



Spring Term Newsletter

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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Firstly can I thank the children of Year 5 and Year 6 who did the sleepover in school on Friday 13th January. They were fantastic and they really enjoyed having the sleepover. Their behaviour was impeccable and it was a real pleasure looking after them. We are delighted to say that we raised just under £1000 for the Housing Trust charity. This was a fantastic amount and thank you so much to all the parents, friends and relatives who sponsored the children for such a fantastic cause. I am sure your money will make a difference to the lives of a lot of people especially in this cold weather.

Secondly, thank you to all the parents who attended the ISP meetings this week. These meetings have been very productive. It is very helpful to have your input into setting the children's target and your support is invaluable. It makes a huge difference to your child's progress.

Next, we would like to draw your attention to a number of resources that are available to the children to use from home. We encourage the children to use Mathletics, Reading eggs and TTS Rock Stars. Mathletics is a wonderful resource which helps the children with their numeracy skills. We have noticed that children who access Mathletics regularly have made better progress in maths in comparison to the children who do not access it. Ten tasks are set every week by your child's class teacher. These tasks are usually set to help your child reinforce concepts that have been taught that week in the classroom. It is very important that your child completes these tasks to the best of his/her ability. If there are any tasks that your child struggles with, please let the class teacher know so that and she may change them to easier ones or help your child complete these tasks at school.

Similarly, TT Rockstars (Times Tables Rockstars) programme supports your child's learning with the times tables and division facts. It is a fun way to learn the times tables and it makes it easy for the child to recall these facts.

Reading Eggs (Reception and KS1) and Reading Eggspress (Year 5 and Year 6) are both reading comprehension programmes filled with wonderful resources that your child can access from home to develop reading comprehension skills. Please encourage your child to access these programmes and if you have any questions or for any reason you are unable to access these programmes from home, please see Mrs Heath or come in and see us and we would be able to allocate your child some time during the day so he or she can complete these given tasks in school. All these programmes have apps which are available to download for Apple and Android devices.

Finally, please ensure that your child (KS2) has a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at break time. Crisps, biscuits or other snacks are not allowed. Many children are bringing big grab bags of crisps or biscuits during this time and they are not allowed. They will be asked to put them back in their lunch box which may cause upset so please ensure they have the right snack. We ask for your support in this matter.

Have a lovely weekend and God bless!

Mrs E McSperrin
Headteacher

Children who have been awarded certificates

R Iyanna, Marika

1 Maja K, Kyra

2 Bartosz, Ashley

3 Alexandra, Oliver

4 David, Randy

5 Haitham, Amelia

6 Ada, Abi

FORTHCOMING DATES

3 rd March	World book day
6 th March	Opening Eve
13 th March	Opening Eve
31 st March	End of Term

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We would like to thank you for all your support during advent 2016 as we were very successful in collecting items for the food bank for those less fortunate than us. We would also like to thank those children and parents in Y5 and Y6 who took part in and contributed towards the sleepover as we raised just under £1000 for charity. The sleepover was a great success and we are hoping to do another one before the end of the school year. We will be organising food banks again during lent and we look forward to updating you again after half term.
Ajahni and Caren school council chairs.

YEAR 1 REMINDER

Please do not forget your Phonics meeting on Wednesday 1st February at 8.50am.

GOVERNOR FUND

A letter has gone out for the termly Governor funds. Autumn term 2016 and Spring term 2017 are now due. Please can you ensure that your put both terms monies in an envelope with your child's name and class. Many thanks to those parents who have already contributed.

OUTSTANDING MONEY

If you are owing any money for after school clubs, music lessons, dinners, kidzone or school trips, could you please make sure that you make a payment by half term as monies need to be banked.

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