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We are delighted to tell you that we received some wonderful news this week when we heard that one of our Bouldering teams had reached the final of the Eden Rock Festival – Well done to Oliver, Marcus, Jesse, Harry, Natanya and Gabriella who came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 36 teams and also to Olivia, Josh, Joshua, Alex, Alana and Lucia who came 20<sup>th</sup>. A great result for our first venture into this festival for a great many years. A BIG thankyou to Mrs Davies for her dedication in getting the children fully prepared for the tournament.

This is the third sports team to reach a final as well as the netball and Y4 hockey teams so massive thanks to all who support the children in these activities.

The week started off with a visit from the Library Van....the children were read a story and had the chance to choose books for their class book corners. A great start to a week of celebrating the wonderful world of books.



### Library Visits



Deer Class were the final group to visit Penrith Library on Tuesday. As well as choosing their own books to bring home they also enjoyed a story time, made book related masks and used the library's equipment to look into the history of Clifton. Many were delighted to find evidence of their own homes in the past and surprised to know that Clifton Hill Gardens was once home to a rather grand hotel. We are hoping to take children to the Library on a more regular basis but please do not wait until then to return the books your child has brought home. Penrith Library opening hours are listed below but books can be returned to and borrowed from any Cumbrian library

Monday: 9.30am to 6pm

Tuesday: 9.30am to 6pm

Wednesday: 9.30am to 5pm

Thursday: 9.30am to 5pm

Friday: 9.30am to 5pm

Saturday: 9.30am to 4pm

### **Parent's Evening Meetings**

Padlets will be sent home very soon for you to book your appointments to chat with teachers about your child's progress. We very much value the opportunity to meet with parents and urge you to sign up. If the times and dates are not suitable please speak to your child's teacher about an alternative date and time.

## Internet Safety

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## Dodgeball

Deer class enjoyed their first dodgeball tournament on Thursday afternoon, a sport growing in popularity in schools. The children quickly stepped up to the fast-past game that required physical skill, strategy and teamwork. Even the staff were having to dodge the balls and came back black and blue! Well done to both teams, they were a credit to Clifton school and their excellent sportsmanship and their great behaviour was commented on by other schools.



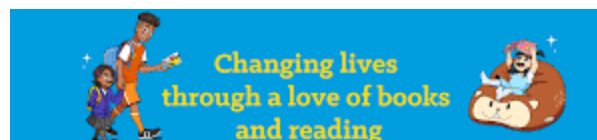
## World Book Day



At Clifton School today Hedgehog and Squirrel Classes had a visit from a tiger who came to tea and have done lots of exciting activities ending with a tea party. Fox Class made personalised bookmarks and watched an interview with the authors of their class book Dragon Mountain. They then spent the rest of the day creating their own animations using characters they had created with an author earlier in the week. Deer Class watched a presentation by Tom Gates and learned how to draw illustrations in the style of his books.



£1.00 World Book Day vouchers will be given to each child at the Scholastic Book Fair.





## Scholastic Book Fair



Don't forget our Scholastic Book Fair Monday - Thursday next week. There will be a wide range of books on sale from 3.30 - 4.00 and World Book Day vouchers can be spent on books priced £2.99 or more. There is something for every pocket - **Approximately 30% of titles are under £5.**

The modern world has arrived at the book fair and whilst cash is accepted ( please bring the right change if possible) there are also a range of cashless options. You

can pay for books whilst you're at the Fair, by scanning this QR code (also on the posters at the event) or if you're unable to attend the event, children can complete a 'wish list' and bring it home for you to make an order. We can then give the books out once reference number is generated following payment.

**World Book Day tokens can also be accepted at the fair, £1 per pupil off any title bought over £2.99**

This year we are replenishing the books we have in school and the more books that are bought at the fair, the more books school can buy with the commission. Follow this link to browse books available from the Fair. [Book Fair Parents Hub - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)



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## Outdoor Learning

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. 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.

**Hedgehog Class – 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Deer Class – 13<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**PE LESSONS** this half term are as follows.....

**Squirrel Class – Monday and Thursday**

**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**

## Fox Class U Dance

Our remaining practise session is on 12<sup>th</sup> March and **children can come into school in PE kit and trainers.** The U Dance Performance will be on Thursday 21 March at the Crown & Mitre in Carlisle. Tickets are priced at £9.00 and are selling out quickly. Please remember to send your parental permission slip for the DVD recordings in asap.

<https://buytickets.at/udancefestivalcumbria/1157766>

## PTA News

The next event is the Easter Bingo on 22<sup>nd</sup> March

100 Club letters will be coming home very soon and this is the perfect way to support the school without any effort ....and you could be a lucky winner of one of three cash prizes. The more members the bigger the prize money.

Date for your diary - Car Treasure Hunt on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June – a perfect Father's Day treat!

NEXT MEETING – 18<sup>th</sup> 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

## Dates for the Diary



11<sup>th</sup> March onwards – Scholastic Book Fair & Science Week  
13<sup>th</sup> March – Hedgehogs Stay & Play  
14<sup>th</sup> March – Squirrel Class visit to Abbot Lodge Ice Cream Farm  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Netball Final

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day

19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March – Parent’s Evening Meetings

**20<sup>th</sup> March – Eden Rock Bouldering Final**

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

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Downs Syndrome Day – wear socks to get you noticed

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – PTA Easter Bingo 6pm for 6.30pm start

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Fox Class Library Visit

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Fox Class to Action Ants Ball Skills @ Culgaith

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – End of Spring term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Start of the Summer Term



Separate letters are sent for all sporting events and trips

## TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

### **Spring term**

Start -Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January End - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Half Term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

### **Summer Term**

Start - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April End - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Half Term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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