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It is hard to believe we have only been back at school for a week and a half – everyone has settled back into learning so well and it certainly feels like much longer.

Westmorland Show Visit



This exciting educational visit is very much becoming a new and much loved tradition at Clifton since Miss Wilson organised our first trip last year. The day is jam packed full with interesting things for all the children to explore and discover: from alpaca competitions to the whole range of emergency services, tree felling to quick sand rescue demonstrations and everything in between.

Of course there is everyone's favourite picnic lunch that the children start asking for from the minute they get off the coach and a whole host of freebies they collect on their way round the stalls and exhibits. Thanks for organising it again Miss Wilson and to all those adults who came along to help out.

Gift to Ukraine

Thankyou for the donations so far. We have enough to fill about 4-5 bags. If you are able please send in one or more of the following items next week so they can be dropped off at the collection point before the October 1st. 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

Bookbags

Bookbags are the most effective way for children to transport their reading books, planners and homework to and from school. Books put in to rucksacks can get squashed and damaged or soaked when a water bottle leaks on them. For this reason children in Nursery – Year 4 are expected to have a book bag and to put these in the crate in their class each day. Children in Deer class will be given a plastic wallet next week in which to keep their books and planners. These should protect them in their backpacks.

Bookbags can be bought from the school office or if you have any spares that you no longer use please pop them in to school and we can reuse them if they are still in a good condition.

Homework

Fox Class Weekly Homework

Reading –at least five times per week.

Spellings – a look, say, cover, write and check sheet for their weekly spellings will be sent home each week for some extra practise.

Deer Class 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 Mathletics or Learning by Question task. Although these are online activities they will be checked on a Thursday to ensure they have been completed.

Music Lessons



We are delighted with the success children have experienced after the drumming and keyboard lessons with Stephen Burke over the last couple of years. At the moment we only have three children taking lessons and it would be wonderful to have some more. If you are interested in either drumming or keyboard lessons 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.

Mental Health Support

We are all very aware of how important good mental health is to our well-being and we are committed to supporting our children, families and staff with useful information and support regarding mental health. 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. If there is a subject you would like us to include please get in touch with Mrs Brabant and we will see what we can do. 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.

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.

PTA News

AGM – Thursday 19th September @ 7.00pm
Friday 27th September - BAG 4 SCHOOL collection
Friday 13th December – Christmas Fair

Autumn Term Clubs

Cross Country – Monday lunchtimes with Mrs Davies. Children who want to take part in the running club should bring their PE kits and bag for muddy trainers in on Mondays.



Sewing Club will start on Friday after school after Half Term.

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

Dates for the Diary



17th September – Reception Phonics Meeting @ 3.30pm

19th September – Eden Valley Sports Partnership Cross Country @ Kirkby Stephen (Years 1-6)

20th September – Year 6 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

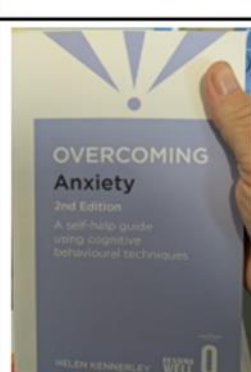
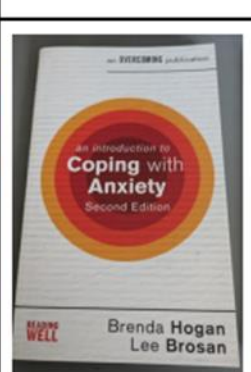
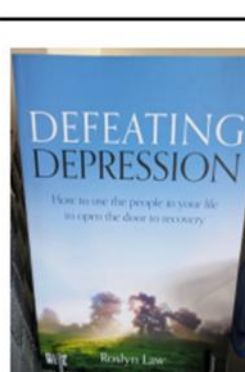
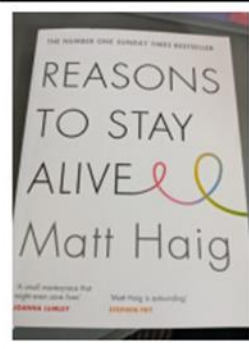
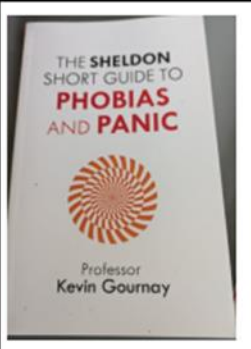
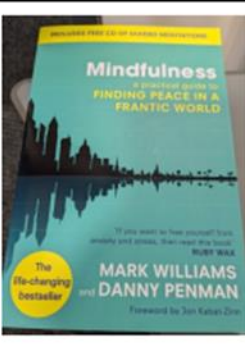
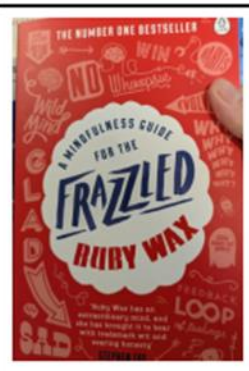
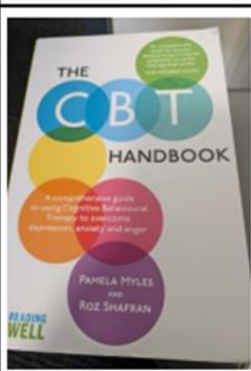
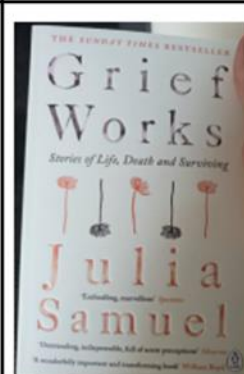
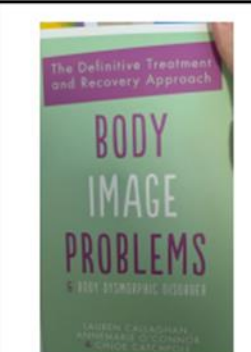
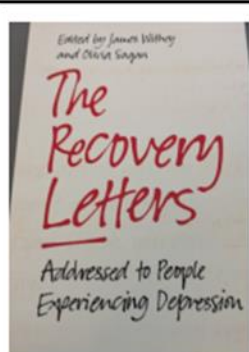
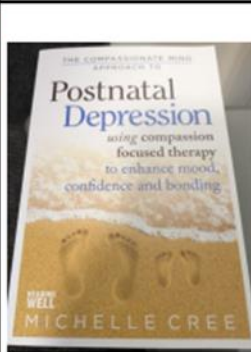
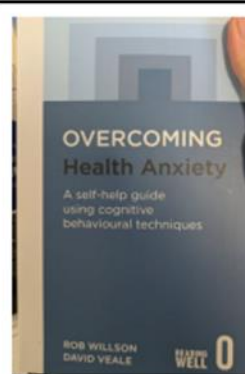
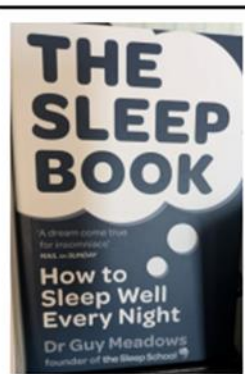
Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 4 September 2024	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Spring	Tuesday 7 January 2025	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Summer	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025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

