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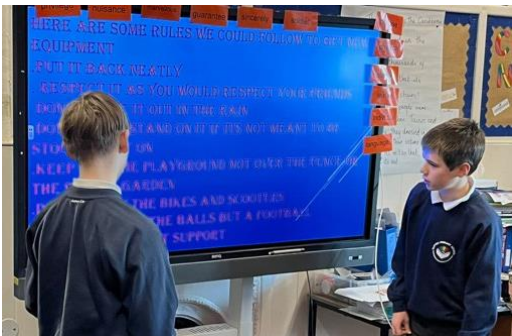
19th January 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

Another very busy week at school with lots of wonderful learning and exciting opportunities for the children.

Clif's Council

Clif's Council met on Thursday to discuss the ideas they had gathered from their class mates on how best to look after the playground, Secret Garden and the outdoor equipment. They had lots of interesting and practical ideas and next week they are going to ask for their ideas for playground rules.



Alex and Ethan were so inspired by our current project that they took it upon themselves to create a Powerpoint about the importance of looking after our school grounds and equipment. They did a great job of presenting it to the rest of school in Wednesday's assembly.

Swimming Gala

Last Thursday, 22 children from Y3 to Y6 had the opportunity to compete in the Eden Valley's Sports Partnership's swimming gala. They competed against 10 different schools with a total of 93 races taking place. A fantastic event! They all did extremely well and we were very proud of them all. A first time experience for some of them!



U Dance

Fox Class had their first session with dance teacher Kellie Mc Clelland on Tuesday and after just an hour spent developing their ideas with her and Mrs Newman they had made incredible progress in putting a dance together. When Mrs Brabant saw it for the first time it actually brought a tear to her eye – she was that impressed! They are so keen to be practising it at school and are brimming with creative ideas.



Our remaining practise sessions are on the following dates and **children can come into school in PE kit and trainers.**

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. We are definitely in for a really heart warming and joyous treat!

We have been thinking about ideas for the children's costumes and would very much welcome help in putting these together. If anyone can help with some simple sewing tasks please get in touch with Mrs Brabant (n.brabant@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk) and we can come up with a plan.

Deer Class Presentations

Deer class have started to develop their presentation and speaking skills through sharing their passions and interests in class talks. The children have captured their audience's attention through carefully designed PowerPoints and fantastic communication skills. We are looking forward to the next ones!



Outdoor Learning

The Arctic weather was not going to stop Mrs Davies and Fox Class going outdoors on Wednesday to develop their Orienteering skills. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful woodland so close to school that we can use for a range of different activities.



Residentials

We are busy finalising details for the Deer Class Residential this year which will be a camping trip to the Keswick area and a range of adventurous activities. We will endeavour to keep costs as low as possible and as these activities will be their Adventure Days/Week we will be able to subsidise the cost in some way. We will let you know more details as soon as the provider has confirmed with us.

The School sleepover for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be on Thursday 23rd May and we will let you know details nearer the time.

Fox Class will be going to Robin Wood on Monday 13th May.

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.



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



Sewing Club – Fridays **until 4.30** with Mrs Roberts & Mrs Brabant.

If your child would like to come please book it in Parent Pay under After School Club (1 hour).



Miss Simpson will run a Homework Club for Year 6 children on Tuesdays after Half Term.

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

There is a possibility that the 24th and 31st January sessions might swap over – we will let you know.

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.



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

8th February – PTA meeting @7pm

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 8th March – PTA Non Uniform Day

Friday 15th March – Netball Final

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day

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

Friday 22nd March – PTA Easter Bingo 6pm for 6.30pm start

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