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A very ACTIVE week at Clifton this week with every class taking part in at least one sporting event.....Cross Country, Dodgeball, Adventure Sports and Rugby. A big thankyou to all who have helped provide these opportunities for the children and especially to Miss Simpson who is relentless in her efforts to promote sport at Clifton School. All of the children have showed great sportsmanship, resilience and teamwork and their positive cheerfulness has been commented on by people from outside school. Well done to you all!





And as if there had not been enough sport this week.....Deer and Fox class all had enough energy to try out the new tennis nets.

In case anyone fancies trying some more rugby later in the year.....



Playground Excitement

Over the next few weeks we will be busy reorganising the activities we provide on the playground at playtimes. Mrs Brough is going to become our new 'Play Team' leader and will work with the children to set up activities and use them responsibly. They have already created a Dinoland area, a GIANT marble run and some creative crates.



And the following day.....they were a HUGE SUCCESS!



Can you help?

To provide a wider range of activities we are asking if you have any of the following that you could donate to school:

- Toy cars/diggers/vehicles/trains
- Toy dinosaurs
- Drainpipes/guttering
- Dolls eg. Barbie, Polly Pocket, action figures

- Playsets such as pirates, My Little Pony, Farm, playmobil, Sylvania Families, Happyland
Please send any items in for Mrs Brough or Mrs Brabant.

After consulting the children through Clif’s Council we are also going to buy some new equipment for Lawson’s Den including comfy seating, games and storage.

Our School Dog - Charlie

Today was Charlie’s second Friday in school and he is beginning to feel quite at home. He was walked around the playground on his lead and even took part in our fire drill. In Fox class he also provided inspiration for our Haiku poetry. These are three line poems from Japan that have 5 syllables in the first and last lines and 7 in the second.

Ginger and white dog
A gorgeous little fur ball
Spending days at school
Ruby – Y4

White, orange, gorgeous
Happily resting all day
Being curious
Freddie – Y3

Such a cute doggy
An orange border collie
Beautiful Charlie
Olivia T– Y4

Fluffy, ginger devil
Beautiful, brown eyes shining
Cheeky, little boy
George – Y3

Gorgeous, fluffy pup
Always wanting attention
Really playful dog
Rory – Y3



Printer Cartridges

We are now a collection point for printer cartridges that can be recycled whilst earning a few funds for school. Please bring in any cartridges you have and we can put them to good use.



Trips and Visits

The Summer term is always our busiest time for trips and adventurous activities and as you can see some have already been added to the calendar below. Letters will be sent out soon giving more details and costs which will be added to Parent Pay. We work hard to ensure that all children are provided with a wide range of educational experiences and hope that you value these as much as we do. All Adventurous activities will be subsidised by school and we endeavour to keep all costs to a minimum by using minibuses and cars as much as possible. Please do come and talk to us if you have any concerns about paying for any trips and residentials

OFSTED BIG Listen

The system of school inspection is often in the news and Sir Martyn Oliver, His Majesty’s Chief Inspector, has made it his mission to make sure that Ofsted’s culture and practice always has professionalism, courtesy, empathy and respect at its centre.

Teachers, parents and guardians, and pupils are being encouraged to share their thoughts about how Ofsted operates so if you feel like you would like to contribute please follow the links in the letter.

Library Visits

Just a reminder that library books borrowed by the children can be returned to (and new ones borrowed) from any Cumbrian library.

Penrith Library opening hours are listed below or books can also be renewed online via this link.
(cwflibraries.org.uk)

Monday: 9.30am to 6pm

Tuesday: 9.30am to 6pm

Wednesday: 9.30am to 5pm

Thursday: 9.30am to 5pm

Friday: 9.30am to 5pm

Saturday: 9.30am to 4pm

Please find attached a list of library activities you may be interested in during May.

Outdoor Learning

It will be Squirrels and Foxes doing Outdoor Learning this term. Despite it being the Summer Term the weather can be unpleasant still so please send in a complete set of suitable clothing and wellies. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name. Please be aware that shorts are not acceptable clothing for Outdoor Learning. The children are outside for a long period of time and the weather can be wet and cold. It can also be a health and safety risk when children are around fires and in nature with nettles/brambles etc.

Wednesday 1st May – Foxes

Wednesday 8th May – Squirrels

Wednesday 15th May – Squirrels

Wednesday 22nd May – Foxes

Squirrel Class worked together to make dens in the Secret Garden and labelled plants during Outdoor Learning on Wednesday.



PE LESSONS next term are as follows.....

Squirrel Class – Monday and Thursday

Fox Class – Monday and Friday

Deer Class – Wednesday and Friday

Please can children come to school in their PE kits on these days. Please send PE kits in to keep on the pegs for Hedgehogs as changing time is a good opportunity to develop independence skills

PTA News

This year the PTA are trying something new and exciting. On Sunday 16th June there will be a Car Treasure Hunt starting at Cliburn Village Hall including refreshments, burgers/hot dogs, stalls, raffle and tombolas. This will be instead of our Summer Fair and will be a perfect Father's Day treat!

NON UNIFORM DAYS

Friday 10th May for tombola items (toiletries, toys, stationery, gifts, sweets etc)

Friday 7th June for bottles for Bottle Tombola (anything in a bottle)

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 6th June @ 7.00pm

Summer Term Clubs

Monday lunchtime – running club with Mrs Davies.

For all children in Year 1 – Year 6. Children must bring in a PE kit and trainers that they can get muddy.



Tuesday lunchtime - Cheer Club with Jennie Davidson and Miss Hunter.



Sewing Club – Fridays **until 4.30** with Mrs Roberts & Mrs Brabant.

If your child would like to come please book it in Parent Pay under After School Club (1 hour).

Lunchtime Drama Club – Wednesdays

Miss Simpson will run a Homework Club for Year 6 children on Tuesdays

Dates for the Diary



Wednesday 1st May – Stay & Play in Hedgehog Class

Monday 6th May – May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 9th May – UCC talk for Year 5

Friday 10th May – Non Uniform Day for PTA tombola prize

13th – 15th May – Fox Class Residential

W/B 13th May – Year 6 SATs week.

Tuesday 21st May – Deer Class trip to Keswick

Thursday 23 May –Squirrel Class Adventure Day to Brockholes & Sleepover (Rec, Y1 & 2 only)

Thursday 23 May - Swimming Gala

Friday 24th May – Sponsored Walk (adult helpers needed please)

W/B 27th May – Half Term

Monday 3rd June – back to school

Wednesday 5th June – Squirrel & Hedgehog Class visit to Whinlatter (TBC but helpers needed)

Friday 7th June – Non Uniform Day for PTA bottle tombola prize

Wednesday 19th June – Squirrel visit to Lake District Wildlife Park

Tuesday 25th June – Class photos

Wednesday 26th June – Sports Da

Thursday 27th June – Reserve Sports Day

Thursday 4th July – Move Up Day

Tuesday 9th July – KS2 Summer Play (afternoon & evening performances)

Tuesday 16th July – Leaver's Assembly @ 2pm

Friday 19th July – Last day of term – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Separate letters are sent for all sporting events and trips

TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Summer Term

Start - Monday 15th April End - Friday 19th July

Half Term Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Please remember there is a small change in term dates compared to those published on the Westmorland & Furness website.



And finally.....there is currently one little face peeping out from beneath Betty's fluffed up feathers. Will there be a second? Watch this space.

Remember you can keep up to date with events and photos on our Friends of Clifton Primary School Facebook page so please join if you have not already.

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Nikki Brabant, Tasha Coutts & the Clifton Team