



Spring Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Firstly may I say a huge thank you to those parents who attended the e-safety workshop this week. The feedback from the parents who came was extremely positive and I know they were very shocked and unaware of the full nature of the dangers. Sadly, only 6 parents attended. We will be writing to you to find out whether timings could be changed to assist parents in attending a future session as this is a very worryingly low number. Please do not assume you are fully aware of all the risks as even as professionals we are learning everyday of new risks and concerns and our children are streets ahead of us when it comes to technology use these days!

Secondly, it was a real treat to watch our Year 2's assembly about Mother's Day on Tuesday. Everyone enjoyed this wonderful assembly. The children performed beautifully and I am sure you will agree they made us all feel proud. It is always lovely to see you in school when commitments allow and we do value your support in this way.

Next, I would like to remind you that Open Evenings take place this Monday (7th March) and next Monday (14th March) so please do make sure you have received an appointment. It is vital that we see every parent so if you cannot make your appointment then please contact your child's teacher to rearrange. I would also ask that you kindly let us know if you cannot attend as a matter of courtesy rather than just not turning up. Some parents have already attended an ISP meeting and so will not be allocated another meeting.

I cannot stress how important it is that you attend these meetings and take the opportunity to support your child's education. Research shows that support and assistance at home has a huge impact on children's progress. I am sure you have been able to see how hard the staff work with your children and the dedication and commitment they have in wanting the best for your children. I would continue to urge you to ensure you listen to your child read daily and support them in any way you can. Teachers always comment on how easy it is to see when a child has a good level of support at home. I know many parents are busy with work and other commitments but even a short period of time every day really can make a big difference. It is when we work in partnership that we have the most success!

Thirdly, I have noticed a number of children are still not bringing in correct PE kit. PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum and just as important as all the other subjects. Physical activity has a proven positive effect on concentration and achievement in all areas so it is vital your child is fully prepared for lessons and it is vital that your child brings the appropriate kit for each of their sessions. Lessons are subject to change and kit can be needed for additional activities so it is important children have their kit in school throughout the week. Failure to do so will result in a detention being issued as it is disruptive for the child, their peers and the teacher when they are not properly prepared for lessons. I would also remind parents that we will only excuse a child from PE in exceptional circumstances e.g. on the advice of a doctor and we will need this in writing from you. PE has so many benefits not just for physical health but on wellbeing, concentration etc so we expect all children to participate. A huge thank you goes to those parents who have been ensuring their children are well prepared at all times as it does make our lives so much easier!

Finally, we had Dress up as a book character today and the costumes the children and the staff came in were simply amazing. The children had an assembly in the morning where everyone paraded to showcase their costume. The winners will be announced at the next assembly. Well done and congratulations! Please remember to use the book tokens to purchase the books for your child.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Ewa McSperrin
Headteacher

**Children who have been awarded certificates
Week commencing 08/02/16 & 22/02/16**

R Demi, Russell, Chantelle, Ryan

1 Aston, Carly Siobhan, Lara

2 Lily, Patricia, Michal, Martyna

3 All of Yr, Jacek, Zuzanna Rakai

4 Jan, Kacper, Calvin, Oliver

5 Riahanna, Myia, Ajahani, Abi, Callum,
Cheska, Ally Cieszyn, Caren, Evie,
Francesca, Daisy, Maxim

6 Alex, Karolina, Grugol, Tife
Badges: Bibi, JJ, Shane

**Happy Mothers Day
to all our lovely mums.
Hope you have a lovely quiet Sunday and
someone else cooks the Sunday roast.**

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

FOOD BANK FRIDAY

I would like to thank the parents for the amazing support they have given the school with our Food Bank Friday. It is wonderful to see how your generosity and goodwill makes a real difference to so many people's lives. Brent Food Bank is very grateful for all the donations received.

IF YOU DID NOT HAND IN YOUR RICE OR PASTA TODAY, YOU CAN HAND IT IN ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY NEXT WEEK. THE FOOD WILL BE TAKEN TO THE FOOD BANK TUESDAY LUNCHTIME.

Total for today's collection will be in the next newsletter.

Next week is: Teabags, coffee & sugar

Thank you for your continued support.

FORTHCOMING DATES

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.