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A warm welcome back to you all for the new term and Happy New Year.

The winter weather has brought much excitement at playtimes and the children have all settled well into the new school year – embracing lots of new learning after only one week!

This term Fox Class will also be learning the ukulele so we look forward to hearing them perform at the end of the Spring Term.



#### **PTA News**

**A VERY BIG THANKYOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE PTA  
CHRISTMAS FAIR LAST TERM**

The GRAND TOTAL IS NOW £1210.70 which is totally amazing!

**THANKYOU TO THE PTA FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. WE REALLY  
APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO!**

The next meeting is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – please come along if you can.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Just a reminder that Breakfast Club starts at 8.00 am in the morning. Staff arrive slightly earlier to set up but are only able to admit children from 8.00am.

#### **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](#)

## Decider Skills

Last term we started to introduce Decider Skills to the children – these are a set of effective, fun and memorable skills designed to help us all be more resilient, resourceful, responsible, robust and respectful. The Decider Life Skills aim to improve emotional intelligence and help our brains develop positive habits. They provide us all with skills to help us monitor and manage our mental health.

Miss Coutts introduces the new skill to the children at the start of each week and we are intending that they become skills we can all refer to when supporting children – and even use ourselves. We will hold a meeting for parents in the Spring term so we can share the skills with you in more detail. Up to now the children have been told about - STOPP, It Will Pass and 'Right Now' and Name the Emotion.

They might also mention 'feeling the fizz' which is a way of recognising that our emotions are having a physical effect on our bodies. The Decider Skills help us develop strategies to use when we feel the fizz



## Outdoor Learning

This half term it is the turn of Deer and Hedgehog classes to do Outdoor Learning.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Deer Class

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Deer Class

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Deer Class

Please send 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.**

Hedgehogs enjoyed a chilly Outdoor Learning session on Wednesday. After looking at how Mrs Davies had built a shelter in the Secret Garden, everyone joined in to design and build their own. Mrs Davies thinks you will agree they did a great job. 🙌👏👍



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

Hedgehog Class – Monday and Friday

Fox & Deer Class – Friday

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

**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**

**Friday afternoon is busy and getting the children back to school on time after Newton Rigg is much easier if the coach can park outside school. Please do not park in the parking spaces on Friday afternoons – we will try to put out cones but it is not always possible. Thankyou!**

### **Spring Term Clubs**

Miss Wilson will be hosting Choir club on a Tuesday lunchtime. This week's session was well attended and the children really enjoyed learning the new songs.



Sewing Club with Mrs Roberts will return on Fridays – there is a £4 charge to cover costs. It is open to children from Year 2-6 and starts next Friday (17<sup>th</sup> January)

Running Club ( for all age groups) is on Tuesday/Thursday. Come prepared for either day next week - children will need a spare pair of trainers that can get muddy.



### **Dates for the Diary**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Stay & Play @ 2.00 - 3.00

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – KS 2 Swimming Gala

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Cross Country (next round for qualifiers) @ Casterton

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Stay & Play @ 2.00 - 3.00

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – PTA meeting

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Young Voices for Deer Class

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Stay & Play @ 2.00 - 3.00

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – KS2 Dodgeball

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for Half Term

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.

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