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Dear Parents/carers,



What an eventful time we have had to end the term.....little did we know on Thursday morning that our Christmas Dinner day would be cut short by an unexpected fault in the heating system at school. In a normal British winter it might not have been such a problem but with temperatures not rising above zero for several days school was just too chilly. A massive thankyou to Joanna for not letting a little thing like this prevent her from serving approximately 100 Christmas dinners to the children, staff and guests... we all had a lovely time celebrating together.

The exceptionally chilly weather brought several challenges last week but it did not stop the Year 6 children popping outside to try on their new Sports Leader hoodies. We are sure they will be put through their paces in the new year.



The children have really benefitted from the PE sessions at Penrith Leisure Centre this half term and enjoyed a fun filled morning with festive gymnastics and relays for the last session of the year.



No sooner had the ice and frost disappeared than the rain came along to scupper our Reindeer Run plans..... but who needs a party outfit to have a good time? The children enjoyed games and party food in their classrooms before gathering together for a visit from one of Santa's special helpers and each receiving a gift.



And now the final day of school for 2022..... and an early morning text about the heating not working did not phase us but unexpected wet grass meant Mrs Chalmers had to quickly adapt the obstacle course and set it up on the playground instead. After an energy boosting chocolate reindeer cake each class took their turn on the Reindeer Run course and got warmed up nicely..... thankyou to everyone who supported the Reindeer Run in aid of Jigsaw Children's Hospice. Up to now donations total £357 which is tremendous.

You can still make a donation by following this link and clicking on Clifton Primary School.
<https://jigsawhospice.org/support-us/the-reindeer-run-donations-2022>



And last but not least... after a lucky dip lunch the children enjoyed a walk to church for our final festive celebration and what a great job they did! Thanks to all who walked with us. It was clear how much they all enjoyed the singing and we hope you did too..... thanks to everyone who came along and joined in with the songs.....we hope your Christmas **sparkles and shines** as much as the children did.



Diary Dates

3rd January - INSET day - staff only

4th January - Back to school

11th January – Year 6 dental check

11th January - Key Stage 2 Mini Mudder with Action Ants at Culgaith

13th January – Year 3-4 Swimming Gala

17th January – Cross Country Championships for Hunter Hall qualifiers at Casterton

20th January & 17th March – Deer Class clay daffodil workshop at Lowther

31st January – Y3/4 football at Beaconside 3pm

w/b 20th February – Half Term

Separate letters will be sent for all sporting events

PE at Penrith Leisure Centre will be taking place every Thursday morning until **February half term** so don't forget that children should come to school already dressed in PE kit.

Cost of Living - Support for Parent/Carers and their families

Cumbria County Council has committed 'Household Support Grant' funds to support families experiencing Food and Utility hardship. Families can access the information on the support available through the councils 'Ways to Welfare' website.

For further information follow this link <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/costofliving/default.asp>

PTA News.

A MASSIVE thankyou to all the PTA for all that they have done this term..... from shopping for party food and wrapping Christmas gifts to organising the wonderful Christmas Fair. We are all so grateful for the support you give us throughout the year and for the amazing opportunities your efforts provide for the children.

The Grand total raised at the Christmas Fair well over £1000 and will be revealed once all costs are accounted for.

Next meetings –**10th January 2023 @ 7.00pm.** Please do come along and see how you can get involved.

Term Dates

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 07 September 2022	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October	Tuesday 20 December
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

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.

All that remains is for us to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas time. We look forward to seeing you in 2023!

Nikki Brabant, Tasha Coutts & the Clifton Team