time is precious and we all have busy lives where there just don't seem to have enough hours in the day but I cannot stress highly enough how important it is.

We really do appreciate your support.

Have a great weekend

Mrs E McSperrin  
Headteacher

☺ Children who have been awarded certificates ☺

1 Aleksandra, Ola

2 Alicia, Olivier

3 Kymarrah

4 Haitham, Clarence

5 Abi, Jessica A

6 Matilda


**Christmas Fayre/Grotto**
  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**December at 3.00pm**  
**in school hall.**


School website address is as follows:-  
[www.clitherow.brent.sch.uk](http://www.clitherow.brent.sch.uk)

FORTHCOMING DATES	
1 Dec	Advent Liturgies R, Y1 & Y2 - 1.40 to 2.10pm Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 - 2.15 to 2.45pm
10 Dec	Christmas concerts Y1, Y2 & Y3 9.30am Nur & Rec 10.45am Y4, Y5 & Y6 2.00pm
11 Dec	Christmas fayre
18 Dec	School closes for xmas holidays

**CHRISTMAS GIFT DONATIONS**

At our Christmas fayre this year we are holding a gift tombola. We would like you to donate a gift for this stall. You may have some unwanted gifts at home+ which you may wish to donate for example, a candle, tin of biscuits, xmas sweets, toiletries, a child's toy, books, music cd, dvd (must be PG only), picture or picture frames or xmas decorations.

Can you please bring in your gift by **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

If you are bringing in items of food (Biscuits or chocolates) for the gift tombola, please ensure the food is in date

If you can help in anyway can you please let Althea Prince, Mrs McSperrin or Mrs Haneef know ASAP.

Please help us to help our school as the money raised at our events will go to make it possible for our children to go on school trips.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December we are having a Funday Monday where the children can wear their own clothes. We are asking that each child brings to school a gift for the tombola.

