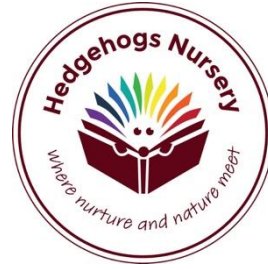


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11th November 2022

Dear Parents/carers,

It was great to see so many families at Milburn on Saturday and everyone who attended has mentioned what a great event it was. Thankfully the rain cleared and it was a beautiful clear night for watching fireworks.

Diary Dates

16th November – school photos

18th November – Children In Need

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 (separate information will be sent home soon)

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

7th December – Indoor Multi Sports for KS1

8th December – Hedgehog Class Nativity

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) & Christmas Jumper Day

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.



Congratulations to the Year 3,4,5 & 6 children who took part in Wednesday's Ball Sports Festival with Action Ants at Culgaith. Mrs Chalmers and Anthea fed



back that they were both so proud of all the children who showed great sportsmanship and skill in rugby, football and tchouckball !

School Photos

Heidi Batey will be coming into school on Tuesday 16th November to take individual and family group photos so please ensure your child/children to come to school 'photo ready' on the day. Any pre school siblings are welcome to come to school from 8.30 and these families will be photographed first.

Remembrance

The children gathered together to commemorate Remembrance this morning with a two minute's silence and some poems that Fox Class had created. The Nursery and Reception children were proud to show us their handprint wreath. Many thanks to all who have bought Poppy merchandise and to Amelia and Lily for running the stall.



Reading

The staff have been very busy this week updating our reading areas and making our love of books and reading more visible around school. We will reveal all in next week's update and will also be sharing some information on the benefits of reading with and to your child.

Children In Need

We are keen to support Children In Need on Friday 18th November and so the children are welcome to come in non uniform for a donation towards this worthwhile cause. Please note there is no expectation for it to be at all Pudsey themed.



Jigsaw fundraising Christmas Shopping Event

Many of you may be aware that Jigsaw Children's Hospice holds a special place in the heart of Clifton School after the support it offered the Wilson family last summer. Last Year Vicki and her friends organised a grand fundraising event in aid of the hospice and decided to make it an annual event after it raised thousands. A large part of this was raised from two raffles with masses of amazing prizes. If you would like to avoid the queues at the event and support such a worthwhile cause then tickets for both draws can be purchased from school. £10 for a Lucky Square and £2 per strip for the Grand Draw. Vicky hopes to be able to set up a stall one afternoon to sell tickets.

Outdoor Learning

Squirrel and Fox will be doing Outdoor Learning on Monday afternoons after half term 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
Contributions for the raffle from businesses and families are very much welcome for our Grand Christmas Raffle – please speak to a member of the PTA if you can help.

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

House Points

At the start of last half term Mr Page set the children a challenge to see how many house points they could earn between them all. With 1433 house points we think they must have met their goal and are busy deciding on a suitable reward. The team with the most house point was Helvellyn with 427 house points. A huge well done to everyone!

Autumn Term Clubs

Art Club – Mrs Brabant will be running an Art Club on Mondays until 4.30 for children in Years 1- 6. This will be reviewed and may be offered on Thursdays in the future. There will be no outdoor sports clubs this term due to the darker nights.

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