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It has to be said that this week has been a rather unusual one as they go..... on Wednesday Joanna struggled on to feed all the children even though we had no water and Nikki Hipwell worked tirelessly to keep school supplied with the water needed for cooking, drinking, cleaning and so on.....it was no mean task and we are grateful to them for their dedication to keeping school going under such tricky circumstances. There was a huge sigh of relief when the taps started flowing again around lunchtime.

And then yesterday school was closed to enable Clifton residents to vote in the General Election – we think this is a first for Clifton School. Thanks to everyone for their co-operation in this important event.

All Afloat to the Aquarium

What an exciting start to the week for Hedgehog Class as they ventured off to the Lakes Aquarium to support their topic 'Under the Sea.' After exploring the many different habitats including the underwater glass tunnel they then set sail on the Windermere steamer back to Bowness for their 'All Afloat' Adventure Day.



Appleby Summer Festival

Looking for something to do this Summer? Then why not pop down to Appleby? In all the shops and along the riverside are lots of characters and tree decorations. And in the window of Westmorland Accountants is a spider's web scene created by Fox Class. Can you spot some of the children who have already been there?



Appleby Sports



Thanks to Bev John and Auntie Lynette for helping out.

Some last minute
fantastic news..... Hedgehog Class
won a category in the Bright Stars
Social Enterprise project....

A great well done to all the children who took part in Appleby Sports today. We had lots of stickers for those who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd but lots of children took part in events that they had not done before including skipping, high jump and hurdles so a massive achievement for everyone!

Best example of community engagement

Winning School: [Clifton Primary School](#)

Business Mentor: CCL Solutions

Social Enterprise: This group made wildflower seed bombs, which were sold with leaflets to explain how they would help benefit insects. They also donated some seed bombs to Winter's Park, a local care home. Their profit will go towards Down Right Worthy, a support group for people with Down's Syndrome, their families and carers.

Reason for win: They demonstrated the best example of community engagement by visiting their local restaurant, 'The George and Dragon,' to thank them for helping sell their seed bombs. They also considered their community by donating seed bombs to a local care home, allowing the residents to enjoy planting and watching the wildflowers grow. They also they engaged with Lowther community with their stall at the markets. The children worked well with the older children and the whole school.

A Gift to Ukraine

We are hoping to be part of a local initiative whereby we collect some items to put in gift bags to be taken to children in Ukraine. I have asked the organiser for some of the bags and if you would like to contribute these are the items they would like to be included. The bags need to be ready to head off to Ukraine by October 1st so items can come into school any time now or at the start of term. Please ensure the use by dates of the sweets are beyond December 24.

- A ball (tennis or a little bouncy one)
- Bag of sweets (not chocolates)
- Little notebook, pencil(s), crayons, rubber, pencil sharpener
- Soap, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste
- Hair brush or comb

Class Photos

To order class/group photos please follow this link. Postage will now be charged for any photos ordered.
<https://heidibeaphotography.gotphoto.co.uk/gc/ECv3sTfHTvbsuMGwt8mv>

Key Stage 2 Performance – Tuesday 9th July

We are fast approaching the summer performance by Key Stage 2 children (Year, 3, 4, 5 & 6) and are excited to showcase their talents in the 'School-o-vision Song Contest'. This is the first time we have put on a performance with the older children for many years so apologies if we are a bit late with these final details – thankfully the newsletter had saved the date for us!

The afternoon performance is at 2:00pm and we plan on being finished in time for the end of the school day. We will be transporting the children there and back unless you wish to take your child from the hall.

For the evening performance we would like children to be at the hall by 5:30. Please get in touch if you have any problems with this as I am sure we can help with transport arrangements.

Talent Show

This has recently become an end of year tradition at Clifton and we are always amazed by the huge range of talent we have among the children at school. Children are welcome to perform individually or in groups and 'talents' can be music, football skills, dance, singing, drama, magic, comedy..... as long as it has been practised beforehand please. Children can bring costumes to school to change in to and if music is needed please give /send your child's teacher a clean/child appropriate version as soon as possible so we can check it out.

Outdoor Learning

These will be the last Outdoor Learning sessions of the year with Mrs Davies.

Wednesday 10th July – Hedgehog Class

w/b Wednesday 10th July (date to be confirmed) – Deer Class

Please send in a complete set of suitable clothing and wellies and 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.

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

NEXT MEETING –Thursday 11th July @ 7.00pm

AGM – Thursday 19th September @ 7.00pm

Summer Term Clubs

NEXT WEEK WILL BE THE LAST WEEK OF CLUBS

A BIG thankyou to everyone who has helped with clubs throughout the year.

Baking Club with Mrs Chalmers and Miss Wilson on Mondays.

Cheer Club will continue on Tuesday lunchtimes with Miss Hunter and Jennie

Nature Club with Mrs Davies and Miss Coutts on Tuesday.

Drama Club will continue on Wednesday lunch times.

Dates for the Diary



Tuesday 9th July – KS2 Summer Play @ Cliburn Village Hall (2.00pm & 6.00pm)

Wednesday 10th July – Squirrel Class Lake Adventure @Talkin Tarn

Thursday 11th July – Year 6 Leaver’s Treat at Hollywood Bowl - Carlilse

Thursday 11th July – PTA meeting @ 7pm

Monday 15th July – Fox Class Fell Walk and Ullswater Steamer.

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

19th July – Talent Show

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

School term and half term dates for 2024/2025

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 4 September 2024	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Spring	Tuesday 7 January 2025	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Summer	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025	Friday 18 July 2025

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