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Dear Parents/carers,



Who can believe it is half term already? And what a busy and exciting term we have had so far. Earlier this week, whilst on a village walk to look for human and physical features, Squirrel Class added their kindness stones to the village caterpillar.

There are lots more activities planned for the second half of term are carefully designed to enhance the children's learning experiences.

All that remains for now is to wish you all a happy and restful half term break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 30th October.

Great North Air Ambulance Visit

This week, Hedgehog class had a visit from the Great North Air Ambulance crew. We learned about the job they do, why they are so important and who travels in the air ambulance. We also learned that Miles is the pilot of the Great North Air Ambulance and were lucky enough to meet him!



Hunter Hall Cross Country

This week started off with the much awaited Hunter Hall Cross Country race and the Year 4,5 & 6 children certainly pulled out all the stops. Every single one of them showed true grit and determination in taking on a very challenging course. We are very proud of them all 🏆



Clifton Primary School Equestrian Team



Very well done to Matilda, Olivia and Emelia on Saturday when they took part in their first ever event representing Clifton Primary School. They did amazingly well and came in 2nd place overall.



Busy Bees

The Busy Bees have worked hard over the last few weeks mending some of the wooden stools in the Secret Garden. They used lots of skills including measuring, using a saw safely and effectively, using a draw knife and hammer and of course problem solving and team work. Such great work!!!

They are now about to start discussing their next project.



Autumn Celebration



Technological hiccups at church this afternoon just provided us with the opportunity to show how adaptable and resilient the children at Clifton are and they did a lovely job of the singing without any musical accompaniment. Thanks to all those who came along to join us in giving thanks and celebrating our bountiful world – we hope you found it a joyful occasion. Thanks too for all the food donations that Mrs Roberts will be dropping off at the Salvation Army Food Bank over the weekend. We had several big carriers full altogether.

Milburn Bonfire

This year's Bonfire will take place on Saturday 4th November and the car park attendants will guide visitors to parking areas from 6.00 pm. Food stall at Ruth's barn and the cake stall at the school will also be open. There will be hot food, soup, drinks and cakes to buy, cash only. There is no cost to come to Milburn Bonfire Night, although we ask for donations towards the fireworks. Donations can be given on the night, we will have volunteers circulating with donation buckets.

18.30 bonfire lit

19.00 fire display by Euphoric Circus

19.30 firework display

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH INSURANCE VISITORS **MUST NOT** BRING THEIR OWN FIREWORKS OR **SPARKLERS**



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 half term Deer class and Hedgehog class will be doing Outdoor Learning and we will let you know the days as soon as we have them.

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

30th 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).

1st November – Hedgehog trip to Penrith Fire Station

2nd November – PTA meeting 7pm at school

8th November – KS1 Basic Moves Festival (Years 1 &2)

8th November - Stay & Play Session (see image below)

9th November – Deer class & Squirrel Class cinema visits as part of IntoFilm Festival.

14th November – Fox class & Hedgehog class cinema visits as part of IntoFilm Festival

16th November – individual photos

17th November – Children in Need

17th November – KS2 Indoor Winter Sports Festival with Action Ants

24th November – Year 1- 6 trip to the Theatre by the Lake Christmas Production

24th November – PTA Christmas Fair in school

1st December – KS1 Indoor Winter Sports Festival with Action Ants

5th December - Hedgehog and Squirrel Nativity at Cliburn Hall

PTA wreath making workshop (new date to be confirmed due to Hedgehog and Squirrel nativity)



HEDGEHOGS STAY & PLAY
At Clifton Primary School
Children aged 0-4 years welcome
Wednesday 8th November: 2pm-3pm
Snack, juice and a warm drink for grown-ups provided
Please contact: Sophie Hunter
s.hunter@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk



Separate letters are sent for all sporting events

PTA NEWS

The PTA Christmas Fair will be held at school on Friday 24th November. We're on the hunt for bottles and bottle bags, raffle prizes and tombola prizes. Please let a member of the PTA know if you have any donations and they can arrange collection.

The next PTA meeting is at 7.00pm on November 2nd 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 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