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Dear Parents/carers,

Apologies for there being no newsletter last week – Mrs Brabant's laptop had given up the ghost and the one she was using instead would not play ball at home..... This week's issue is especially brimming with lots of exciting news from the last couple of weeks.

### Visit to UCC

The Year 5 & 6 children all came back from their visit to UCC buzzing with news of art and science that involves bunsen burners. What a great opportunity for them to experience a day in BIG School meeting the staff, exploring the building and trying out new things.



### Lowther Castle Visit

And whilst our oldest children were in begoggled awe of the Bunsen burner's flame the rest of the school made a special VIP trip to Lowther Castle to see the 10 000 daffodil display that the Year 5 & 6 children had helped make earlier in the year. We had time to explore the grounds and also spend some time on the adventure castle too.





## Sports Day

What a fantastic afternoon of fun and sporting endeavours we had on Wednesday! The sun shone, the breeze kept us just the right side of cool and the children did such a great job of supporting each other and putting in their very best efforts. It was fascinating to see how each house team tackled each of the field activities and how impressive were those runners all giving 100% to reach the finish line and win points for their team. Well done to all the children and thank you to all those who came along to support them. A special thank you to the PTA who came along to keep the children refreshed and topped up with energy giving biscuits. And the winning team for 2023 ..... Blencathra. Check out Facebook for lots more action packed photos.



## Sponsored Walk

The long spell of lovely summer weather has taken some getting used to and meant we had to change our plans for this year's Sponsored Walk at short notice. Luckily there was a lovely breeze and the heat held off under the trees long enough for the older children to walk about 3 miles and our youngest children about 1.5 miles. Thanks so much to Claire at Abbott Lodge who provided us with 8 litres of delicious Just Jersey ice cream that was jazzed up with sauce and sprinkles.

Thanks to all the adults who came along to help out. **Up to now we have raised over £400 which is tremendous!** Please send in any sponsor money as soon as possible – any donations will go towards improving our outdoor spaces.



## End of Term Picnic and Adventure Week lunches

You may notice that there are a few dates on Parent Pay when you cannot book in the usual manner. On July 18<sup>th</sup> Joanna is attending her daughter's Graduation and so we are having an end of term whole school picnic – please send in a packed lunch for your children ( no fizzy drinks, glass bottles, sweets, chocolates or anything containing NUTS. There are some dates during Adventure Week when all children will need a packed lunch and some when some year groups will need a packed lunch and others will have a



school meal as usual. Letters explaining Adventure Week and the lunch arrangements will be sent home on Monday.

### **Making Learning Fun**

Children are far more likely to remember things if they are practical and relevant to their lives – this week the children have been making elderflower cordial in literacy and using cookies to work out fractions in maths.

Zoom in on the Year 1's faces – that is one yummy maths lesson!



### **SCARF Session for Parents**

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June the children will be working with from Coram Life Education as part of our PSHE curriculum. Much of our PSHE is taught through their SCARF scheme of work and they would like to invite you to a short information session lead by Steve Boardman at 9.00am on Friday 30 June to find out more.

### **Baking Club**

Miss Wilson and Mrs Chalmers don't just teach the children new cookery skills at Baking Club but like all good chefs the children also get involved in cleaning up after themselves: washing and drying dishes and cleaning the preparation areas.



### **Jack Rutter visit**

We are excited to be welcoming Paralympian footballer Jack Rutter to school on Monday for our sponsored event. Please send children to school in their PE kits.

### **Reminder**

At the bottom of this newsletter is an order form for the books by author Sean Perkins - who recently visited our school to share his stories with the children. Orders must be in by the end of June.

### **Threadworms**

We have been notified about a case of threadworms and would urge parents to be vigilant for this common but unpleasant childhood condition. They are not always easy to identify so please follow the link for information on symptoms, treatment and

preventative measures you can take at home. [Threadworms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

### **Class Organisation for September**

In case you missed the email last Friday this is how our classes will be organised in the next academic year.

**Hedgehog Class (Nursery & Reception) - Mrs Collin and Miss Hunter.** Although Mrs Collin will be our class teacher for Hedgehog class, she will be starting her maternity in September. Miss Hunter will be covering the maternity leave and will be working closely with Mrs Collin over the coming weeks to prepare for September. Miss Coutts will also be working in Hedgehogs to cover PPA time.

**Squirrel Class (Year 1 and 2) - Miss Charlotte Wilson and Mrs Brabant.** Miss Wilson will be responsible for teaching Squirrel class with Mrs Brabant teaching the class two half days.

**Foxes Class (Year 3 and 4) - Mrs Newman and Mrs Brabant.** Mrs Newman will teach the class Monday to Thursday lunchtime and Mrs Brabant will teach Thursday afternoon and all day Friday.

**Deer Class (Year 5 and 6) - Miss Simpson and Miss Coutts.** Miss Nicola Simpson will continue to teach Year 5 and 6 Tuesday to Friday. Miss Coutts will teach Deer class on a Monday.

Children will have the opportunity to spend the day with their new class teacher on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July on the same day Year 6 children visit their new Secondary school.

### **Adventure Week ( 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July)**

Letters about Adventure Week will be sent home on Monday.

