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Dear Parents/carers,

This week seems to have been a particularly busy one with so many different activities for the children to experience. We hope you enjoy seeing little snippets of all the wonderful things they do to enhance their learning across the curriculum.

We are not sure why we have not been given a poppy fundraising kit this year but this has not stopped us from thinking about the sacrifices made by so many over the years. There have been lots of lessons and activities focussing on Remembrance and during Friday's Assembly we had a two minutes silence to reflect on the meaning of Remembrance Day.



Stay and Play Session

What a great turn out for our first stay and play session! We had a very successful and exciting session with lots of different activities to enjoy, tasty snacks before ending it all with a lovely story. Thank you to those who attended. The Hedgehog children did a wonderful job of welcoming new families to our school and we look forward to seeing everyone again very soon.



Basic Moves Festival

Squirrel Class had a very energetic afternoon on Thursday and all put so much effort into the range of activities at this event organised by the Sports Partnership. They practised so many different skills and all came home with t-shirts full of stickers!!



Into Film Festival

On Thursday Squirrel and Deer classes both headed off to different cinemas: Year 1 and 2 went to Keswick Alhambra to see Superworm and The Smeds and the Smoos and Year 5/6 went to Carlilse Vue to see Black Holes, The Edge of All We Know. This is a nationwide event that enables children to see a wide range of films free of charge and the films we chose supported our leaning about rhyming words and space.



Next week Hedgehog Class and Fox Class will both be travelling to Milnthorpe to watch The Gruffalo and Gruffalo's Child and Matilda the Musical (sing along version).

And on Thursday afternoon Squirrel Class paid their respects at Keswick War Memorial and laid a poppy wreath they had made in class. Then they spotted human and physical features on a walk around the town. You would not believe how many more there are than in Clifton – chip shops, cafes, offices, garages, tunnels, bridges, mountains, rivers, crazy golf and even a market. We even found out that Goldilocks & The Three Bears was written by Robert Southey when he lived in Keswick.



Hedgehog Vistors

Hedgehog Class have had some more visitors in this week! First they had a visit from Frame and Swift vets who told them about the role of a vet and showed us some of the equipment they use. The children got to dress up as a vet and a veterinary nurse and when they found out that poor Eeyore had a sore ear, leg and arm they were quick to sort him out with bandages at the ready.

Later in the week they also had a visit from Ghyllmount dentist. They told the children about the job of a dentist, what's good/bad for our teeth and how to keep our teeth nice and healthy. They even got to do some toothy activities.

These visits were linked to last half term's topic about people who help us!



STEM Workshops

This week Squirrel, Fox and Deer classes have all taken part in at least one STEM workshop run by the the Institute of Imagination. The sessions have covered a wide range of challenges including Eco Cities coding and Lego Wild Cities. The children have used a range of different materials to engage in activities focussing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).



School Photos

Next Thursday Heidi Batey is coming to school to take individual photos of the children in time for Christmas. If you would like younger (or older) siblings to be photographed they are welcome to come from 8.30am and we will get them photographed as soon as possible.

Children In Need

We are keen to support Children In Need on Friday 17th November and so the children are welcome to come in non uniform for a donation towards this worthwhile cause. Please note there is no expectation for it to be at all Pudsey themed.



Theatre by the Lake Visits

On 24th November Years 1-6 are going to watch The Little Princess and we are very excited because Alana will be performing in the cast. The PTA have kindly agreed to pay for the ice creams and the transport this year so we are asking of a contribution of £14 to cover the cost of the ticket. This will be added to Parent Pay.

Outdoor Learning

This half term Deer class and Hedgehog class will be doing Outdoor Learning on the following dates.
Wednesday 15th November – Deer Class
Wednesday 22nd November – Hedgehog Class
Wednesday 29th November – Deer Class
Wednesday 6th December – Hedgehog Class
Wednesday 13th 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

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.

14th November – Fox class & Hedgehog class cinema visits as part of IntoFilm Festival. **Fox Class return at approx. 4.15pm**
 16th November – individual photos
 17th November – Children In Need – (non uniform day for a donation please)
 17th November - KS2 Indoor Winter Sports Festival with Action Ants
 24th November – Year 1- 6 trip to the Theatre by the Lake Christmas Production **CHILDREN WILL NEED A PACKED LUNCH ON THIS DAY**
 24th November – PTA Christmas Fair in school **3.30-5.30 pm**
 28th November - PTA wreath making workshop
 30th November – PTA meeting 7.00pm at school
 1st December – KS1 Indoor Winter Sports Festival with Action Ants
 5th December - Hedgehog and Squirrel Nativity at Cliburn Hall (2.00pm and 6.00pm)
 13th December – School Christmas lunch.
 15th December – Hedgehog class visit to see Wolf at Theatre by the Lake
 18th December – Christmas Parties (bring party clothes)
 19th December – Christmas Carols at the Church



Christmas Wreath Workshop

Come and make your own Christmas door wreath
 Tuesday 28th November at 6.30pm
 Clifton Primary School
 £8.00 including some materials, festive refreshments & mince pie.
 Call 01768 868817 to book by November 24th

Separate letters are sent for all sporting events



PTA NEWS

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 24th November which we hope will enable more people to attend. Thankyou for all of the amazing donations for today's Non Uniform Day.

Thankyou to everyone who purchased the Christmas cards and other lovely items this year – it raised £107.84p

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.

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