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Dear Parents/carers,

We might not have ventured far this week but the learning taking place in school has been no less exciting.

Hedgehog Class ventured into the Secret Garden to make some nature themed hedgehog collages and did PE indoors including yoga to warm up and cool down.



Squirrel Class have been working together in Outdoor Learning and using their communication skills to carry some very long den building branches safely. They also worked collaboratively to sort pictures of human and physical features in Geography.

Fox Class have had such a busy week – they have been on a tree treasure hunt in the Secret Garden and woodland in Outdoor Learning, investigated rocks in Science, learned about Diwali in RE and scaled up their own drawings in Art. They also had time to taste some of the courgettes and beans they planted in the summer.



Deer Class have been using drama to inspire their writing about the first moon landing and have completed their photomontage City Scapes in the style of Cheese Grater City by Chris Plowman.

Parent's Consultation Meetings – Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th October

Now we are all settling into the new school year it will soon be time to welcome parents into school to chat with teachers about their child's/children's progress. We very much value this opportunity and encourage parents to click on the links below to make an appointment. If these days are not convenient for you please speak to your child's/children's class teachers to make alternative arrangements.

Hedgehog Class - [Nursery and Reception \(padlet.com\)](#)

Squirrel Class - [Year 1 and Year 2 \(padlet.com\)](#)

Fox Class - [Year 3 and Year 4 \(padlet.com\)](#)

Deer Class - [Year 5 and Year 6 \(padlet.com\)](#)

Lunchtime Sports Clubs Following the enthusiasm and determination the children showed at last week's Cross Country Mrs Davies has offered to 'run' a running club on Monday lunchtimes. If any keen runners would like to jog over to school to help out please let us know. Children who want to take part in the running club should bring their PE kits and bag for muddy trainers in on Mondays.

Miss Simpson is leading a netball club at lunchtime over the next few weeks in preparation for a forthcoming netball tournament. Those children who want to take part should please bring PE kit and trainers into school on the days they do not wear their PE kit.

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 – Games Club with Anthea until 5.30

Thursday – Construction Club with Anthea until 5.30

Friday – Movie Night until 5.00 only

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 the children in **Squirrel**, **Fox** and **Deer** class are going to be taking part in some very exciting STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) workshops provided by the Institute of Imagination. The theme is **Save Make Reinvent** - we will be looking at how we can take used materials that we have in the home and school, to explore activities including Natural Inks creating food waste art, Junk Bots making robots and Digital Storytelling experimenting with animation. This theme focuses on creativity, design thinking and invention skills that help to empower children to apply their imagination to Save Make Reinvent someone's waste into another person's treasure.

To make these workshops a success **we need your help**, please can you donate some of your scrap! We are looking for items such as

- Bottle lids
- Plastic bottles
- Egg boxes
- small cardboard boxes (up to cereal/shoe box size)
- Washed milk or juice cartons
- Cardboard toilet/ kitchen rolls
- Clean crisp/sweet packets

Thank you in advance and to those of you who have already made a donation.

Why not check out this link [TerraCycle](#) to see where you can recycle such things as pringle tubes and cheese packaging.

Outdoor Learning

Next week Squirrel Class (Years 1 & 2) will be doing Outdoor Learning on Tuesday afternoon as they are going to Action Ants on Wednesday and Fox Class (Years 3 & 4) will be doing Outdoor Learning on their usual Thursday afternoon. Please send in appropriate clothes and footwear for outdoor activity on these days.



Dates for the Diary

26th September – Phonics meeting for parents **@ 3.30pm – children are welcome to stay at After School Club**

27th September – Junior Warrior Festival for Years 1 & 2

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

And a bit further ahead.....

24th November – whole school trip to the Theatre by the Lake Christmas Production

24th November – PTA Christmas Fair in school

5th December – PTA wreath making workshop

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. The turn out at Thursday’s AGM was only just quorate with the minimum of 5 families represented. The committee are looking at other ways for the PTA to develop and will soon be seeking the views of the school community. When the time comes please let them know your views so we can have a PTA that works for all.

TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Autumn term Start - Wednesday 6 th September End - Tuesday 19 th December Half term Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October
Spring term Start -Thursday 4 th January End - Thursday 28 th March Half Term Monday 12 th February - Friday 16 th February
Summer Term Start - Monday 15 th April End - Friday 19 th July Half Term Monday 27 th May - Friday 31 st May
<i>Please remember there is a small change in term dates compared to those published on the Westmorland & Furness website.</i>

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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