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Dear Parents/carers,  
What a busy first week back after half term.....



**Some lovely news** arrived during Half Term and we are so pleased to tell you that on 24<sup>th</sup> October Edward William Collin arrived weighing 7lbs 7oz. Mrs Collin says they are all doing well and that are beyond amazed with their precious little boy. We are sure you will join us in wishing them all well and are looking forward to seeing them soon.

### **Hedgehog Class Visit the Fire Station**

This week Hedgehog class have been to visit Penrith Fire Station. This was linked to their topics of "people who help us" and "bonfire safety". They had some much fun! Once they had recognised the fire, they watched the fireman come down the pole and get their protective clothing on (we loved the fireman's hat). The children all got a go at using the fire hose and were very excited to all get to sit in the back of the fire truck 🚒



### **PE at Penrith Leisure Centre**

It was great to be back at the Leisure Centre this week and the children enjoyed a range of sporting experiences in a purpose built space. A highlight was using the gymnastics equipment under the expert guidance of the gymnastics teachers.



PLEASE COULD ALL CHILDREN IN YEARS 1-6 COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR PE KIT ON MONDAYS for the rest of this term. They will not have PE on any other days unless they have a sporting event.

## Fox Class Diwali Celebration

This term Fox class have been thinking about how celebrating Diwali gives Hindus a sense of belonging. To help us understand this more they have worked together to prepare a special celebration. The children made clay diva lamps and paper decorations and cooked coconut barfi and vegetable samosas which were the centrepiece of this afternoon's celebration. A glass of mango lassi was the final treat on what was a fun and meaningful get together. The children in Fox Class have been so independent and responsible; cooking with little adult help, arranging their own table decorations and even helping tidy up.



## Firework Safety Talk

On Wednesday the children were given a talk on fire safety by PCSOs John and Erica. They were told all about keeping safe around fireworks and we thought this might be a helpful reminder.

## Milburn Bonfire

This year's Bonfire will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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**



## Outdoor Learning

This half term Deer class and Hedgehog class will be doing Outdoor Learning on the following dates.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Deer Class

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Deer Class

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Deer Class

**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

**PE will be on Mondays at the Leisure Centre for the coming half term**

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.( Separate letters sent home)



10<sup>th</sup> November – Non Uniform Day in aid of PTA Christmas Fair ( bottles/gifts/toys/chocolates etc)  
 14<sup>th</sup> November – Fox class & Hedgehog class cinema visits as part of IntoFilm Festival. **Fox Class return at approx. 4.15pm**  
 16<sup>th</sup> November – individual photos  
 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children In Need – (non uniform day for a donation please)  
 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 **3.30-5.30 pm**  
 28<sup>th</sup> November - PTA wreath making workshop  
 1<sup>st</sup> December – KS1 Indoor Winter Sports Festival with Action Ants  
 5<sup>th</sup> December - Hedgehog and Squirrel Nativity at Cliburn Hall (2.00pm and 6.00pm)  
 13<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas lunch.  
 15<sup>th</sup> December – Hedgehog class visit to see Wolf at Theatre by the Lake  
 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Parties (bring party clothes)  
 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carols at the Church



Separate letters are sent for all sporting events

### PTA NEWS

Ho Ho Ho!!!! The PTA have made some changes to this year's Christmas Fair and it will be taking place in school at 3.30 on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November which we hope will enable more people to attend.

The PTA are 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.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November is a non uniform day when children can come into school wearing their own clothes and donations for both tombolas will be gratefully received – bottles, toys, gifts, stationery, sweets, chocolate, toiletries.

Today each family should have brought home two books of raffle tickets and there are some amazing prizes including cash, spa treatments and vouchers. It would be great if you could sell these to family and friends and extra books are available from the school office.



### 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