



# Spring Term Newsletter

Number 434 – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024



Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

## **Parents' Evening**

Firstly, I would like to remind you that Open Evenings take place this coming Monday (4th March), and next Monday (11th March) so please do make sure you have signed up for the appointment. We have set up a new online booking system to make it easier for the parents so they can book appointments that suit them best.

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. If you have had an ISP meeting you do not need to come to open evening as you have already had your meeting with the teacher.

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 works 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!

## **Homework support**

We know that when you support your child at home, particularly with Reading, it has a big impact on your child's learning. If you are having problems with Mathletics, TT Rockstars or Google Classroom at home please do speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Heath. Some parents have queried some tasks their child has been allocated. Please note that your child may well be given a subject they haven't yet covered just to enable them to have a challenge or see if they can apply other learning in a new way. Please do help them with this or speak to your child's teacher if they struggle. But this is certainly not anything you should worry about. It is important all children sometimes find things difficult so they develop strategies for approaching this and have an opportunity to push themselves.

## **Lent Season**

I would like to thank the parents who have been attending school events such as class assemblies, coffee mornings and parents' workshops. 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.

## **Lost property**

I would just like to request that parent's kindly check that your entire child's uniform is named and that they have all the required items. There is a large number of items in our lost property which have not got names on and therefore cannot be given to the owner. Also remind the children to look after their property and make sure that they put it in a place where they can find it. This teaches them responsibility.

Should you have any queries please contact us on: [admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk)  
[iheath@clitherow.brent.sch.uk](mailto:iheath@clitherow.brent.sch.uk) or [bnolan@clitherow.brent.sch.uk](mailto:bnolan@clitherow.brent.sch.uk)



## World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. This year, we are asking all children to create a potato book character. Examples of this were given on the last newsletter. See also below. We want to encourage children to be as creative as possible. World Book Day was created to encourage children to discover the joy of books and reading. But over the years it has become more about the costumes children wear. The love of books, sometimes, can become lost and dressing up can become quite expensive for some parents. So, this year, we are encouraging children to not wear costumes and focus instead on reading. Also, to encourage less competition between children - and parents - we are asking children to come in in their pyjamas and bring a favourite book to read instead. In doing this, no one will feel left out if their costume isn't as extravagant as someone else's.

This way every child can have a moment to share a good book and it stops the added pressure on some parents that struggle.

If you would like to come in and read your favourite book/story or tell a story to your child's class, please let your child's class teacher know.

## Uniform

We have noticed that some children are still wearing incorrect uniform. All parents have signed a home school agreement to follow the school requirement for uniform. Please ensure that correct uniform is worn. If unsure, check on the school website for the correct items. We have also seen children wearing incorrect footwear, some of which is not only incorrect uniform but offers little in foot support and could actually cause damage to growing feet. School coats need to be in school colours of black or navy. Thank you to all the parents who ensure that their child is wearing the correct uniform.

## Jewellery

No dangly earrings or hoops are permitted to be worn in school. This is a health and safety requirement. Children wearing these earrings will be asked to remove them. No other jewellery (bracelets or necklaces) is permitted to be worn apart from a watch, which may not be a **smart watch of any kind**.

## Safeguarding Newsletter

As Safeguarding is such a big focus for us, we felt that it would be helpful to parents to send out regular and relevant information on various topics relating to safeguarding. We would welcome any feedback or items that parents would like to know more about.

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

Mrs Heath  
Headteacher



# News Items



See next Newsletter

Year 1 -

Year 2 -

Year 3 -

Year 4 -

Year 5 -

Year 6 -

## **FORTHCOMING DATES**

|                                    |   |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> March              | Year 6 trip, Tower of London  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> March              | Last Session Good for Girls Club  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> March              | OPEN EVENING  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> March              | World Book Day  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> March              | St Gregory's Maths' Challenge   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March             | OPEN EVENING  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> March             | Year 5 going to Mass am   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> March             | Year 3's Class Assembly   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March<br>@11.00am | Mass for the Feast of St Margaret's – School Hall (Parents Welcome)             |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March             | Last Day of Term – Wear something Yellow in support of Marie Curie. £1 donation |

**Please check out the calendar on the jotter for dates and times of events.**

## **ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING 29<sup>th</sup> Jan to 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024**

Year 1 – 82%  
 Year 2 – 94%  
 Year 3 – 92%  
 Year 4 – 93%  
 Year 5 – 95%  
 Year 6 – 95%  
 Whole school overall – 92%

**EXPECTED ATTENDANCE MINIMUM OF  
96%**

### *A Prayer for Lenten Grace*

Loving God,  
 During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.  
 Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.  
 Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.  
 Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.  
 May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.  
*Amen.*