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Our feathered and furry friends have been more of a focus this week and as well as Charlie the dog we have also had a visit from Sheepy – a little lamb that Ebony is looking after. The children were delighted to meet him and Ebony did a great job of introducing him to so many adoring fans.



We have all been keeping a close eye on the pigeon nest this week as Betty has been leaving the chick for long periods of time during the day. He has been busily preparing to fledge and has been stretching his wings energetically whilst keeping a watchful eye on us watchin him!

This was the last week of running club for the school year. Mrs Davies said that all the runners have had an amazing time and that she has been so impressed with everyone's enthusiasm



We always enjoy hearing about the children's successes outside of school and this week we were all delighted to hear from Olivia and Matilda.....who told us they came 5th in a National Pony Club Quiz in Sheffield.

It sounded like they faced some stiff competition and they should be very proud of themselves.

Pre booking on Parent Pay

To enable Joanna to plan for the week's school lunches please order meals on Parent Pay the week before. Likewise if places at After School Club can be booked in advance then that enables us to effectively plan staffing and activities.

Can you help?

Thankyou for the donations of toys so far. If you have any of the following then they would be very welcome at school:

- Toy cars/diggers/vehicles/trains
- Toy dinosaurs
- Drainpipes/guttering
- Dolls eg. Barbie, Polly Pocket, action figures
- Playsets such as pirates, My Little Pony, Farm, playmobil, Sylvanian Families, Happyland

Please send any items in for Mrs Brough or Mrs Brabant.

Clif's Council have this week asked their classes what other activities they would like the Play Team to organise.....so watch this space.

After consulting the children through Clif's Council we have also bought some new equipment for Lawson's Den including comfy seating, games and storage. Most have arrived today and we are excited about using them next week.

Printer Cartridges

We are now a collection point for printer cartridges that can be recycled whilst earning a few funds for school. Please bring in any cartridges you have and we can put them to good use.



Trips and Visits

The Summer term is always our busiest time for trips and adventurous activities and as you can see some have already been added to the calendar below. Letters will be sent out soon giving more details and costs which will be added to Parent Pay. We work hard to ensure that all children are provided with a wide range of educational experiences and hope that you value these as much as we do. All Adventurous activities will be subsidised by school and we endeavour to keep all costs to a minimum by using minibuses and cars as much as possible. Please do come and talk to us if you have any concerns about paying for any trips and residential

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 8th May – Squirrels
Wednesday 15th May – Squirrels
Wednesday 22nd May – Foxes

Fox Class made the most of this week's beautiful weather and spent their Outdoor Learning session making fire in the Secret Garden.



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

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!

NON UNIFORM DAYS

Friday 10th May for tombola items (toiletries, toys, stationery, gifts, sweets etc)
Friday 7th June for bottles for Bottle Tombola (anything in a bottle)

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 6th June @ 7.00pm

Summer Term Clubs

Lunchtime running club has now stopped for the Summer.

Tuesday lunchtime - Cheer Club with Jennie Davidson and Miss Hunter.

Tuesday lunchtime – Outdoor Club with Mrs Davies and Miss Coutts

Lunchtime Drama Club – Wednesdays



Sewing Club – Fridays **until 4.30** with Mrs Roberts & Mrs Brabant.

Miss Simpson will run a Homework Club for Year 6 children on Tuesdays

Dates for the Diary



Monday 6th May – May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 9th May – UCC talk for Year 5
Friday 10th May – Non Uniform Day for PTA tombola prize
13th – 15th May – Fox Class Residential
W/B 13th May – Year 6 SATs week.
Tuesday 21st May – Deer Class trip to Keswick

Thursday 23 May – Squirrel Class Adventure Day to Brockholes & Sleepover (Rec, Y1 & 2 only)

Thursday 23 May - Swimming Gala

Friday 24th May – Sponsored Walk (**adult helpers needed please**)

W/B 27th May – Half Term

Monday 3rd June – back to school

Wednesday 5th June – Squirrel & Hedgehog Class visit to Whinlatter (TBC but helpers needed)

Friday 7th June – Non Uniform Day for PTA bottle tombola prize

Wednesday 19th June – Squirrel visit to Lake District Wildlife Park

Tuesday 25th June – Class photos

Wednesday 26th June – Sports Day

Thursday 27th June – Reserve Sports Day

Thursday 4th July – Move Up Day

Tuesday 9th July – KS2 Summer Play (afternoon & evening performances)

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

Friday 19th July – Last day of term – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



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.

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