



Spring Term Newsletter



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Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We have had a very busy term already packed with many exciting events.

The building work is going well. It is challenging as the lack of space is having an impact on our daily running of the school however it is amazing how well the children are coping. It makes me really proud to be the headteacher of a school with such supportive staff who endeavour to put the needs of the children first and do everything to ensure that their learning and well-being comes first.

Open Evenings: I would like to remind you that Open Evenings take place on Monday 11th and Monday 18th March so please do make sure you make a note of these dates in your diaries. It is vital that we see every parent. Some parents have already attended an ISP meeting and so will not be allocated another meeting. 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 dedication and commitment they have in wanting the best for your children.

Choir Competition: I am delighted to inform you that our school choir has been entered and will have to audition for a borough choir competition which will take place on Monday 25th March. We are so fortunate to have such amazingly talented children who are a credit to you and the school. I am sure you will also agree that we are also very fortunate to have such a passionate music teacher as Mr Turner who works tirelessly and has very high expectations of the children.

FREE 'Magic Breakfast' for ALL Children! We have been fortunate enough to have received government funding to introduce **free bagel breakfast to every child** in the school starting from Monday 25th February. The children will be served fresh warm bagels. This will be available every day from 8.15am. Research has shown that children who have a healthy breakfast achieve more at school – make sure your child doesn't miss out! Our current Breakfast Club will still be available at the current charge of £2.50. The starting time will now be from 7.45am to 8.30am to accommodate our new initiative

Lost property: There are a lot of items which have not been claimed and unfortunately have no names on therefore, we have been unable to return them to the right child. The box with these items will be in the office foyer so please come in and check if your child is missing any of their items of clothing.

Uniform: Please ensure your child has the correct school footwear as well as PE footwear. Use the half term of break to make the necessary purchases. Some children are wearing the wrong footwear which could lead to them falling and getting hurt. In addition, some of them have not got plimsolls for PE or their current ones are too small or too worn out. It is not right that your child should miss out on their PE lessons as a result of incorrect footwear. Please support us with this.

Book Character Day and Dressing up Assembly: We are having Book Character dressing up day on Friday 1st March 2019. Children can come to school dressed up as their favourite **book character**. This is an excellent opportunity to show off those amazing talents amongst yourselves as well as promoting a love of books. There will be a prize for the best costume. **No superhero characters.**

Be food smart campaign - Change4Life: We have joined the government and NHS initiative to help children understand what's in their food and drink and make healthier choices. We are all eating too much sugar, saturated fat and salt. Our everyday food and drink can contain surprisingly high amounts, meaning most of us are eating more than we realise. Children are consuming far more sugar than the maximum daily limit with some soft drinks containing over 13 cubes of sugar (the maximum daily amount is 5 cubes for 4-6 year olds and 6 for 7-10 year olds). Please talk to you children about this and if you would like to find out more, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/be-food-smart>. You can also download a free app for your phone.

I hope you have a lovely half term break and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 25th February. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs McSperrin
Heateacher

Children who have been awarded certificates w/e 08/02/2019

1 Daniella, Serena

2 Next newsletter

3 Russell, Reous

4 Next newsletter

5 Adam, Nikola, Shannon

6 Lope, Denisa

School website address:-
www.clitherow.brent.sch.uk

FORTHCOMING DATES

11 March	Open evening
6 March	Ash Wednesday Lenten liturgies
18 March	Open evening
12 March	Y5 assembly
18 March	Science week
22 March	Y5 Mass English Martyrs
4 April	Easter Egg Hunt
5 April	Wear something yellow for Marie Curie

We wish all our parents and children a very happy and healthy half term. See you all on Monday 25th February 2019.



Dear Parents

We have had a loan box of ICT equipment from Brent. The children have enjoyed using the equipment and have learned such a lot.

We would like to purchase some of this equipment to use in our classroom. So we have decided to hold a **cake sale on Friday 1st March after school at 2.50pm**. We are asking for donations of cakes to help us raise money for this little project.

Yours faithfully
Miss B Nolan
Reception class teacher

ATTENDANCE FOR WEEK ENDING: 8th February 2019 – overall total 91.3%

Year 5	95.7%
Year 2	92.7%
Year 1	92%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	91%
Year 6	89.7%
Reception	85.9%

ATTENDANCE FOR WEEK ENDING: 15th February 2019 – overall total 90.8%

Year 4	95.9%
Year 6	95.7%
Year 5	94%
Year 3	93.8
Year 1	92%
Year	89%
Reception	75.2%