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Dear Parents/carers,

We greatly appreciate the hard work of the PTA in supporting us practically at a range of events and raising much needed funds for the school. We also very much value the support of all families in attending events and donating prizes, cakes and their time to making PTA fundraising events so successful. The PTA are on their final push of the school year and that started with the Dino Drive. Thanks to those who came to Friday's fun evening. A ROARSOME £216.90 was raised towards school funds. Well done and thank you!



The Summer Fair is nearly here and we are extremely grateful for all the donations so far. Please do send in any more raffle, tombola or bottle tombola prizes/bottle bags by next Friday and donations of home baked cakes and biscuits will be welcome on either the Friday afternoon or Saturday at the Fair.

Today at Clifton

Today was a busy end to the week with many visitors dropping in to enhance the children's learning in Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE). Each class had a SCARF session with Steven



covering topics such as body parts, healthy eating, friendship and they also used VR technology to find out about the digestive system with some very willing volunteers.

Steven enjoyed meeting the parents who came to this morning's parent session and is happy to respond to further questions. This is the link to the parent section on the SCARF website. [Family SCARF \(coramlifeeducation.org.uk\)](http://Family SCARF (coramlifeeducation.org.uk))



As well as their last Sex and Relationships session from Mrs Nelson the Year 5/6 children also had a visit from MP Tim Farron who told them all about life as an MP and answered a range of questions – many of them football related. The children all listened attentively and were genuinely fascinated by his insight into the life of a politician.

GET ACTIVE Paralympian Visit



The children from Clifton and Milburn learned all about the benefits of short periods of energetic exercise on Monday when Paralympian footballer Jack Rutter put them through their paces. He also told them about how he had overcome difficulties



to become a top class footballer and encouraged them to aim high and never give up! Thanks for all the sponsorship money – the children's prizes will be on their way soon and any percentage of money due to school will be used to purchase PE equipment and enable us to GET ACTIVE.

Farm STEM visit



The Year 5/6 children had a fascinating insight into the workings of a dairy farm on Tuesday morning's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) visit. They learned about rearing calves, healthy soil, careers in agriculture and even got to witness a new calf making its appearance in the world. We believe the calf has now been named Josh.

Thanks to Lucy Shaw and the Chappelhows for hosting the event and to all who helped with transport. The lifts help keep the costs down and enables us to do more curriculum enhancing visits.

KS 1 Olympics

As always the KS1 Olympics with Action Ants was a fun packed afternoon with a range of sports including javelin and slip and slide. Thanks to all that made it happen.



BUSY BEES

In literacy some of the children have been learning about bees and we have made bee themed bee hotels to take home and provide safe homes for our fuzzy buzzy friends.

Reminders

As we are nearing the end of term we would just like to remind you of a few things....

Uniform – whilst we appreciate that children have grown over the year and no one wants to buy new uniform at this stage in the year we would like to remind people that nail polish and acrylic nails are not part of the school uniform.

Water bottles – please return any of Joanna's spare water bottles as we are running short. They are either pink or see through with an orange lid.

Village Playpark – Please could we request that children are not dropped off too early before school, especially in the village playpark without adult supervision. We are only on duty outside from 8:45 when we open the gates and doors and we have had some reports of children not using the equipment safely. We have spoken to the children about being safe in the park and that we expect the same high standards of care and behaviour for each other and our environment before school as we expect during the school day.

If you would like to book child care before school, we do have places available at Breakfast Club and if you need more information, please contact Nikki in the office.

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 18th 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.**

Please check ingredients if not sure - especially cereal bars and Nutella flavoured snacks.

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.

Adventure Week (5th, 7th, 10th, 11th & 12th July)

Letters about Adventure Week were sent home last Monday. If you have not yet received one please contact school via email.

Please contact n.brabant@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk

Summer Term Clubs



Gardening Club – Next Thursday's (6th July) Gardening Club will be the last in the term due to other commitments on 13th July.

We are reviewing our After School Clubs provision for next term and will let you know in the Autumn term what will be available.

Diary Dates

4th July – Class photos - please come in smart school uniform even if it is a PE day.

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

6th July – Sleepover for Rec- Year 2

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

8th July – Summer Fair (2-5pm)

13th July – New Starters Meeting

14th July – Leaver's Trip to Fusion

15th July – Penrith Show- more details next week but we have entered the Children's Classes in the Show.

18th July 2.00pm – Leaver's Assembly for all Year 6 parents

18th July – Whole School picnic

Separate letters will be sent for all sporting events

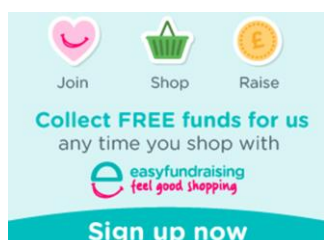
Outdoor Learning

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 –**Monday 17th July @ 7.00pm.** Please do come along and see how you can get involved next year.

PTA Events



8th 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/cliftoncountyppta/ 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 for Next Year

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
Spring	Wednesday 03 January 2024	Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February	Thursday 28 March
Summer	Tuesday 16 April	Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May	Friday 19 July 2024

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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