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It is lovely to see the children all back at school - full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. We have had quite a quiet week (which will not be the case going forward I am sure) so this newsletter is mainly full of useful information.

Since before the Easter holidays many children have been developing a rash on their faces and limbs whilst remaining well. Visits to GPs have resulted in a diagnosis of it being viral but one family have been told it was slapped cheek. There is no need to keep children off school with this condition (once the rash appears) as long as they are well but we would encourage you to get any rashes checked out by a medical professional. As a precaution we need to advise that anyone who is pregnant informs their midwife/GP that there is a possibility they have been in contact with someone with slapped cheek.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL CHILDREN NEED A PACKED LUNCH ON TUESDAY AS JOANNA IS ON A COURSE.

OFSTED BIG Listen

The system of school inspection is often in the news and Sir Martyn Oliver, His Majesty's Chief Inspector, has made it his mission to make sure that Ofsted's culture and practice always has professionalism, courtesy, empathy and respect at its centre.

Teachers, parents and guardians, and pupils are being encouraged to share their thoughts about how Ofsted operates so if you feel like you would like to contribute please follow the links in the letter.

Library Visits

Just a reminder that library books borrowed by the children can be returned to (and new ones borrowed) from any Cumbrian library.

Penrith Library opening hours are listed below or books can also be renewed online via this link.

cwflibraries.org.uk

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

Outdoor Learning

It will be Squirrels and Foxes doing Outdoor Learning this term. Despite it being the Summer Term the weather can be unpleasant still so please send in a complete set of suitable clothing and wellies. 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.

Wednesday 24th April – Squirrels

Wednesday 1st May – Foxes

Wednesday 8th May – Squirrels

Wednesday 15th May – Squirrels

Wednesday 22nd May – Foxes

Fox class made shelters in the lovely spring weather. They made a shelter, then learned how they could be improved. Everyone worked well in their teams and enjoyed the success of building some great shelters.



PE LESSONS next 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

PTA News

BINGO – thanks to all who attended the Easter Bingo. The grand total was £361.10 which is amazing!

The 100 Club is the biggest it has ever been and now has 75 members with the monthly prizes now being £19, £13 (lucky for some) and £7.00

This year the PTA are trying something new and exciting. On Sunday 16th June there will be a Car Treasure Hunt starting at Cliburn Village Hall including refreshments, burgers/hot dogs, stalls, raffle and tombolas. This will be instead of our Summer Fair and will be a perfect Father's Day treat!

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 6th June @ 7.00pm

Summer Term Clubs

Monday lunchtime – running club with Mrs Davies. NOT MONDAY 22 APRIL
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



Monday 22 April – No running club

Tuesday 23rd April – Hunter Hall Cross Country for Y1,2 & 3

Wednesday 24th April – Action Ants Adventure Sports Festival (Hedgehog Class) & County Dodgeball Competition (Deer Class)

Thursday 25th April – Tag Rugby Tournament (Fox & Deer Class)

Monday 6th May – May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 9th May – UCC talk for Year 5

13th – 15th May – Fox Class Residential

W/B 13th May – Year 6 SATs week.

Tuesday 21st May – Deer Class trip to Keswick

Wednesday 22nd May – Tri Golf Festival

Thursday 23 May – Hedgehog & Squirrel Class Adventure Day & Sleepover (Rec, Y1 & 2 only) & Swimming Gala

Friday 24th May – Sponsored Walk (TBC)

W/B 27th May – Half Term

Monday 3rd June – back to school

Tuesday 16th July – Leaver's Assembly @ 2pm

Separate letters are sent for all sporting events and trips

TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

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.



And finally.....Betty and her feathered gentleman friend approve of the 'home improvements' carried out by Mrs Chalmers and Miss Wilson and are safely nesting on their wooden platform. Betty did turn her back on us once she realised her peaceful Easter break was no more but, otherwise, seems to be fine

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.

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