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It has been a very positive start to the term and all the children have settled into their new classes amazingly well. Thankfully we have had some lovely weather the last few days so the children have been outside enjoying time with their friends and enjoying the playground equipment.

A special mention to our Buddies who have done a fantastic job looking after their younger Hedgehog Buddies. They are certainly dedicated to their new role and we are very appreciative. The Buddy system is something we hold very dear at Clifton and we are always astonished by the relationships that develop over the year.



Westmorland Show Visit

On Wednesday 11th September the whole school will be spending the day at the Westmorland Show. We will be travelling by coach and minibus and will leave school at 9.00. Children should come dressed in their school t shirt and jumper but can wear their own shorts/trousers appropriate for the weather. They should also wear comfy trainers/shoes (not sandals). If it has been wet in the days before we will inform you that wellies will be more suitable. **Children should bring a rucksack containing a sunhat/waterproof coat, water bottle and packed lunch.** Please do not include glass bottles, fizzy drinks, sweets or anything containing NUTS. We will be back in time for the end of school.

There will be a £5 charge for this trip to help cover the cost of transport and this will be added to Parent Pay.

In order for this trip to be supervised most appropriately we would welcome adult helpers to come along with us and hope that some of you may have saved this date in your diaries. Please let Mrs Brabant know as soon as you can if you can help out – it should be a good day. Email - n.brabant@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk

Penrith Show

At the start of the Summer Holidays Miss Wilson took a huge selection of wonderful creations to the Penrith Show.

Overall 18 children from Clifton won a prize and today those who are still at school were presented with their certificates and prizes. Well done to everyone for all their hard work which certainly made an impressive impact at the show.



Mental Health Support

We are all very aware of how important good mental health is to our well-being and that of the children in our care. Fortunately it is becoming something that is much more talked about and this is a positive move that enables understanding and supportive action. The Government are encouraging all schools to have a Senior Mental Health Lead and Mrs Brabant is currently training to fulfil this role at Clifton School.

We are committed to supporting our children, families and staff with useful information and support regarding mental health and as part of this we have a new collection of books we can loan out on display in the foyer. There are books for adults, for children and about children and they cover a wide range of topics including: depression, sleep, panic, grief, autism, disability, dyslexia, anger, ADHD, emotions and much more. See below for the full selection.

Please feel free to pop in and take a look - there is an anonymous loan system that you can initial if you would like to borrow some. We hope this new service will be of benefit so please do utilise it.

Can you help?

Hedgehog Class are asking if anyone has any spare clothing (ages 3-5) to be kept in school for use as spares. Please send any in to school if you can help us with this. Any unsuitable clothing will be donated to Bag 4 School collection later in the month.

Mrs Davies would also like a VERY large cuddly toy that she can use to help the Hedgehog children get ready for Outdoor Learning.

Music Lessons

If you are interested in either drumming or keyboard lessons for your child with Stephen Burke on Fridays please get in touch with Nikki Hipwell in the Office. The sessions are held weekly and last for half an hour and will cost approximately £7.00 per week. They are more ideally suited to children in Years 3-6 but might be suitable for some Year 2 children also.

Homework

In Deer Class all children have a planner in which they will record their homework on Friday's date for each week. Year 4 have a blue exercise book with their homework explained. This will consist of reading, Times Table Rock Stars (at least 3 times a week), a Mathematics or Learning by Question task. Although these are online activities they will be checked on a Thursday to ensure they have been completed.

Fox Class homework details will follow next week and Miss Wilson sends a separate letter home for Hedgehog Class.

Marvellous Makers – Summer Reading Challenge

If your child took part in the Summer Reading Challenge we would love to hear about how they got on so please send in any certificates/photos and we can share them in assembly.

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

Hedgehog Class – Monday and Thursday

Fox Class – Tuesday and Friday

Deer Class - Thursday 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

Outdoor Learning

This term Outdoor Learning will be on the following dates:

Wednesday 18th September - Hedgehog Class (Nursery, Reception & Year 1)

Wednesday 25th September – Deer Class (Year 4,5 & 6)

Wednesday 2nd October - Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 9th October – Deer Class

Wednesday 16th October - Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 23rd October – 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.

Gift to Ukraine

The collection date of October 1st is getting closer so please bring any donations into school over the next couple of weeks. The bags will be heading to Ukraine and the following items have been requested by the organisers. 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

PTA News

AGM – Thursday 19th September @ 7.00pm

Friday 27th September - BAG 4 SCHOOL collection

Friday 13th December – Christmas Fair

Autumn Term Clubs

These will be announced very soon.

Are there any parents who could help with Football Club? Please see Miss Simpson if you can.

