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Dear Parents/carers,

What an exciting week it has been for our first full week back at school. A busy day at the Westmorland Show on Wednesday and then Cross Country and a more relaxing Teddy Bear's Picnic for Hedgehogs on Thursday. Thankfully the sun shone for us on both days and we all had a wonderful time.

Thanks as ever to all those parents and grandparents who come along to help and offer their support.

Kirkby Stephen Cross Country

A very BIG well done to all the runners at Thursday's Cross Country eventwe were immensely proud of all of you. Whilst there were some high ranking finishing places there were also many children who had never run in a race before and some heart warming acts of support from the children towards their team mates.



And whilst the older children were away.... the teddy bears had their picnic.



Farewell to Mrs Bush

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Bush as she left Clifton to start her Maternity Leave. She was presented with cards and gifts as a sign of our appreciation and to wish her well in the coming months. We are very much looking forward to seeing her soon with her new baby.

And welcome to Mrs Margerison..... who will be joining us as a midday supervisor each day and as such will be supporting the children through their lunch break. We are very much looking forward to having Kellie with us at Clifton School.

Westmorland Show Visit

Our first visit to the Westmorland Show was such a lovely day for all of us. The sun shone and everyone had a wonderful time exploring the Showground. We saw Emelia's Auntie on her horse, Vinnie and Ronnie's sister and Grandad on a horse and carriage and Joshua and Klara Shaw taking part in the Young Handlers Sheep contest.

The children were fantastic representatives for our school and we received several comments during the day on how well they conducted themselves. One gentleman even said they had brought a tear to his eye and Miss Wilson was contacted by one of the Show directors who said how impressed he had been by the children from Clifton. We are hoping it will become an annual event. Here are just a few moments from our wonderful day out.



After School Club

We are in the process of recruiting new staff to run our Breakfast and After School clubs. Next week Mrs Roberts and Mrs Chalmers will be running Breakfast Club and in the afternoons we are pleased to tell you that we have the following activities running during After School Club.

Monday – Sports Club with Dan Lowes. This will run until 5.15 and children will be provided with a snack and drink before the activities start. The fine detail regarding timing might change for this evening depending on how it goes. For instance children who are normally picked up between 4.30 and 5.00 would obviously be leaving mid session so could be booked in for longer than usual if they want to stay for the full session.

Tuesday – Craft club with Mrs Chalmers until 5.30

Wednesday – activity to be confirmed but ASC will run until 5.30

Thursday – activity to be confirmed but ASC will run until 5.30

Friday – Movie Night until 5.00 only

All children are welcome to all clubs and not just those that usually attend After School Club. A drink and snack is provided during all sessions

All sessions can be booked on Parent Pay and ASC costs £3.50 for one hour and £6.00 for two. Breakfast Club is £2.75 per session.

Recycling Week

Next week is Recycling Week and what better time to ask for junk modelling materials for the exciting STEM(Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities we will be doing in the coming weeks. Please send in any cardboard boxes, tubes, cartons, tubs etc from next week.

We are always looking to make school a more sustainable place and in the last few months we have made the following changes:

- Wrapping packed lunch items in paper bags instead of cling film.
- Refilling reusable water bottles instead of using one use bottles.
- Using washable pots for jellies and mousses at lunchtime.
- Using washable flannels instead of disposable wipes to wipe little faces at lunchtimes.
- Collecting our used pens and other stationery to be recycled by Terracycle at Another Weigh in Penrith. Why not check out this link [TerraCycle](https://www.terracycle.com) to see where you can recycle such things as pringle tubes and cheese packaging.

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.



Dates for the Diary

20th September – Every child needs to bring a packed lunch (not NUTS please)

26th September – Phonics meeting for parents (time TBC – Reception parents please let Mrs Brabant know your preferred time 3.30 or 6.00)

20th or 27th September – Junior Warrior Festival for Key Stage 1(TBC)

28th September – Bag2School bags collected from school

29th September – Year 5/6 netball

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

12th October – Y5/6 football

20th October – Harvest Festival (2.00pm) TBC

Separate letters are sent for all sporting events

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 on 21st September at 7pm at school 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