



Autumn Term Newsletter



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Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

It is hard to believe how quickly this half term has gone. The children have worked really hard and they have made us all proud.

Firstly, last week we had a very successful maths week where the children undertook a wide range of activities which they all enjoyed. I would like to thank Mrs Baalla for organizing this. The Maths' Puzzle day was a real success and the parents loved all the challenging activities set out for them. Thank you very much to all the parents who attended the Maths Puzzle afternoon which I am sure you enjoyed. It was wonderful to see parents and children taking on mathematical challenges together.

Next, can you please ensure that you check your child's bag for any important letters that are sent home. The after school clubs or boosters have dates that are most important, telling you when clubs or booster sessions start and finish. Unfortunately dates sometimes need to be amended, so please ensure you keep these handy at home!

I would particularly like to draw your attention on the attendance issue as the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) is visiting the school after the half term to monitor children's absences. Please ensure all absences are explained in a LETTER and I do urge you to follow all guidelines carefully. Although we have had a great start to the year having an overall school attendance of above 96%, there are still children whose attendance is below the recommended figure. Please note it is also in the EWO's remit to monitor children's punctuality. Please do ensure your child is in school promptly as it causes disruptions.

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. I would also remind parents that a school tracksuit for the winter is a **COMPULSORY** part of the school uniform. Now that the weather is turning colder please ensure your child has one so they are not cold when working outdoors. Your child is **NOT** allowed to wear their cardigan or jumper as part of their PE kit. Please use the order forms from the office lobby to order them.

Once again I am afraid I have to remind parents about uniform policy. Children should be wearing a **BLACK** or **NAVY** coat only. Other colours are not permitted. I would also kindly request that parents apply the same rule to hats, scarves, gloves etc. There is a school uniform hat so no child should be wearing anything other than that.

Finally, a special mention goes this week to Year 6. As many of you will be aware we take Year 6 to the "Gordon Brown" outdoor educational centre every year and this year's trip took place this week. I would like to congratulate Year 6 on their fantastic behaviour. The staff at the centre was very complimentary about the children and they represented our school magnificently, so well done to Year 6. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the members of staff who accompanied me and Year 6 – Miss Gaile, and Mrs Heath. I am sure you will agree that it takes a great deal of commitment to give up your week to attend something like this. Staff members are not paid and so we rely on goodwill to be able to have such a trip. Without such dedicated, committed staff as we have at St. Margaret's these sorts of events would simply not happen so I am sure you will join me in expressing my heartfelt thanks to all my staff.

Wishing you a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 31st October.

God Bless
Mrs McSperrin



Year 6 enjoying the outdoors at the Gordon Brown Centre.

Bonfire Night School Dinner
Monday 7th November

- Rocket Pizza
- Sizzling Veggie Bangers in a Roll
- Bonfire Jackets with Veggie Chilli
- Chop Salad
- Sweetcorn & Cajun Wedges

Crispy Apple Cracknel with Ice Cream

If your child is having a packed lunch and would like to have the above dinner can you please put £2.20 in an envelope with the child's name on it. This can then be left in the school office. **Can you do this by Wednesday 2nd November.** After this date we cannot accept anymore payments as food has to be ordered in.
If your child is already a dinner then you do not have to do anything.

FRIENDS MEETING.....IS ON FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER @ 8.45AM.

We do hope that as many parents can attend. The Christmas fayre is fast approaching and we would like this to be better than last year.

Please note the gate will not be open until 2.40pm for you to come into school to collect your child. It is distracting for the young children when they see their parents waiting under the shelter for them.

FORTHCOMING DATES

24 Oct	Half Term
7 Nov	Open evening
14 Nov	Open Evening
19 Dec	Christmas Fayre
21 Dec	School finishes for Christmas hols *****
9 Jan 2017	School opens for the Spring term

KIDZONE NOTICE

Please note that after the half term we are now able to accept children from the reception class into the kidzone after school club care.

Bookings have to be made by 12 noon. Extreme emergencies will be considered after this time.

If you would like your child to attend can you please pick up a registration pack from the school office. Once you have filled out the relevant details please return to the school office.

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