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Eden Valley Sports Partnership Cross Country @ Kirkby Stephen



The big Cross Country events are always an exciting experience for everyone and today was no exception. The children all exceeded our expectations and we were so proud of them. Everyone ran their absolute very best and were justifiably proud of their achievements. They were definitely the most supportive team mates - cheering on their friends to give them the extra last minute boost. Smiles all round and some children even managed to wave at us as they made their way to the finish line. Thanks to Miss Simpson and everyone involved for helping with such a great day.



A.I.M High Writing Day



The Year 6 children have spent today immersed in writing with author Thomas Rogers. They joined children from other local schools at North Lakes School learning a range of exciting writing skills. Miss Simpson and the children were so inspired that they are hoping to pass on some of what they learned by leading a Writing Day for the children here at Clifton School.

Music Lessons at Clifton



Deer Class had their first ukulele lesson on Tuesday with Patsy Gillam from Cumbria Music Service. The children quickly picked up the new skills and sounded quite tuneful after only half an hour. As of next week the children will bring home a ukulele on Tuesday to enable them to practise what they have learned. Please take care of the ukuleles as they are just on loan and return them to school on Monday of the following week.

Active Start Sessions



The Nursery and Reception children had a very active end to their week today when they worked with Gayle from Barnardos on lots of fun activities. The Active Start programme is designed to develop co-ordination and promote physical activity and will be running for the next few weeks.



Can you help?



If you are popping to the shops this week can you help us fill 4 or more of the gift bags that are being sent to Ukraine. In order to complete 4 gift bags we need:

- 4 balls (tennis or a little bouncy one)
- 2 bags of sweets (not chocolates please)
- 2 notebooks
- 1 soap
- 2 toothbrushes and toothpaste

If we receive more of the above items we can fill some of the 6 bags we have left - pencil(s), crayons, rubber, pencil sharpener, flannel, hairbrush
Thankyou

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 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.



Music Lessons

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.

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

Friday 2th September – Bag 2 School Collection

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.



This week Hedgehog Class made the most of the lovely sunny weather and learned all about properties of materials through the story of The Three Little Pigs.



PTA News

Friday 27th September - BAG 2 SCHOOL collection please bring items to school on Friday morning by 9am. Men's, ladies' & children's clothes, paired shoes, handbags & accessories.

Next meetings – November 7th & December 5th @7.00pm

Non Uniform Day for Tombola items – Friday 18th October

Non Uniform Day for Bottle Tombola items – Friday 29th November

Friday 13th December – Christmas Fair in school @3.30pm

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



27th September – Y5/6 Netball Tournament @ QEGS

Wednesday 2nd October – Stay & Play

Tuesday 8th October - London Parent's Meeting (letter to follow next week)

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

Friday 18th October - PTA Non Uniform Day for Tombola items

24th October –Girl's Football @ AGS

25th October – Harvest Festival

November 7th – PTA meeting @7.00pm

19th November – Individual & Family Photos

20th November – Basic Skills Festival – Key Stage 1

20-22nd November – Year 5/6 London Visit

Friday 29th November - Non Uniform Day for Bottle Tombola items

December 5th - PTA meeting @7.00pm

Tuesday 10th December – PTA Wreath Making Evening

Friday 13th December – PTA Christmas Fair & whole school Theatre By the Lake trip

Wednesday 18th December – School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Parties

Friday 20th December – Carols at Church.

A Heads up.....Friday 7th February - Young Voices for Year 4,5 & 6

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