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Last week was the first week there was nothing new to put in a Newsletter since they became a regular feature of life at Clifton. It really was a first and we apologise to those who were waiting for it to arrive.

**Just in case you haven't heard we have some exciting news to start this week's newsletter.....**



The whole school staff were delighted last night to receive the Golden Apple Award for Best Primary School in Cumbria at the Castle Green Hotel. It was a wonderful evening celebrating all things educational across the county and we were in the final three nominees of two separate categories - Best School Support Staff and Best Primary School.

Thankyou for all your kind comments today -as a staff we all feel very fortunate to work in a great community like Clifton.



And a little bit more exciting news.....after half term we will be running fortnightly 'Stay & Play' sessions in Hedgehog Class. All children from 0-4 years old are welcome ( with an accompanying adult) on alternate Wednesdays from 2-3pm.  
Spread the news and let others know. We look forward to seeing everyone.

**Parent's Evening Reminder**

Please follow these links to book appointments with your children's teachers for Parent's Evenings on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October. If these are not convenient then please get in touch and we can arrange something different.

Hedgehogs (Nursery & Reception / Miss Wilson)

[https://padlet.com/n\\_coutts/nursery-reception-and-year-1-thqyla2gek96o6yk](https://padlet.com/n_coutts/nursery-reception-and-year-1-thqyla2gek96o6yk)

Foxes (Years 3 & 4 / Mrs Newman& Mrs Brabant)

[https://padlet.com/n\\_coutts/year-2-and-year-3-5ftsecckrqj3ddov](https://padlet.com/n_coutts/year-2-and-year-3-5ftsecckrqj3ddov)

Deer (Year 5 & 6 / Miss Simpson & Miss Coufts)

[https://padlet.com/n\\_coutts/year-4-year-5-and-year-6-fseotb3zhskaljlm](https://padlet.com/n_coutts/year-4-year-5-and-year-6-fseotb3zhskaljlm)



## **Job Vacancy**

We are currently looking for a Clerk to Governors to join our school team (1.5hrs per week).

If interested, you can find further information about the role on our school website or please feel free to pop in the school office to discuss the role further.

[Clifton Primary School & Hedgehogs Nursery - Vacancies](#)

## **Attendance Update**

This week we were visited by the Westmorland & Furness Attendance Officer, to reinforce new guidance regarding term time absences. Time out of school is having a huge impact on education and in an attempt to reduce this, fines are now being enforced by the local authority. Children with low attendance, repeated absences or absence for 5 days or more will have their data reviewed by the local authority and potentially issued with a fine.

Please consider the below information carefully before deciding whether to take your child out during school term.

*Failing to ensure regular school attendance by taking your child out of school in term time for a holiday is an offence under section 444 (1) or section 444 (1A) of the 1996 Education act. The maximum penalty for these offences is a fine of £2,500, three months' imprisonment, or both. Alternatively, the local authority/school may choose to impose a Section 444A Penalty Notice in the order of a fine instead of prosecuting for the offences given above. The amount of the penalty notice is £160 (per parent, per child). There is usually the opportunity to pay a reduced amount of £80 if paid within 21 days. Failure to pay a Penalty Notice will result in prosecution, except in limited circumstances.*

**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 16<sup>th</sup> October - Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Deer Class

Please send in a complete set of suitable clothing and, now the wetter weather is here, **wellies** and ensure all items are labelled with your child's name.

This week Hedgehog children were very enthusiastic mini beast hunters and enjoyed counting the creature's legs and finding out about their eyes.



**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**

BAG 2 SCHOOL – Thankyou so much for all the donations – it raised £132 for school funds.

Next meetings – November 7<sup>th</sup> & December 5<sup>th</sup> @7.00pm

Non Uniform Day for Tombola items – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Non Uniform Day for Bottle Tombola items – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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**



- 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parent’s Evening meetings
- 17<sup>th</sup> October – NHS Flu Vaccines
- 17<sup>th</sup> October – Y5/6 Football Tournament @ Frenchfields
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - PTA Non Uniform Day for Tombola items ( sweets, stationery, toiletries, toys, chocolates, gifts)

- 24<sup>th</sup> October –Girl’s Football @ AGS
- 25<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival at Church @2.00pm
- November 7<sup>th</sup> – PTA meeting @7.00pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> November – Individual & Family Photos
- 20<sup>th</sup> November – Basic Skills Festival – Key Stage 1
- 20-22<sup>nd</sup> November – Year 5/6 London Visit
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Non Uniform Day for Bottle Tombola items ( wine, beer, bubble bath, spirits, pop)

**Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hedgehog Nativity @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm @ Cliburn Village Hall**

- December 5<sup>th</sup> - PTA meeting @7.00pm
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Wreath Making Evening
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Fair & whole school Theatre By the Lake trip
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Parties
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Carols at Church @2.00pm

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