Dates for the Diary



11th September – Whole School visit to Westmorland Show

19th September – Eden Valley Sports Partnership Cross Country @ Kirkby Stephen

17th September – Reception Phonics Meeting

20th September – Year 5 Aim High Writing Day

27th September – Y5/6 Netball Tournament @ QEGS

10th October – World Mental Health Day

15th & 16th October – Parent's Evening meetings

17th October – NHS Flu Vaccines

17th October – Y5/6 Football Tournament @ Frenchfields

24th October – Y5/6 Netball Tournament @ AGS

25th October – Harvest Festival

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

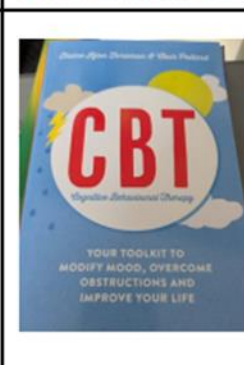
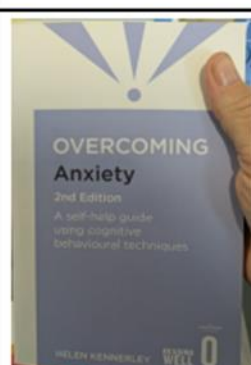
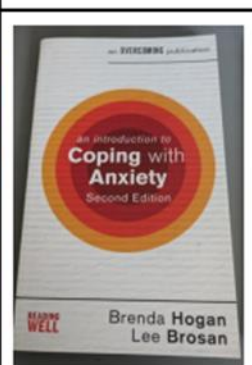
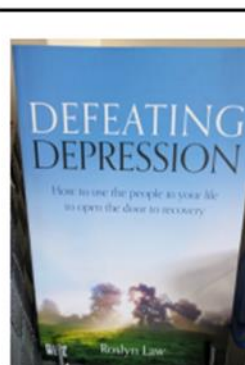
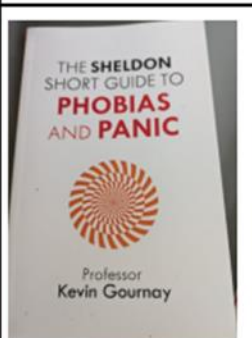
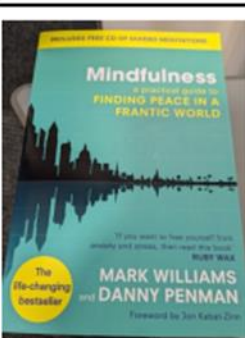
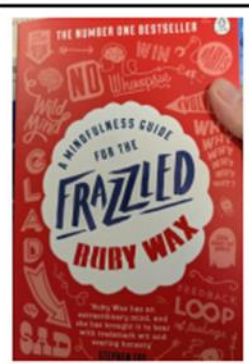
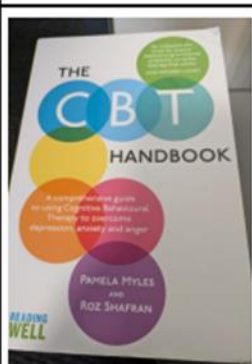
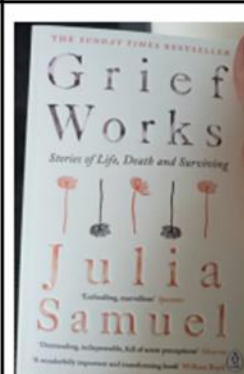
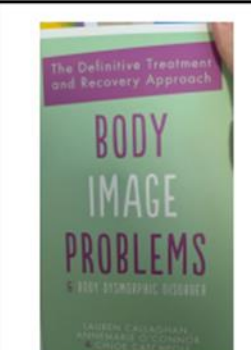
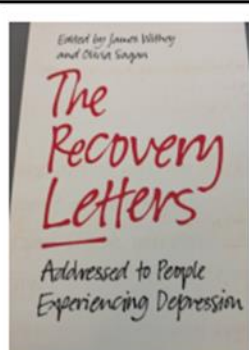
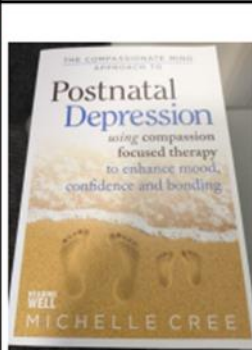
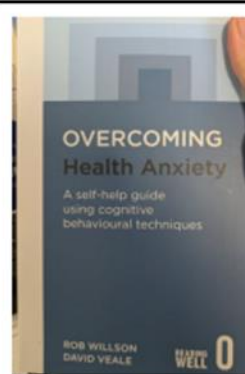
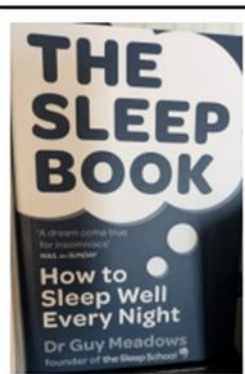
Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 4 September 2024	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Spring	Tuesday 7 January 2025	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Summer	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025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

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Mental Health Books For Adults



Mental Health Books For Children or About Children

