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Dear Parents/carers,



We are delighted to share some more lovely news with you all.....Miss Shanks is now the proud mummy to George who arrived on November 14th.

With the arrival of December it is impossible to deny that Christmas is well and truly on its way. The two youngest classes went to Cliburn Village Hall this week for an 'on stage' dress rehearsal and to have their photos taken for the Herald. They did a further performance on Thursday in front of the rest of the school – their first real audience, and received a very loud and well deserved round of applause.

Squirrels and Foxes have begun their sewing projects in DT and are working so hard with Miss Simpson on their singing. Helen Slater came in to help today and commented on how lovely they sounded.

As a treat for filling their reward jar Fox Class have been hard at work making the side entrance of school look very festive and welcoming – we are sure you noticed the change at pick up time today.



A MASSIVE THANKYOU TO THE PTA AND EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE CHRISTMAS FAIR LAST FRIDAY - IT RAISED AN ASTONISHING £1,106,01

Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity Performances

We are all very excited for the debut performances of 'Bethlehem Bake Off'. The children and staff are working very hard to perfect their show! Please note that the Nativity this year will take place in Cliburn Village Hall and not in school.

The two performances are on Tuesday 5th December at 2pm and 6pm. You are welcome to attend one or both performances but please be considerate to others if you intend to invite wider family members and if possible please spread attendance out over both time slots.

PLEASE COULD ALL NURSERY/RECEPTION/YEAR 1 and 2 CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY IN NAVY or BLACK JOGGERS/LEGGINGS and A NAVY or BLACK LONG SLEEVED TOP.

Your children will be transported from school for the 2pm performance and will be back in time for normal collection at the end of the day. For the evening performance we would be grateful if you could transport

your children to the village hall for 5:40 in their navy/black clothes ready to be dressed into their costumes. Please do not hesitate to contact if you need help with transport. School staff would be more than willing to help. The car park is also limited to spaces therefore if you could care share this would be helpful. We are very excited to watch their hard work come to life.

Hedgehog Theatre by the Lake Visit

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. The performance starts at 2.00pm and the children should be back as school by home time.

Adventure Days Climbing Sessions



We are delighted to let you know about our exciting Christmas Climbing Sessions that will be the first of the Adventure Days we have planned for this year. The cost of each session will be £8 which covers the climbing activity and transport and they will be added to Parent Pay next week. 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.

12th December – Deer Class climbing session at Eden Rock (unfortunately Eden Rock have been almost impossible to contact over the last three weeks so this is still TBC by Eden Rock)

13th December – Squirrel Class climbing session at Keswick Climbing Wall & Hedgehog climbing session at Rheged’s Soft Play Centre.

14th December – Fox Class climbing session at Eden (unfortunately Eden Rock have been almost impossible to contact over the last three weeks so this is still TBC by Eden Rock)

We will let you know nearer the time what children should wear for these sessions.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day this year has been planned for Friday 8th December and children may bring in a donation in aid of Save the Children.

In addition children may also wear their Christmas jumpers on Christmas Dinner Day (13th December) and for any climbing sessions (see above).



SPOTLIGHT ON THE PTA


After such a wonderful amount was raised by the PTA Christmas Fair we thought it might be interesting to let you know what some of the money raised over the last few years has been spent on.....

2022-2023



Theatre tickets for all £1,238


2023 -2024



Transport to & ice creams at Theatre by the Lake £500



New crockery for school lunches £215



Drum Kit £400



Data loggers £600

As well aspaying for online subscriptions, U Dance costumes, ipads and whiteboard leases, Sports Leader hoodies, Christmas party food, Panto trips, art and other resources and subsidising book bags & leaver’s hoodies. The list could go on and we would very much miss all of the amazing things they have provided. Thankyou!

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.

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 will provide a song sheet and we are sure it will be a very jolly few hours.



Outdoor Learning

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

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.

5th December - Hedgehog and Squirrel Nativity at Cliburn Hall (2.00pm and 6.00pm)

8th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

8th December – Fox Class visit to Penrith Library & Carol Singing at Booths (please send in library card application forms by Tuesday 5th)

12th December – Deer Class climbing session at Eden Rock (TBC by Eden Rock)

13th December – School Christmas lunch

13th December – Squirrel Class climbing session at Keswick Climbing Wall & Hedgehog climbing session at Rheged's Soft Play Centre.

14th December – Fox Class climbing session at Eden Rock (TBC by Eden Rock)

15th December – Hedgehog class visit to see Wolf at Theatre by the Lake

18th December – Christmas Parties (please 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