Thankyou for all the offers of help we have had so far – we really appreciate it! For many of the trips it is definitely a case of the more the merrier so **if you or any grandparents are able to help on any of these days, please let your Mrs Brabant know as soon as possible. We especially need help on:**

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July – Pirate Adventure on Ullswater with Nursery/Reception/Year 1 (all day)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Eycott Hill walk with Nursery/Reception/Year 1 ( am only)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Rookery Wood with Nursery/Reception ( all day)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Brockhole on Windermere with Year 1 & 2 ( all day)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Fell Walk with Years 2, 3 & 4 ( all day)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Fell Walk with Years 5&6 ( all day)

Please contact [n.brabant@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:n.brabant@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk) if you can help. Thankyou!

### **Summer Term Clubs**



**Gardening Club** - Mrs Brabant will be running a Gardening and Nature Club for children from Years 1 – 6 on Thursday afternoons. Please let Mrs Brabant know if your child would like to attend on [n.brabant@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:n.brabant@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk)



**Netball Club** – Thursday afternoons was not a good time for this club so Miss Simpson will run it as a lunchtime club instead - Years 3 - 6.



**Music Club (Year 1 - 6)** - Mondays 3:30pm - 4:30pm with Stephen Burke



**Baking Club ( Reception – Year 6)** with Mrs Chalmers and Miss Wilson. £3.50 per session to include the ingredients. **This club is now full.**



**Football Club on Fridays** with Dan Sowerby (54° North) for children from Year 2-6 3:30pm - 4:30pm Currently numbers are low for this club which is disappointing

Please contact the office (admin@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk ) if you would like your child to take part in any of the above clubs.

After School Club needs to be booked on Parent Pay

### **Diary Dates**

26<sup>th</sup> June – visit from Jack Rutter (GB Paralympic footballer) **PE kits please**

27<sup>th</sup> June – Y5/6 STEM visit to a farm

27<sup>th</sup> June – PTA Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> June – KS 1 Junior Olympics

29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 UCC Open Evening

**30<sup>th</sup> June - SCARF meeting for parents ( 9.00 -9.15 am)**

30<sup>th</sup> June – Non Uniform Day for PTA Summer Fair bottle tombola prize

**30<sup>th</sup> June – Visit from Tim Farron MP**

30<sup>th</sup> June – PTA Dino Drive

4<sup>th</sup> July – Class photos

6<sup>th</sup> July – Move Up Day for Year 6 to their Secondary Schools and other children in school to their new classes (if moving class)

6<sup>th</sup> July – Sleepover for Rec- Year 2

5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> (separated by a weekend breather) 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July – Adventure Week (details coming soon)

8<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fair (2-5pm)

**13<sup>th</sup> July – New Starters Meeting**

**14<sup>th</sup> July – Leaver's Trip to Fusion**

**18<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm – Leaver's Assembly for all Year 6 parents – more details to follow.**

**18<sup>th</sup> July – Whole School picnic**

Separate letters will be sent for all sporting events

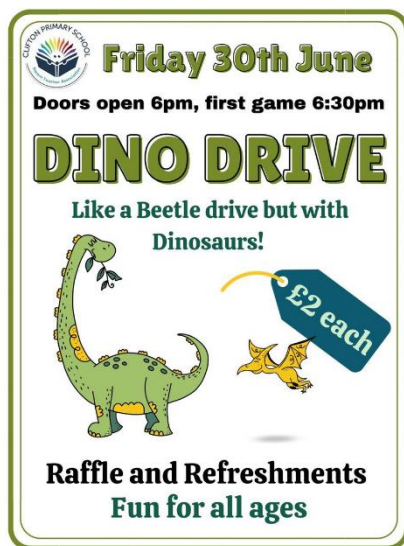
### **Outdoor Learning**

For the rest of the Summer term it will be the turn of Squirrel and Fox classes to do Outdoor Learning on Monday afternoons. Finding spare clothing and footwear takes up valuable time that could be spent outdoors so **please ensure your Y2/3 & 4 have appropriate clothing and footwear in school that is both suitable for getting mucky and either keeping warm or protecting from the sun.**

### **PTA News.**

Next meetings –**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.00pm.** Please do come along and see how you can get involved.

### **PTA Events**



30<sup>th</sup> June – Non Uniform Day in return for donations for the Bottle Tombola ( wine, pop, squash, gin, ketchup, bubble bath as long as it fits in a standard bottle bag)Also bottle bags would be much appreciated.

8<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fair (offers of help on the day would be much appreciated)

For an easy and cost free way to support Clifton Primary School why not take a look at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cliftoncountypa/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cliftoncountypa/) Donations are made every time you shop online with many popular companies and there really no catches at all. It is similar to Amazon Smile, which is no more, but more generous with donations.

## Term Dates

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
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

## School year 2023/2024

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 06 September 2023	Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October	Tuesday 19 December

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

## ORDER FORM

There is the option to buy both titles at a discounted price of £15.00 or one for £8.00. If you would like your child to have their book/books signed by the author please complete and return the slip below ensuring you put a tick next to the title you require. Please place your order in a sealed envelope, clearly stating your child's name(s) and teacher's name on the front.



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### Book Order Slip

Child's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Teacher (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

*Cost per book is £8:00 two for £15:00*

Sean's latest book 'Oscar and Ben – The Birthday Party' ☐

Sean's first book 'Oscar and Ben' ☐