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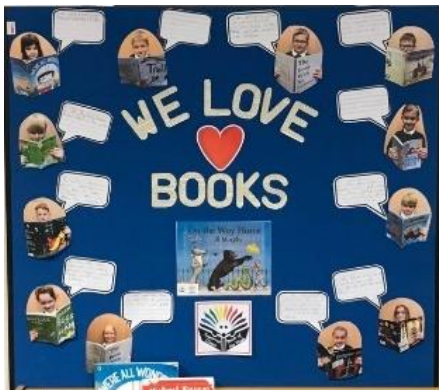
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Dear Parents/carers,

As always it has been a busy week in school with lots of fantastic learning as well as children helping teachers with reorganising reading corners. These are well under way in each class and the children are all very excited about sharing their love of books in school. Reading is such a vital skill and also the gateway to the lifelong pleasure books can provide. We are aware that the development of reading skills is something both school and home share and are planning some reading sessions for parents over the coming year. For the very youngest children being read to is just as important as being heard read so we have attached some Book Trust guidance leaflets full of handy tips and advice.



We are always very grateful for the hard work and dedication of our PTA in fundraising, supporting events at school and organising fun family activities throughout the year. This time of year is always a busy one for them and the Christmas Fair is one of our main fundraising events. There are so many things that have been funded by the PTA including i.pads and other IT equipment, Early Years equipment and this Christmas time the opportunity to attend a fabulous Christmas production at the Theatre by the Lake. This support keeps costs down for individual families and we know that the PTA will be very appreciative of any help you can offer at the Christmas Fair or any other events. Please fill out you 'can you help' form and return to the PTA as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

23rd November – Deer class trip to Lancaster Butterfly House

26th November – Christmas Shopping Event in aid of Jigsaw @ Penrith Cricket Club 12.00-5.00pm

Friday 2nd December – Non uniform Day - bring in a tombola item for Christmas Fair

Friday 2nd December – KS1 Action Ants festival

Friday 2nd December - PTA Christmas Fair at Hackthorpe Village Hall

Friday 2nd December – **Festive Fun Day (see below)**

7th December – Indoor Multi Sports for KS1

8th December – Hedgehog Class Nativity 2.00pm and 5.00pm

9th December @ 2pm – whole school trip to Theatre by the Lake to see The Borrowers (Year 1-6) and The Ballad of Rudy (Nursery & Reception)

16th December – Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch & Christmas parties

19th December 2022 – Reindeer Run in aid of Jigsaw Children's Hospice

Separate letters will be sent for all sporting events.

PE at Penrith Leisure Centre will be taking place every Thursday morning until Christmas so don't forget that children should come to school already dressed in PE kit.

School Photos

The children positively shone in front of Heidi's camera on Wednesday and we are sure that you are all delighted with the photos. You should have received a QR card and an e.mail giving instructions so please let us know if you didn't.

Festive Fun Day

December 2nd is going to be a very busy day with the PTA diligently preparing the Christmas Fair, an Action Ants festival and non uniform day. We have decided to maximise the day's potential and are planning a festive fun day in school. The children will be making the traditional Christmas decorations to sell at the Fair as well as other activities indoors and out. If anyone is able to help us with Outdoor Learning or Christmas crafts please let Mrs Brabant know. It would be a massive help! We would also appreciate the loan of any wheelbarrows and small pliers.

Staff

You may have already met Miss Charlotte Wilson who is currently working in Hedgehog class – we are delighted she has been able to stay with us and greatly appreciate all that she is doing for the children.

Next week Lola Hewitt will be starting a two week placement in Fox class and will be returning in the new year as part of her teacher training course at the University of Cumbria.



Children In Need

Thankyou so much for all the donations – we raised £58.95 which will be winging it's way to Pudsey very soon.

Jigsaw fundraising Christmas Shopping Event

If you would like to support such a worthwhile cause then tickets for both a Lucky Square (£10) and the Grand Draw (£2 per strip) can be purchased from school Vicky and Gill will be selling tickets outside on Monday and Thursday if you would like to be in with a chance of winning some amazing prizes.

Outdoor Learning

Squirrel and Fox will be doing Outdoor Learning on Monday afternoons so please send in outdoor learning kits for Years 2, 3 and 4. There will be no Outdoor Learning on Monday 19th December due to the Reindeer Run.

PTA News.



Wreath Making Workshop on Tuesday 29th November

6.30-8.30 at school

This is a very popular event and a real bargain when most wreath workshops cost between £35-45.

£8.00 per person which includes some materials, mulled wine and mince pies. **Please contact the school office before November 25th to book a place.**

Christmas Fair - Friday 2nd December @ Hackthorpe Village Hall 6.00pm – 8.00pm

You should recently have received a letter about hamper donations - please return your items by Friday 25th November. Hampers will be raffled, along with many other fabulous prizes at our Christmas Fair on 2nd December. Please come along and support us and our guest stalls, including Tropic, Usbourne books, House of Fudge, Eden Creations, BCP Melts and Witch by the Fell – great Xmas shopping opportunities. Volunteers are needed on the night so if you can help please contact a member of the PTA

Next meetings – **13th December @ 7.00pm**. Please do come along and see how you can get involved.

Hedgehog Nativity Play

Mrs Collin and Mrs Chalmers are very busy preparing for this year's Hedgehog Class Nativity on December 8th and have been sorting through our costumes. If anyone has any costumes that your children have outgrown they would be very much appreciated - angel, star, Mary and Joseph would all be welcome.

Term Dates

It has been confirmed that next year there will be two bank holidays in early May. The first will be the May Day Bank Holiday on May 1st and there will be an additional one on the following Monday – 8th May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles.

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 07 September 2022	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October	Tuesday 20 December
Spring	Wednesday 04 January 2023	Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February	Friday 31 March
Summer	Monday 17 April	Monday 29 May to Friday 02 June	Wednesday 19 July 2023

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