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Dear Parents/carers,



It has been a busy few weeks at school during the build up to Christmas and we would like to thank all of you for your support during this time and throughout the year. We hope this final newsletter of 2023 reflects clearly all that we hold dear at Clifton.....a sense of belonging for all and an opportunity to flourish through a wide range of experiences. Everyone can shine at something!

We wish you all a very happy and restful festive season and look forward to seeing you again in 2024.

Library Visit



When they weren't singing at Booths on the 8th December Fox Class had the opportunity to visit Penrith Library where they took part in craft activities, listened to festive stories and were issued with a library card if they did not already have one. This was a very exciting visit and the children were delighted to all bring back a book they had chosen themselves. In our efforts to encourage a love of reading we plan on making this a regular visit for all ages in the coming year.

Carol Singing at Winter's Park

The residents most certainly enjoyed their visit from Deer class on the 13th and were super impressed with their singing and instrumental accompaniments. One lady in her 90s was delighted when she heard we were from Clifton School as he had been a pupil here in her younger days.



Adventure Days Climbing Sessions



From Nursey to Year 6 – everyone went climbing on our first Adventure Day



We were delighted with how well our first Adventure Days went last week. As the pictures above show the experiences were carefully planned to ensure that all children took part in a climbing adventure pitched at the right level for them. Going forward they will get the chance to participate in more and more challenging activities that will build on their existing skills. Thanks to Mrs Davies for leading all the sessions with such expertise and enthusiasm – we all LOVED it!

Eden Rock is open to the public and sessions are relatively cheap..... it might be one way of working off some excess energy and/ or christmas pud over the holidays!

Celebrating Together



Thanks to all who have helped provide the children with so many memorable moments over the last week of term.....Joanna for our delicious Christmas dinner last Wednesday and Santa for managing to squeeze in a little visit at Monday's Christmas parties.

STOP PRESS!

We have just received the wonderful news that Clifton School have been awarded The Green Tree Bronze award by the Woodland Trust. We are very proud of this achievement as it reflects the effort we have put into Outdoor Learning over the years. In order to achieve Bronze level we have explored a woodland, planted trees and increased the amount of waste we recycle. A big thankyou to Mrs Davies for all of her hard work in Outdoor Learning and in achieving this wonderful accolade.



Hedgehog Theatre by the Lake Visit



Hedgehog class ended a very busy week on Friday with their trip to Theatre by the Lake to watch Wolf. An ice cream and a chance to share the stage with the stars of the show made it a very exciting experience for them all. Thanks to the PTA for covering the cost of transport and the delicious ice creams.



Design and Technology Creations

A very BIG well done to all of Foxes and Deers for working so hard on their sewing creations in DT over the past few weeks. It has been frustrating at times but the children all showed patience and determination as well as a great pride in their work. Many surprised themselves with their newly discovered needle skills and it was lovely that so many of them chose to make another sewn item once they had finished. Thanks so much to Sarah Davies, Anne Hope, Helen Carter, Helen Coulthard and Bev John for helping us complete the Christmas stockings and notebook covers in time for Christmas.



Important Reminder

Please be aware that shorts are not acceptable clothing for Outdoor Learning. The children are outside for a long period of time and the weather can be wet and cold. It can also be a health and safety risk when children are around fires and in nature with nettles/brambles etc. Please also encourage your children to dress appropriately throughout the school day for the weather in order to keep warm.

A BIG THANKYOU!!!

Christmas Jumper Day raised £36 and the kind donations received for our Carol singing at Booths came to £123.





Dates for the Diary

In January Leisure Centre PE lessons will be on Thursday mornings.

PLEASE COULD ALL CHILDREN IN YEARS 1-6 COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR PE KIT ON THURSDAYS for the first half term of 2024. They will not have PE on any other days unless they have a sporting event.

Thursday 4th January – Back to School (no PE at Leisure Centre on this date)

Thursday 11th January – First PE lesson at Leisure Centre for Years 1-6 (see above)

Monday 29th January – Y3/4 football/netball tournament @ Beaconside

12-16th February – Half Term break

Tuesday 20th February – Y5/6 football/netball tournament @ Beaconside

Thursday 29th February – Eden Rock Bouldering Tournament (team to be confirmed)

Thursday 21st March – Fox Class - U Dance Festival @ Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle (5.00 and 6.30pm)

Thursday 28th March – End of Spring term

Separate letters are sent for all sporting events

TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

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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