



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.

COLLECTION FROM AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – Please ensure your child is collected promptly after school and the after school 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The dates for your diary for the Spring Term are now available for you to download from our website. Paper copies are also available on request.

ISP MEETINGS

Some of you would have received a letter regarding progress meetings for your child. Please make sure you return the reply slip as soon as possible. These meetings are crucial for your child's and your input is very important.

Finally, as you know some of the Year 5 and Year 6 children and teachers will be having a sleepover in the school tonight in a bid to raise more funds for the Housing Trust. Just before Christmas, £1000 was raised to support such a worthy cause. We are hoping to raise more funds so your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

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.

God Bless
Mrs E McSperrin
Headteacher

KIDZONE BOOKING
PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU FILL OUT A KIDZONE ENVELOPE WITH CHILDS NAME ETC AND PUT YOUR MONEY INTO THE ENVELOPE WHEN MAKING A KIDZONE BOOKING.

On Thursday 5th January the following children in Y5:- Liam, Keisha, Tumarni and Anna took part in the semi-final science quiz. The children did very well and were pipped to the post for the finals.

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

BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Please can you ensure that your child does not ride their bike or scooter on school grounds.

Please also take care when crossing the road outside of school. Ensure that you have a hold of your child when crossing.

FORTHCOMING DATES

23 rd Jan	Y6 Willesden Mosque
27 th Jan	Y6 Mass @ English Martyrs
10 th Feb	Y5 Mass @ English Martyrs
3 rd March	World book day
6 th March	Opening Eve
10 th March	Opening Eve
31 st March	End of Term