



Spring Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents

I cannot believe how quickly this half term has flown. We have had a fantastic half term and the children have worked very hard and we are all very proud of them.

Our Future Paths' Weeks were a real success and the children were very fortunate to meet so many professionals from different walks of life. Thank you to all the mums, dads, uncles and aunties who gave up their time to come in and talk to the children. All our visitors were truly inspiring and gave the children so much food for thought. I have no doubt that these visitors have made a positive contribution in shaping the children's future. The visitors commented on your children's excellent behaviour and presentation and this makes us all very proud.

I would like to thank the parents who have been attending school events such as class assemblies and the Ash Wednesday liturgies. It is always lovely to see you in school when commitments allow and we do value your support in this way. As you know we are now in the season of Lent and as such I would ask you to continue to talk to the children about this important season and how we try and do our best to support those in need of help during this time. It is a very important time for the children to reflect and prepare for Easter.

On Tuesday, 9th February it was Safer Internet Day. The theme for this year was: "Play your part for a better internet!". Schools, companies, governments are all getting involved to help encourage the safe, responsible and positive use of technology. The children have had activities in their classroom about staying safe whilst accessing the internet and have discussed the benefits and dangers of the Internet. For parents, Safer Internet Day is a great time to have a conversation with their child about staying safe online. We are having an E-Safety Parents' Workshop on Monday 29th February. The letters have already been sent out so please, send in your reply if you have not done so already. Internet is such a big part of our children's lives and it is important that we as adults stay one step ahead of our children in order to provide them with the right support.

Next, 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.

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. The blue hooded tops are the only acceptable PE tops to be worn during outdoor PE. School cardigans and jumpers are not to be worn during PE. Please ensure your child has this top as part of his/her PE kit. This item can be ordered through the school. 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. Should providing your child with the correct kit be a problem in anyway please do come and speak to us. All parents have agreed to abide by our uniform policy and this includes PE kit. It is disruptive to teachers, the coach and the other children when children are not adequately prepared for lessons so please do support us with this.

Finally, we are having Book Character dressing up day on Friday 4th March 2016. Children can come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. This is an excellent opportunity to show off those amazing talents amongst yourselves as well as promoting a love of books. There will be a prize for the best costume.

Have a restful half term and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Ewa McSperrin
Headteacher

**Children who have been awarded certificates
Week commencing 01/02/2016**

R Myles

1 Lily

2 Molly

3 Kuba

4 Bo-Daisy

5 Jessica A

6 Matilda

Badges: Henry, Kymora, Dan, Grugol,
Matilda



February Quote for Valentines

**Love one another and you
will be happy; it is as simple and as
difficult as that**

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

PUPIL PREMIUM CHECK

If you think you are entitled to free school meals but are not sure, please go to this website to check.

<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk>

You may already have a user name and password. This was created when you applied to the school for your child in Reception.

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If you do not have an account please register to see if you are eligible for free school meals.

If you are not sure please come into the office and see Mrs Haneef.

Total of tin vegetables and fruit collected today for each class is as follows:

NURSERY	8
RECEPTION	44
YEAR 1	21
YEAR 2	72
YEAR 3	56
YEAR 4	36
YEAR 5	33
YEAR 6	81

Thank you for your contributions.

FORTHCOMING DATES

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

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

If you shop in Sainsbury's please do collect and keep the vouchers that are given to you at checkout. There is a box in the office for your child to pop them in.