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Dear Parents/carers,

A slightly belated welcome back to the new term and happy new year to you all. The children have started off the year with a fantastic attitude to learning and behaviour and we have a sneaky suspicion that many of them seem to have shot up over the festive season.....it must be all that rain!

Last Friday the new members of Clif's Council were selected during Celebration Assembly. They are all very keen to get going and will have their first meeting next week. Our focus this half term will be on improving our outdoor spaces and how we can best look after them.



Our new Clif's Council members – Jack, Isla, Aleksandra, Vinnie, Keira and Harry.

Congratulations to Joanna and the kitchen team who retained their 5 star rating after their Environmental Health Inspection this week.

Spring Term Clubs

Monday lunchtime – running club with Mrs Davies. For all children in Year 1 – Year 6. Children must bring in a PE kit and trainers that they can get muddy.
This is different to last week's text which said Tuesdays.



Tuesday lunchtime - Cheer Club with Jennie Davidson and Miss Hunter.



Sewing Club – Fridays until 4.15 with Mrs Roberts & Mrs Brabant.
Limited numbers so please let Mrs Brabant know or email admin to book a place.
Starting next Friday – 19th January.

Due to the dark afternoons and colder weather Dan will not be running a sports club on Mondays until after Easter.

Outdoor Learning

This half term it is the turn of Squirrel and Fox classes to do Outdoor Learning on Wednesday afternoons. Please send in a complete set of warm winter clothing that is preferably waterproof and wellies, hat, gloves and scarf. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name.

Squirrel Class – 24th January & 7th February

Fox Class – 17th January & 31st January

Water Bottles

Reminder to send in a clean water bottle every day to ensure children can remain hydrated and a request from Joanna to return any school water bottles please.

U Dance

This year Fox Class will have the opportunity to perform on stage in this exciting dance festival with many other schools from across Cumbria. Our practise sessions with a dance teacher are on the following dates and **children can come into school in PE kit and trainers.**

Tuesday 16th January, Tuesday 6th February, Tuesday 27th February & Tuesday 12th March.

The U Dance Performance will be on Thursday 21 March at the Crown & Mitre in Carlisle and we will let you know when tickets can be ordered.

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.



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.

Wednesday 24th January – X Country Championships at Hunter Hall

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

2nd February – National Hedgehog Day

6th February – Year 3/4 Quick Sticks Hockey

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 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 15th March – Netball Final

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.

Nikki Brabant, Tasha Coutts & the Clifton Team