

Clifton Primary School
Clifton
Penrith
Cumbria
CA10 2EG
Executive Headteacher – Mr Nick Page
Joint Heads of School – Mrs Nikki Brabant & Miss Tasha Coufts

Email: admin@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk
Tel: 01768 868817



9th February 2024



Dear Parents/carers,
What a busy final week of the half term! There have been so many exciting activities and experiences in the last few weeks and we are sure everyone will find the half term break a time to recharge the batteries for the lead up to Easter. Don't forget it is Pancake Day on Tuesday – the children in Hedgehog and Squirrel classes have all helped make some this week and everyone got a taste of Squirrel class' pancakes today. We hope you all have a lovely week and look forward to seeing you Monday 19th February.

Walby Farm Park Visit

Hedgehog class had a fun filled day at Walby Farm Park on Monday. They got to visit and learn about all the different animals and were challenged to collect the eggs without cracking any. They got to stroke many of the animals and fed and brushed the goats and horses. There was even time to explore the indoor play area and the outdoor castle.



Bouldering Team

Tuesday saw the first practise session for our new Bouldering Team at Eden Rock. It was hugely successful with everyone having a great time; we focused on experiencing different types of climbing (steep and overhanging, rounded holds, slabs and overlaps) and trying harder climbs. We were very impressed with everyone's ability and commitment. We are looking forward to our next practice and the competition later in February.



Outdoor Learning

Squirrel class worked very hard as a team on Wednesday for their final Outdoor Learning session this term. It was a very chilly afternoon but they all kept warm carting the woodchips round to the back of school to replenish the mulch in the Secret Garden and wooded areas of the playground.



Penrith Museum Visit

On Monday afternoon Squirrel class visited Penrith Museum to complete our topic on the history of toys. We had so much fun learning all about the local history and exploring the museum as well as handling and using a variety of toys, turtle racing and making wooden peg dolls. Penrith Museum is a brilliant free day out for the family on our door steps.



PE Sessions at the Leisure Centre

Years 4-6 enjoyed a water safety session in their pyjamas this week. They not only learnt how to keep themselves safe but others as well.



PE LESSONS next term are as follows.....

Squirrel Class – Monday and Wednesday

Fox Class – Monday and Friday

Deer Class – Wednesday and Friday

Please can children come to school in their PE kits on these days. Please send PE kits in to keep on the pegs for Hedgehogs as changing time is a good opportunity to develop independence skills.

Pyjama Drama

On Tuesday morning Squirrel class were visited by Sarah from Pyjama Drama for a workshop on road safety. It is a very important topic, especially with our busy road next to school. We practiced different road crossings, talked about bike safety and wearing helmets as well as the main things to look for when staying safe next to a busy road.



Deer Class Presentations

Deer class have enjoyed creating and presenting more class talks. New York, horse racing, endangered animals, cows and Johannesburg were the most recent topics they have shared with great passion.



Library Form Reminder

Please return all library forms asap. The only children who do not need to fill one in are those who already have a Cumbrian Library card. Some children in Deer Class will not have brought one home yet but will after half term.

Student Teacher Placement

The children in Fox Class might well have told you about Miss Rachel Holmes who has been working with them in class this week. She is a second year student from Carlisle University and will be with us until March 22nd. We are all looking forward to having her in school.

Fox Class U Dance

The dance teacher Kelli was so impressed with the children's dance this week and told them that they were the first school to have developed their complete dance. Our remaining practise sessions are on the following dates and **children can come into school in PE kit and trainers**.
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. There is actually very little sewing involved now. We have come up with a plan and will contact anyone who has volunteered soon. All the children will need to wear black leggings or shorts (we will confirm this asap).

PTA News

Thankyou to all who responded to the PTA Survey. It has given the PTA the feedback they needed in order to focus their energies in the most beneficial way. The first event is the Easter Bingo on 22nd March and on March 8th there will be a Non Uniform Day when the PTA will be requesting Easter themed items for the hampers. If anyone has any spare hamper boxes or baskets that they do not need please pop them into school to be reused.

100 Club letters will be coming home soon and this is the perfect way to support the school without any effortand you could be a lucky winner of one of three cash prizes. The more members the bigger the prize money. If anyone would be able to help deliver leaflets around the village please contact Hayley Graham.

Keep a look out for a Car Treasure Hunt that we are hoping to run in the Summer term.

NEXT MEETING – 18th April @ school @ 7pm

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.

Outdoor Learning

Next half term it is the turn of Deer and Hedgehog classes to do Outdoor Learning on Wednesday afternoons. We will let you know the exact dates next week.

Dates for the Diary



12-16th February – Half Term break

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

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

21st February – Under 11 Football/Netball Festival

23rd February – Year 2 Gymnastics Festival

26th February – Under 9 Football/Netball Festival

Tuesday 27th February – Hedgehog and Squirrel Class Library

28th February – Fox Class trip to Vindolanda and the Roman Museum

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

Thursday 7th March – KS2 Dodgeball Tournament

Friday 8th March – PTA Non Uniform Day (slip to follow)

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