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Hunter Hall Cross Country



Well done to our Cross Country teams who competed in the Hunter Hall Cross Country Championship on Tuesday. All the children showed determination, resilience and enjoyment with some attending the event for the first time.

Not only did the Year 4 boys win the silver team medal but there were also children who won individual medals including a 1st and 3rd position. Four children also qualified to compete in the Cumbria Cross Country Championships in Sedbergh. Well done to everyone who took part as all the runners did their absolute best.



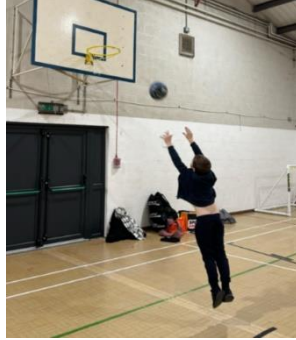
FOOTBALL FINAL

The Year 4/5 boys were fantastic at Thursday's Small School's Football Final in Carlisle. Their attitude and commitment to playing against some older teams was magnificent and we are so proud of them all.

Thankyou to the parents who helped with lifts and supported the team.

PE At Newton Rigg

Years 2 - 6 were very excited to be in a new venue for PE on Friday afternoon. The children enjoyed playing hockey and basketball at such high quality facilities giving them an amazing opportunity to develop skills and their understanding of game play.



Exciting News

You may have already heard but next Wednesday we are having a few very exciting visitors in school.....No other than Pudsey Bear and Giant the Gladiator will be popping in as part of Paddy's Ultra Endurance Cycle Challenge for Children in Need. Paddy himself will be whizzing on by en- route from Wrexham to Glasgow but we will all be waiting roadside to cheer him on his way.

Check in here to keep track of Paddy's incredible journey

[BBC2 Radio -Paddy's Ultra Endurance Cycle Challenge](#)

In support of this worthy cause we will be making an extra effort this year with a range of activities planned for Friday. The children will be taking part in our own wheeled fund raising challenge - cycling and scootering around the playground to achieve a collaborative total distance. The children can wear something spotty or yellow on the Friday and a £1.00 donation per child would be much appreciated (though bear in mind Y2-6 will be doing PE in the afternoon). We are hoping to have a cake sale after school so please send in any baking you can for us to sell. No nuts please and please make a note of the ingredients on a slip of paper. Please also send in any copper coins you may have spare so Hedgehog Class can make a Pudsey on the playground in the afternoon.

Attached is a consent form from the BBC which they need filling in for every child before Wednesday's visit. If you cannot print off a copy please ask in the Office and Nikki Hipwell can provide you with one. There is also a sponsor form for the cycling challenge and whilst any extra donations would be much appreciated it is not at all compulsory. Every little helps!

Christmas Theatre Visit

This year we will once again be visiting Theatre by the Lake to see their wonderful Christmas productions – Tinsel for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and The Jungle Book for Years 2-6. Last year it worked really well for us to be out of school on the same day as the PTA Christmas Fair so they can have the time and space to get school ready for some family festive fun and we will be doing the same this year. The cost of the visit is £12 per child and we are grateful, once again, to the PTA for covering the cost of transport and ice creams.

If you would like to accompany the children to the theatre we have a few spare spaces but may need you to give lifts. Please let Mrs Brabant know if you can come along.

Music Lessons

Music lessons with Stephen will continue this half term. There is drumming and keyboards and they are great value at £8.00 a lesson. Please get in touch with Admin if your child would like to take part.

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](#)

PE LESSONS this half term are as follows.....

Hedgehog Class – Monday and Friday (this is a change to the previous email)

Fox Class – Friday

Deer Class – Friday

The children in Year 2-6 will be having PE at Newton Rigg for the whole of Friday afternoons.

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

Next half term it will be the turn of Fox and Hedgehog classes to do Outdoor Learning.

Wednesday 13th November – Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 20th November – Fox Class

Wednesday 27th November – Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 4th December – Fox Class

Wednesday 11th December – Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 18th December – Fox 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.

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

Next meeting – December 5th @7.00pm

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

Friday 13th December – Christmas Fair in school @ 5.30pm

Autumn Term Clubs

NEW - Year 3/4 Coding Club with Mrs Newman – Tuesday 3.30- 4.30.



Running Club – Thursday lunchtime with Mrs Davies for any age group. Please bring spare trainers that can get muddy. At this week's club they played running games and the Sport's Leaders helped the other children warm up.





Sewing Club on Fridays for Years 2-6. If you would like your child to take part please let Mrs Brabant or Mrs Roberts know. There is a £4 charge for Sewing Club to help cover costs

Dates for the Diary



13th November – Paddy’s Ultra Endurance Cycle Challenge (see above)

14th November – Try Dodgeball @ Kirkby Stephen for Year 3

15th November – Children in Need

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 (wine, beer, bubble bath, spirits, pop)

Tuesday December 3rd – Hedgehog Nativity @ 2.00pm & 6.00pm @ Cliburn Village Hall

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 @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