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Dear Parents/carers,

School is now back into full swing after that January feeling last week when everyone feels they need a break to get over their Christmas holiday. The dark mornings and never-ending rain have not been the best start to the year but the children have all been busy getting on with learning and enjoying some exciting sports opportunities. Thanks to Miss Simpson for her hard work in organising all our sporting events and to the adults who help with transport and supervision.

Swimming Gala

At Thursday's Gala the swimmers showed talent, determination and amazing sportsmanship – cheering their own team on as well as children from other schools. This was the first experience of a swimming gala for many children and they embraced it with positivity and enthusiasm. Well done everyone!



Mudder Festival

Everyone was a bit surprised when Johnny did not cancel the Mudder Festival on Wednesday but at least he did not have to create any extra mud!! Despite being rather wet and muddy the children returned to school in high spirits and looking quite exhilarated. The adults who accompanied them said they showed tremendous resilience in extreme conditions!



Outdoor Learning

This half term Hedgehog and Deer class will be doing Outdoor Learning on Monday afternoons. Please ensure your Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 5 & 6 children have appropriate clothing in school that is suitable for getting mucky and keeping warm.

Spring Term Clubs

Miss Simpson will run a netball/hockey club for Years 3-6 on Thursdays 3.30-4.30

Mrs Newman will run a coding club (ICT) on Monday afternoons for Years 3-6 (3.30 – 4.30)

Mrs Brabant will run an art club on Mondays for all children from Year 1- 6
Mrs Collin will run a games club on Tuesday lunchtimes and Miss Coutts a lego club on Thursday lunchtimes.

We are currently trying to arrange some music sessions in school. We are hoping these will include an after school music and singing club and also individual lessons in keyboard, drumming and percussion. We hope to be able to give you some more information next week.



Diary Dates

17th January – Cross Country Championships for Hunter Hall qualifiers at Casterton

20th January & 17th March – Deer Class clay daffodil workshop at Lowther

31st January – Y3/4 football at Beaconside 3pm

W/B 6th February – Child Mental Health Week

16th February – Clifton School Gymnastics Festival at Penrith Leisure Centre – provisional date TBC

w/b 20th February – Half Term

6-8th March – London Residential (Deer Class) **Information Meeting for parents coming very soon**

10th March – U Dance @ Sands Centre (Deer Class)

24th March – PTA Easter Bingo

31st March – Easter Church celebration – 2pm

7th July – Non Uniform Day for PTA Summer Fair tombola prize

Separate letters will be sent for all sporting events

PE at Penrith Leisure Centre will be taking place every Thursday morning until **Easter** so don't forget that children should come to school already dressed in PE kit.

Reception starters 2023

Sunday is the final deadline for applying for a reception place for September 2023. If anyone has any last-minute questions or need any support, please contact us

It's Not Easy Being a Parent in the Digital World.....

As technology continues to advance faster than many of us can keep up and our own children seem to have more advanced skills than usthe above statement seems more true than ever.

We take our role in keeping children safe from online harm very seriously and as such we strive to provide you with regular and up to date information.

Attached is a useful leaflet to help you navigate your way round the tricky world of online safety and further information can be found on the links below.

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns.

[It's not easy being a parent in the digital age | Parent Zone](#)

[Childnet — Online safety for young people](#)

Cost of Living - Support for Parent/Carers and their families

Cumbria County Council has committed 'Household Support Grant' funds to support families experiencing Food and Utility hardship. Families can access the information on the support available through the councils 'Ways to Welfare' website.

For further information follow this link <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/costofliving/default.asp>

PTA News.

Next meetings – **Tuesday 7th March, 25th April & 13th June @ 7.00pm.** Please do come along and see how you can get involved.

PTA Events

24th March – PTA Easter Bingo

30th June – Dino Drive (similar to Beetle Drive)

8th July – Summer Fair

The PTA are planning a Bag 2 School collection in the near future so if you are having a clear out soon please save it for the PTA. They collect: men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), bags/belts, hats, scarves/ties, jewellery, lingerie & socks, soft toys, household linen including towels, curtains, bed sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases.

Sports Leaders

Our Sports Leaders are now putting their new hoodies to good use and are organising a range of sports each lunchtime for other children to enjoy. Today it was football but there is a different sport each day including basketball, netball and free play.



This spade was loaned to us for the Festive Fun Day on December 2. If it is yours please pop to the Office to collect it.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND IN CLEAN WATER BOTTLES EVERY DAY AS STAYING HYDRATED IS VITAL FOR HEALTH AND SUCCESSFUL LEARNING.



Term Dates

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 07 September 2022	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October	Tuesday 20 December
Spring	Wednesday 04 January 2023	Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February	Friday 31 March
Summer	Monday 17 April	Monday 29 May to Friday 02 June	Wednesday 19 July 2023

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.

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