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Dear Parents/carers,

The weeks are continuing to whizz by and next week is the last one of the half term which means we are half way through the academic year already.

On Wednesday Squirrel Class are doing some grounds-work as part of their Outdoor Learning – please send in any wheelbarrows or builder's buckets that we could use.

PE Sessions at the Leisure Centre



The children have been enjoying their PE lessons at the leisure centre. They have been making use of the great facilities it offers including the gymnastic apparatus, the swimming pool and the Astro pitch. The children loved running up and down the hockey pitch, developing their skills in the fresh air and scoring goals. Next week is the last session at the Leisure Centre. **Children who go swimming (Y4-6) need to bring a pair of pyjamas as well as their swimming costume/trunks, towel and goggles.**

Parents and grandparents of children in Years 1-3 are welcome to pop along between 10-11 to see a demonstration of the skills the children have been learning in gymnastics.

National Hedgehog Day



The children and staff were all delighted to meet a real life 'Clif' this morning when Greg Wilson kindly brought in a hedgehog he was overwintering. They told Greg what they already knew and asked lots of questions to find out more about these special little creatures.

Thanks to everyone who sent in copper coins – the children worked together to make a massive but drizzly hedgehog and next week we hope some of them will help count the money so we can let you know the grand total.



Fox Class U Dance

Apologies – these were mistakenly deleted from last week's newsletter.....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. Tickets are priced at £9.00 and go on sale on Monday 19th February 2024. We will give you the link to buy these tickets and you are advised to buy your tickets as soon as you can and for the correct performance – 21st March. They sell out very quickly as there will be 10 schools performing on that evening but you can choose whether you attend the 5pm or 6.30pm performance

Thankyou for the offers of help so far with the sewing. We have come up with a plan and will contact anyone who has volunteered soon.

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 – Wednesdays

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 – Wednesday 7th February

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)

Week beginning 5th February - Children's Mental Health Week.

5th February – Hedgehog Class visit to Walby Farm Park

5th February – Squirrel Class visit to Penrith Museum

6th February – Year 3/4 Quick Sticks Hockey

6th February – Year 1/2 Pyjama Drama Road Safety Workshop

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~~

Wednesday 21st February – Stay & Play Session @2pm

23rd February – Year 2 Gymnastics Festival

Tuesday 27th February – Hedgehog and Squirrel Class Library visit

Thursday 29th February – Eden Rock Bouldering Tournament

Friday 1st March – Year 3-6 Art trip to Rheged Print Show

Tuesday 5th March - Deer 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