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Dear Parents/carers,

The children were, once again, very lucky to have a visit from Peter Nutsford, who had just returned from an expedition in Borneo. Peter has visited many countries, animals and tribes around the world and shared some factual information as well as personal stories with the children. He presented three talks to different age groups; This Wonderful World, Great Apes and the Ugly Five. The children were all fascinated to learn about these topics - especially the disgusting habits of the ugly five! We enjoyed live footage and photographs from his visit as well as an opportunity to handle artefacts.



### Honister Mine and Keswick Trip



Fox class had an amazing day of adventure and learning on a what was a gloriously sunny Thursday. There were many 'wows' as we drove along the Borrowdale valley alongside Derwentwater and then up the Honister Pass. After a short introductory talk and video we set off on a thrillingly bumpy bus ride up to the entrance of the mines. Everyone was struck by a real sense of awe and wonder as we gazed down the fellside to the tiny cars below. This continued inside the mine which was truly spectacular. We were all very glad we had not had to work in there in the pitch black from the age of 8 years old.

After a sunny picnic in sight of the beautiful fells we headed to Keswick for the next part of our day. After racing Mrs Newman to the top of Crow park the children practised their map skills whilst playing some fun filled games and looked for the physical and human features in each direction. The afternoon ended admiring the beautiful view down the lake. Thanks to all who made this very memorable day happen.

## Football



Mr Page and Anthea were extremely impressed by the Year 5/6 boys football team on Thursday and said that they played amazingly well and showed great team work. Well done boys!

## Autumn Celebration

We are all busy preparing for our Autumn Celebration which will be held at church at 2.00pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We hope you can come along to join us in reflecting on our good fortune and how we can best protect the Earth's valuable resources. Any donations of dry food items and tinned food will be most welcome and can be brought to school on the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup>. These will be donated to a local food bank after the celebration. If you are able to join us to help supervise the children walking to church please come to school at 1.30 on Friday afternoon.

## PE Kits

We very much appreciate everyone's support in sending children into school already dressed in their PE kits – it saves so much time in school which can be devoted to learning. Please could we remind parents of our expectations with regards to PE kits as some children have been coming in football kits, patterned/colourful leggings and Nike Pro shorts. These are not appropriate for PE kit and also put pressure on other parents to make similar purchases or allow their child(ren) to wear none PE kit for school. We do not want to ban certain items of clothing but politely request that these clothes are not worn to school on PE days.

PE kit includes navy or black shorts and a white or pale blue t-shirt. Navy skorts and navy/black joggers can also be worn and there is a school hoodie that can be purchased from Sam Scotts along with other PE kit. There is not, however, any expectation that these items should be branded with the school logo. Please see the photo for what we consider to be a suitable school PE kit.



**Lunchtime Sports Clubs** We were delighted with the response to our new Cross Country running club last Monday lunchtime and are busy thinking of how to cater for all children who wish to take part. For the time being it will be for children in years 3-6 and they should bring in their PE kit and a bag for any muddy shoes.

## Outdoor Learning

Next week will be the final Outdoor Learning session for Squirrel Class ( Tuesday) and Fox Class ( Thursday). Please send in appropriate clothes and footwear for outdoor activity on these days. Next half term Deer class and Hedgehog class will be doing Outdoor Learning and we will let you know the days next week.

**Parts of the school grounds are very muddy after all the recent rain. Please could all children bring in wellies to leave in school during the week so they can change into these at playtimes.**





### Dates for the Diary

- 16<sup>th</sup> October – Hunter Hall Cross Country
- 20<sup>th</sup> October – Autumn Celebration (2.00pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> October – NO MUSIC LESSONS
- 20<sup>th</sup> October – finish for half term
- 30<sup>th</sup> October – back to school

**PE will be on Mondays at the Leisure Centre for the coming half term – Y1-6 ( please note this said Y2-6 last week).**

- 1<sup>st</sup> November – Hedgehog trip to Penrith Fire Station
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November – PTA meeting 7pm at school
- 8<sup>th</sup> November – KS1 Basic Moves Festival ( Years 1 &2)
- 8<sup>th</sup> November - Stay & Play Session ( see image below)
- 9<sup>th</sup> November – Deer class & Squirrel Class cinema visits as part of IntoFilm Festival.
- 14<sup>th</sup> November – Fox class & Hedgehog class cinema visits as part of IntoFilm Festival
- 16<sup>th</sup> November – individual photos
- 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need
- 17<sup>th</sup> November – KS2 Indoor Winter Sports Festival with Action Ants
- 24<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1- 6 trip to the Theatre by the Lake Christmas Production
- 24<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Christmas Fair in school
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – KS1 Indoor Winter Sports Festival with Action Ants
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – PTA wreath making workshop



Separate letters are sent for all sporting events



### PTA NEWS

The next PTA meeting is at 7.00pm on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and it would be great if some new parents could pop along to see how they can best support the endeavours of our hardworking PTA in their invaluable support for our school.

We are thinking we could include a zoom link so parents could join us from the comfort of their own homes.

### TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

#### **Autumn term**

Start - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September      End - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Half term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Spring term**

Start -Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January      End - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Half Term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Summer Term**

Start - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April      End - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Half Term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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