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Dear Parents/carers,

What a wonderfully sunny week we have had for the start of a new school year.

It has been lovely to be back together again and the children have been amazing – already showing us the new school expectations of being READY to learn, keeping everyone SAFE and treating everyone and everything with RESPECT. We will give you further information on this in the coming weeks, but the children have made a fantastic start to the term.

The children have also been so welcoming to all the new children in Nursery and Reception and this is especially true of the Year 6 Buddies. We are so proud of how they have stepped up to their new roles of nurturing others, particularly during our new lunchtime organisation. Hopefully the children have already told you about a few changes we have made as we encourage them to become independent at lunchtimes and have increased responsibility for setting the table and helping. We will update you further over the coming weeks and send some photos of them eating together and supporting each other.



In today's Celebration Assembly the school council for the coming half term were chosen and we are sure Zara, Nanzi, Charlie, Gabriella, Lucas, Oliver and Oliver will do an amazing job representing their classes.

Starting Reception 2024

Although we have only just started September, it is the time of year when families begin to look for places for Reception children for September 24. We already have two tours of school booked in for families wanting to join us at Clifton next year. If friends or family have children ready to start Reception next year, we are happy to give them a tour of school, meet our wonderful team and see our fantastic children in action.

Westmorland Show Visit

On Wednesday 13th September the whole school will be spending the day at the Westmorland Show. We will be travelling by coach and minibus and will leave school at 9.00. Children should come dressed in their school t shirt and jumper but can wear their own shorts/trousers appropriate for the weather. They should also wear comfy trainers/shoes (not sandals). If it has been wet in the days before we will inform you that wellies will be more suitable. Children should bring a rucksack containing a sunhat/waterproof coat, water bottle and packed lunch. Please do not include glass bottles, fizzy drinks, sweets or anything containing NUTS. We are currently trying to confirm our return time to school as we are staying to watch Joshua and Klara take part in the sheep showing. We anticipate it will be at about 4.30pm but will let you know for sure as soon as we can confirm.

There will be a £5 charge for this trip to help cover the cost of transport and this will be added to Parent Pay.

In order for this trip to be supervised most appropriately we would welcome adult helpers to come along with us and hope that some of you may have saved this date in your diaries. Please let Mrs Brabant know as soon as you can if you can help out – it should be a good day. Email - n.brabant@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk

Lunches Next Week

As mentioned above children will need to bring a packed lunch next Wednesday to the Westmorland Show but if you are in receipt of Free School Meals Joanna can still provide your child with a school packed lunch. Please let her know on Monday if you require a school packed lunch. If you had already booked a school dinner on Parent Pay then your account will be adjusted. On Thursday children in Years 1- 6 will spend the afternoon at Kirkby Stephen Cross Country and Joanna will provide each child with a school packed lunch unless you usually bring your own. Hedgehog class will be provided with a Teddy Bear's picnic at school.

After School Club

We are busy finalising plans for our new look After School Club provision and are hoping to offer themed activities on each night starting on 18th September. The activities will be open to all and will include craft night, sports nights and a movie night. We will let you know as soon as we have everything confirmed.

Job Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for our Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club leader and also a lunchtime supervisor. The three roles are currently filled by Kayleigh Bush, who is going on Maternity Leave, but this is not necessary and any combination is possible – we are very flexible.

We ideally need to fill these roles as soon as possible so please get in touch if you are interested.

Breakfast Club 7.45-8.45

Lunch time supervisor – 12.00- 1.00

After School Club – this is currently 3.30 – 5.30 but we are currently reviewing it so it could be 4.30-5.30 or another option and not necessarily every afternoon.

Salary - £21,189 (pro rata)

Any appointments will be subject to the appropriate DBS checks and satisfactory references

Outdoor Learning

This half term Squirrel Class (Years 1 & 2) will be doing Outdoor Learning on Wednesday afternoons and Fox Class (Years 3 & 4) will be doing Outdoor Learning on Thursday afternoons. Please send in appropriate clothes and footwear for outdoor activity on these days (not next week due to Westmorland Show and Cross Country).

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 13th September – whole school trip to the Westmorland Show (see above)

Thursday 14th September – Years 1-6 Cross Country at Kirkby Stephen (separate letter to follow)

26th September – Phonics meeting for Hedgehog parents (TBC)

27th September – Junior Warrior Festival

28th September – Bag2School collection date

10th & 11th October – Parent's Evening meetings

20th October – Harvest Festival (2.00pm) TBC

PTA NEWS

The PTA have worked so hard for many years and as well as raising much needed funds for school they also support school events practically and organise social events for the school community – we would be lost without them. Please consider attending the next PTA meeting at school at 7.00pm on September 21st to see how you can help out.

TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Autumn term

Start - Wednesday 6th September End - Tuesday 19th December

Half term Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Spring term

Start - Thursday 4th January End - Thursday 28th March

Half Term Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

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.

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