



Spring Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents

May I firstly say a huge welcome back to everyone and I hope you have had a wonderful and restful break. We are looking forward to the start of a new and exciting term with many wonderful events. I would also like to say on behalf of myself and all the staff how overwhelmed we have all been by your wonderful generosity at the end of last term. We have all been touched by your kindness and appreciation. I cannot thank you all enough as you have really made us all feel very valued.

I would like to just remind you of a few issues which continue to arise and urge you to make this term a positive one, in which we all work together to make our school the best it can be by please heeding these requests:

UNIFORM – All parents have signed a home school agreement consenting to abide by uniform rules. Please ensure all clothes are labelled and correct uniform and footwear is worn to school. Should your child not be in correct uniform on any day you will receive a letter and persistent non-compliance will result in a meeting with myself or the chair of governors. Also children who do not abide by uniform rules will lose golden time. It is important that we all dress smartly to show our pride at being members of our school family. I would also like parents to kindly ensure they check their child comes home with their own items of clothing including coats and returns any items which do not belong to them. It is vital in particular that coats and jumpers are labelled as these seem to be the items which go missing most often.

JEWELLERY – No jewellery is allowed in school, other than small stud earrings and a watch. Any child found wearing hooped earrings will be told to remove them and place the items in a sealed envelope. The Parent/Carer will be contacted and requested to collect the jewellery from the school office. This is a Health and Safety regulation.

EQUIPMENT – Can you please ensure your child comes to school with all the items they need, including a labelled PE kit. I would also ask you to ensure that if your child is in KS2 that they have their own named pencil case with all the stationery items they might need inside e.g. pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, coloured pencils, pen and also a protractor in Year 5 and 6. If you have not got the list of equipment, please send a note in with your child.

PARKING – Please continue to show consideration for others by parking safely and appropriately outside schools. We continue to work closely with the local police and traffic wardens who are taking this issue very seriously.

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE – We continue to be monitoring attendance and lateness very closely. Holidays in term time are not permitted and should exceptional circumstances arise it is vital that you make an appointment with myself to discuss whether leave is possible. We have been given an attendance target by the local authority and therefore must monitor all absences closely. Children with excellent attendance will continue to be rewarded and should your child's level fall below an acceptable level we will have to pass this information on to the Educational Welfare Officer. All attendances must be explained in writing so please ensure your child has a note when they return to school if they have been ill. Lateness is very disruptive for the child, other children in the class and the class teacher so please endeavour to ensure your child is in school on time. On a positive note, we have noticed a big improvement in both late arrivals and late collections since the beginning of the term so I would like to really thank parents for the excellent effort in this area. There are still a few children arriving late regularly and I have already spoken to some parents. Please do ensure your child is in school promptly as time spent discussing this issue with parents is time which could be spent in other ways more beneficial to the children. The EWO continues to be a regular visitor to the school and I will be asking her to speak to any parents where lateness or attendance continues to cause concern.



News Items



COLLECTION FROM AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – Please ensure your child is collected promptly after the clubs. We have children who are regularly being collected late and staff members have to look after them. We are sympathetic and understand that sometimes this is unavoidable due to traffic however; we have noticed that it has become a regular occurrence for some parents. If this continues, we will have no alternative but to enforce late charges for this.

Finally, we are holding two Future Paths weeks commencing on Monday 25th January. A few parents have already very kindly volunteered to come in and talk to the children about their jobs. If you have not replied already and would like to come in to talk to the children, please see Mrs Heath to arrange a suitable time for you. If you are unable to help but would be willing to write a short piece about your job and what it entails we would be very grateful as these can be used in information we will be putting together for the children. It would also be very interesting for us to be able to put together a list of all the different jobs parents do to show the range of roles to the children.

Thank you for your cooperation and once again I would like to thank you all for your continuing support. I am sure together we will make this a wonderful term.

Have a great weekend

Mrs McSperrin
Head teacher

After School Clubs

Gym club and Learn how to draw club are full. There are still some places available in the other clubs.

See the school office for further details.

CHOIR

The school choir is singing at Mass this Sunday 17th January. Please make sure you are on time.

CLEANER REQUIRED

Monday to Friday 6 to 8am
Please see school office for application pack and further details.
Closing date for applications
29th January 2016

MONEY PAYMENTS

If you are making any payments for dinner, kidzone, after school clubs or trips the money should be brought into school in an envelope. Please put your child's name, year and what it is for on the front of the envelope. As you can appreciate we have lots of money coming into school and it is easier for the office to sort out.

FORTHCOMING DATES

2 March	Y4 RAF Museum
14 March	Y5 Houses of Parliament
16 March	Y4 Houses of Parliament

School website address is as follows:-
www.clitherow.brent.sch.uk

New Year Quote

The New Year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals.