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Dear Parents/carers,

Christmas is definitely on the way and there is an excited buzz around school as the preparations have begun in earnest. Hedgehog and Squirrel classes are perfecting the singing and 'words' for their Nativity and trying on their costumes and Deer and Fox classes have been practising songs for the Christmas Carols at Church and the Booths carol singing. All of the children have made Christmas decorations to sell at the Christmas Fair and showed great team work with children quickly becoming 'experts' and helping others to complete their crafts.

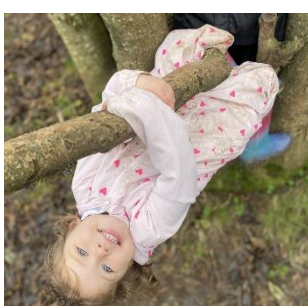


Amongst all of this on Thursday we had a very Christmassy visit from Carr's Billington with their Christmas tractor. The tractor was decorated to take part in the Penrith light switch on parade and the children enjoyed the decorations and sitting inside the cab. Thank you so much for putting us in the Christmas spirit Carr's Billington!



Outdoor Learning

Hedgehog class had a lovely outdoor learning lesson with Mrs Davies on Wednesday! The children began by sorting leaves into their appropriate colour 🍁🍂 and this was followed by planting some tiny trees in the Secret Garden. 🌲



UCC Sports Festival

Year 4 enjoyed participating in a variety of sports at UCC on Wednesday where Sports Leaders organised activities including trampolining, football, gymnastics, netball and relay races. The children all worked so hard and showed great team work – they were very proud to show us their 2nd place certificates on their return.



Theatre by the Lake Visits

Year 1 – 6 children had a wonderful time at the Theatre by the Lake on Friday watching The Little Princess. Thankyou to the PTA for the transport and the ice creams which went down very well in the interval. It was extra special to see Alana performing in the cast and the surprised – “it’s Alana” that came from our four rows was such a lovely thing to hear. A lunch with a view and a quick visit to the lakeside to admire the amazing mountain scenery finished off a lovely day.



Hedgehog class will be visiting Theatre by the Lake on 15th December to see Wolf. The PTA will cover the cost of the transport and ice creams but we are requesting a contribution of £11 for the performance ticket. This will be added to Parent Pay. We will let you know more details soon as we are hoping to combine it with their climbing Adventure Day.

Christmas Fair

Thankyou so much to the PTA for once again organising another amazing Christmas Fair – it was such a great festive gathering and had a lovely sense of community. Thanks too to everyone who came along to support it – we hope you all enjoyed yourself and went away with some nice goodies. In fact some of you may have needed a wheelbarrow to get it all home.

I am sure the Christmas elves will be counting up the proceeds and will let us know the grand total soon.



Institute of Imagination

Fox Class continued their exciting STEM sessions this week and created machines that made them laugh. They included simple cranks that made parts of their machines move up and down.



Can you help us?

At this time of year most of us turn to the internet for our Christmas Shopping and there is a very simple way that you can support Clifton Primary School with no extra effort at all. As a school we are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! Up until now Clifton Primary School have received £ 734.51 but it could be so much more.

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. Please share it with friends and family too – there are no catches whatsoever! It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cliftoncountyppta> or use the QR code.



Companies include M&S, Booking.Com, Trainline, Argos, Tesco, John Lewis, Ebay, Moonpig, Fat Face, Currys, Pets at Home, Dunelm and many many more.

Adventure Days Climbing Sessions

We are in the final stages of planning our first Adventure Day activities and hope to take all the children climbing during the last full week of term. The costs will be added to Parent Pay and once again this year we will subsidise the Adventure Day activities with sports funding to keep the costs as low as we can for

parents. We have chosen climbing as our first activity because it can be done indoors but also in preparation for Eden Rock Bouldering competition that we will have two teams entering in February.

Water Bottles

Please remember to send in a fresh water bottle every day to keep children hydrated. This is especially important on Mondays when the Year 1-6 children go to the Leisure Centre. Please also return any school water bottles that we may have lent to children as we are running low again.

Carol Singing at Booths

On Friday 8th December Mrs Brabant has arranged for Clifton School to sing in the foyer of Booths in Penrith in aid of school funds. It is Christmas Jumper day so the children who attend will be perfectly kitted out to look the part. We will be singing in two sessions from 9.30-10.30 and then 10.30-11.30 and any extra voices would be much appreciated. Please let Mrs Brabant know if you can come (n.brabant@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk). We are sure it will be a very jolly few hours.



Needlework Help Needed

For their DT this term both Deer and Fox Classes are making items made from felt. These need to be stitched together and it would be wonderful if we could have some extra pairs of hands to help us thread needles and undo tangles.... The sessions will be in the afternoons of Friday 1st, 8th and (maybe) 15th December. Please let Mrs Brabant know on n.brabant@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk know if you or any grandparents would be willing to help.

Outdoor Learning

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

Wednesday 29th November – Deer Class

Wednesday 6th December – Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 13th December – Deer Class

Although sessions might be adapted or shortened, the great Cumbrian weather will not stop Outdoor Learning unless it is very severe or dangerous. Please ensure that in the Winter especially children bring in suitable clothing and footwear that will keep them both warm and dry.



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.

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 @ 2.00pm

Separate letters are sent for all sporting events

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

54° Sport

Christmas Sports Camp

at Beaconside Primary School, Penrith

The Camp is open to children aged 5-14 across the whole region.



Christmas Camp – 20th, 21st & 22nd December 2023.

Camps will take place between 8.45am – 3.15pm.

1 Day = £25 2 Days = £40 3 Day Camp = £50 per child
(ask about sibling discount)

Spaces are limited so Booking is Essential on a first come first serve basis. Staff and Volunteers are all fully DBS checked.

Cumbria County Council HAF Funded Spaces are available.

www.54-sport.co.uk 07717378879



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