



# Autumn Term Newsletter



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Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's newsletter. The children have settled back well and are all busy working hard.

## **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to all the parents who have returned the parents' evening letters. These meetings are taking place over two Mondays (**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November**). Please do ensure you have confirmed with your child's teacher that you are able to attend. I would kindly ask that if for any reason you are unable to come that you please let us know as a matter of courtesy. I cannot stress enough how important these meetings are as we really do have the most success when we work in partnership. It is an excellent opportunity for you to address any concerns or ask any questions you may have. Not to mention a chance for teachers to give you some more information on how you can support your child at home.

## **Kidzone**

Unfortunately, we are saying good bye to Mrs Khan at the end of November who is leaving to take on a new role in another school. She has been a very valuable member of staff and we are very sorry to lose her but we wish her well in her new venture.

As we are now left with fewer staff in the Kidzone admin, we ask that you respect the deadline for Kidzone booking which is at 12.00pm. We **WILL NOT** be able to take any bookings after this time and we ask you to be aware of this. Please note that no new bookings can be made if there is outstanding monies to be paid. On the same note, all the bookings to Kidzone should be made by the parents and not older siblings in the school. Such bookings will not be allowed and you will be contacted and asked to come and collect your child. **A late collection charge will be applied.**

## **Behaviour conduct of the parents**

All the staff at St. Margaret's work extremely hard for all the children and we are very proud of the high level of pastoral care and support we provide which has been praised by OFSTED. Despite the fact each teacher has thirty children in their class; I feel we can truly say we strive to meet the needs of every single child in this school. All our staff members work exceptionally hard to do their best for each and every single one of your children.

I am, therefore, very saddened to have to write to you to report a number of incidences where members of staff have been approached and spoken to in a rude or disrespectful manner. I have had a number of staff members very upset because a parent has spoken to them in a totally unacceptable manner.

I appreciate that parents may sometimes have a concern or a query which, of course, we will do our utmost to solve, however I must request that you approach this in a suitable manner as follows –

- Do not raise your voice or shout at any member of staff.
- Please speak to people in a respectful and polite manner.
- Address people with the same courtesy you would expect yourself.
- Please remember that staff are human too and have feelings and being treated in a disrespectful manner is very distressing.
- Remember that we are a catholic school and as such we should treat people in a manner which befits the teachings of the church.
- Remember that we are role models for the children and as such should model appropriate behaviours for them.

**VERBAL ABUSE OR UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

## **Anti – Bullying Week**

Next week is national Anti-bullying week with the theme being: 'Choose Respect'. During the week children will be doing many activities which will educate them that bullying is a behaviour choice, and that children and young people can set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities, and online. On **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**, the children will be allowed to wear Odd Socks to show their support for the campaign.

## Christmas arrangements

Due to the building work starting over the Christmas holiday period and the hall being used to store school equipment, the Christmas Fayre will now take place at an earlier date (Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm – 6pm). In addition, instead of the Christmas concert, children from Years 2-6 will be taking part in an Advent Mass on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am at English Martyrs'. If you have a child in Year 1 or Reception, you are very welcome to take them to this Mass and then bring them back to school.

We have also decided to support Brent Food Bank during our Advent season with the first collection taking place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. This is a great opportunity to show the children the true meaning of Christmas and the importance of showing our support to those in need.

## Snacks at break time

Please ensure that your child (KS2) has a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at break time. It is the child's responsibility to make sure that they take the piece of fruit out and eat it during break time. We are trying to teach the children responsibility and independence which are vital skills they need as they progress in further education.

## PE Kit

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, jumper or tights as part of their PE kit. Please ensure you place an order for the correct PE kit. Please check that your child has the correct size plimsolls.

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 –Mrs Heath and Miss Wade. 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.

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

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School website address is as follows:-

[www.clitherow.brent.sch.uk](http://www.clitherow.brent.sch.uk)

## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE ETC**

Christmas Fayre this year is on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. Please put this date in your diary as Father Christmas will be paying us a visit before he starts his round of deliveries on Christmas Eve.

## **FORTHCOMING DATES**

<b>12 Nov</b>	<b>Open evening</b>
16 Nov	Odd Sock Day bring a £1
<b>19 Nov</b>	<b>Open evening</b>
23 Nov	Own Clothes Day bring a tombola gift
28 Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccination
29 Nov	R & Y6 Height & Weight program
12 Dec	Panto for the children
13 Dec	Film night juniors
14 Dec	Film night infants
20 Dec	School disco

## **OWN CLOTHES DAY**

At our Christmas fayre we are having a gift tombola. So on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** we ask that your child wears their own clothes and brings a gift.

You may have unwanted gifts at home. Items we are looking for are:- toiletries, tin of biscuits, Christmas crackers, toys, books, candles, xmas sweets, dvd (PG ones), pictures, picture frames or xmas decorations. Anything with a Christmas theme would be much appreciated.