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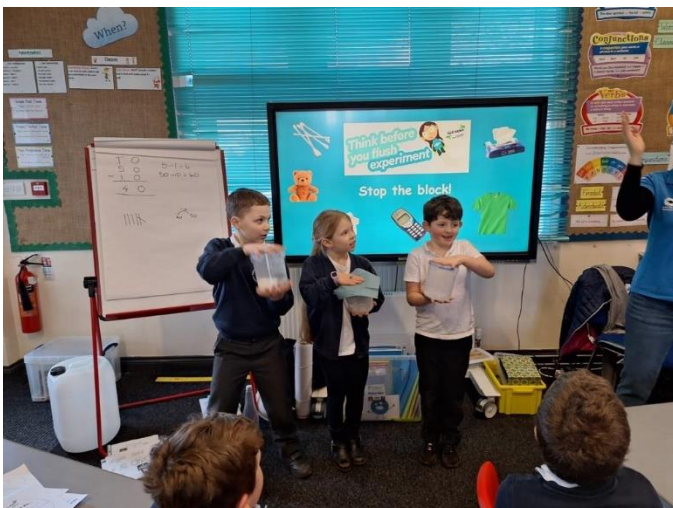
Firstly, we apologise for the sudden notice of school closure this morning. It is never an easy decision to close school but in light of the forecast and potential safety risks we felt it was the best option. We very much appreciate your co-operation and understanding on this occasion and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

On Wednesday afternoon we had 5 children representing Eden at the cross-country county finals. Luke, Max, Olivia, George and Rory all made Clifton proud by giving their absolute all when competing against the best runners from all over Cumbria.



All of them overcame adversity: mud, illness, falls, more mud and even a lost shoe! A huge well done to each of them!

On Tuesday Louise from the lake District National Park Authority came to lead a Water Works workshop in all three classes. They talked about all the different ways in which we use water, why and how we can save water, the natural water cycle and the human water cycle and finished with an experiment to see what we can and can't put down our toilets! All of the children made a water saving promise.





### Clifton School Choir

Mrs Brabant popped into Choir on Wednesday and was truly impressed with what the children had already learned after only a couple of weeks. It was lovely to see children from all age groups enjoying time together with Miss Wilson and feeling proud of their achievements. We are all in for a treat at the next church celebration.

### Reminders

Just a couple of reminders/requests to help school run as smooth as possible. We always encourage children to bring fresh water into school to enable them to stay hydrated but after a few mishaps this week can we please ask for children not to bring in 'bottles' like these. Especially the ones with a hole and straw as when they are knocked over (as they are so top heavy) the water can ruin children's books and work.

Please discourage your child from bringing in their own toys and possessions unless for Show & Tell or as part of a learning activity. They can cause a lot of upset and more often than not get broken or damaged.

This also includes jewellery which also has a safety risk. Only simple watches and small stud or sleeper earrings are allowed – not rings, necklaces or dangly earrings.

Finally – please remember nail polish is not allowed at school.

We appreciate it is difficult when faced with the requests of persuasive children and very much appreciate all of your support in these matters.



### Decider Skills

Miss Coutts will continue with the Decider Skills in the coming weeks.

We will hold a meeting for parents later in the term so we can share the skills with you in more detail. Up to now they have learned about STOPP, It Will Pass, 'Right Now,' Name the Emotion and Opposite Action

Remember 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.



### Headlice

We have been made aware that a few children have had some unwanted visitors and urge everyone to check the hair of all family members and treat immediately if any headlice or eggs are found. No one likes the thought of these so with vigilance and prompt action we can keep them from spreading any further.



**PE LESSONS** next 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

**On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 will go to Newton Rigg for PE as Deer Class will be in Manchester doing Young Voices.**

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL HEDGEHOG CHILDREN HAVE THEIR PE KITS IN SCHOOL FOR USE ON MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS.**

**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!**

## Outdoor Learning

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

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.**

## Spring Term Clubs

Miss Wilson will be hosting Choir club on a Tuesday lunchtime.

Sewing Club with Mrs Roberts on Fridays – there is a £4 charge to cover costs. It is open to children from Year 2-6.

Running Club ( for all age groups) is on Thursday. Children will need a spare pair of trainers that can get muddy.



## Dates for the Diary

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

## Job Vacancies

New Vacancy – Site Manager at Beaconside School. See attachment for more information.

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](#)

## TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

School term and half term dates for 2024/2025

<b>Term</b>	<b>Start of term</b>	<b>Half term</b>	<b>End of term</b>
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