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Dear Parents/carers,



January does seem to have been a longer month than usual but, at the same time, the weeks seem to be whizzing by. This week has been another busy one with lots going on across all the classes. After two storms at the start of the week it was good to see a little sign of Spring making an appearance on Thursday.

County Cross Country

On Wednesday seven children took part in the Cumbria Cross Country Championships at Hunter Hall. They faced a tough, hilly course and were up against the very best runners from all over the county. Every one of them showed true grit and determination making us all at Clifton very, very proud!



Water Workshops



On Tuesday every class had a Water Workshop with United Utilities and they learned about the water cycle, water usage and how we can all save water in our every day lives. Who would have though drainage could be so much fun!! You will have all received an information pack as well as a shower timer and a toilet hippo that can be used to cut down on water usage. Here are some more ideas for you to try too.



Iron Age Builders



Fox Class have been exploring the building techniques of the Iron Age by creating their own models of iron age roundhouses. They all had great fun and definitely experienced some of the challenges this task must have given our ancestors from long ago. And they would not have had a vacuum as good as Eileen's.



Clif's Council

During Wednesday's assembly all the children worked together to develop a Playground Pledge that will help us look after the playground, Secret Garden and the outdoor equipment. The Clif's Council class reps will share these with their classmates and give everyone the chance to sign the pledge.



National Hedgehog Day

How could we let this day go unnoticed!

Next Friday we are hoping to make a massive hedgehog on the playground out of copper coins so please send in any you may have stashed away and we will donate them to a wildlife charity afterwards. Greg Wilson will also be popping into school to introduce the children to a rescued hedgehog he is overwintering.

Fox Class U Dance

The children are so enthusiastic about this performance and are working so hard to perfect their dance routine. If anyone can help decorate the costumes 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.

Residentials

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

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.

Deer Class Camp at Bassenthwaite – 17th-19th June (letter to follow shortly)

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).

Lunchtime Drama Club – coming soon!

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 – **Tuesday 30th January (not Wednesday 31st)** & Wednesday 7th February

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.



Dates for the Diary

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.

Monday 29th January – Y3/4 football/netball tournament @ Beaconside. Those children taking part will have had a text today (Friday)

2nd February – National Hedgehog Day

5th February – Hedgehog Class visit to Walby Farm Park (letter to follow)

5th February – Squirrel Class visit to Penrith Museum

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

Wednesday 21st February – Hedgehog Class visit to South Lakes Wildlife Park

23rd February – Year 2 Gymnastics Festival TBC

Tuesday 27th February – Hedgehog and Squirrel Class Library visit

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

Tuesday 5th March - Deer Squirrel Class Library visit

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 8th March – PTA Non Uniform Day

8th March onwards – Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 15th March – Netball Final

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day

19th/20th March – Parent's Evening Meetings

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

Tuesday 26th March – Fox Class Library Visit

Thursday 28th March – End of Spring term

Separate letters are sent for all sporting events and trips

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