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Please come along to our Easter Bingo next Thursday. The PTA would also appreciate the donation of any raffle prizes. Please drop them off at school next week.

A very Happy Mother's Day to all the Mums this weekend – we hope you get spoiled!

There are envelopes in the Book Bags of Fox Class children and Deer Class have theirs stashed somewhere safe.

Hedgehog's were obvious! Too big to fit in any bookbag – you are in for a treat!

## Dodgeball



On Wednesday year 5 and 6 went to the competitive North Cumbria dodgeball competition, all of the children did so well. Both teams played tremendously resulting in one team reaching the final and winning a silver medal – they just missed out on going to the regionals. Our other team came an amazing third in their group. The children dodged, dived and threw balls all day, showing off their skills. Some children had to stay on for the whole match, every match and demonstrated great stamina. We were all tired at the end but it was all worth it. By Gabriella

## Orienteering


















On Thursday afternoon children from Year 4, 5 and 6 went orienteering in Hackthorpe. We had to complete two challenges before going into the woods. Everyone was so brave running round the woods on their own to find clues. We had a great time and we all came back with smiles on our faces as we ran across the Finish Line.

By Olivia S

## Branching Out

If you would like **book recommendations for children** who have been hooked by a particular series or author ..... scan the QR code below to find out more.

Bunny Vs Monkey  SCAN ME	The 13 – Storey Treehouse  SCAN ME	Isadora Moon  SCAN ME	Rainbow Magic  SCAN ME	Horrid Henry  SCAN ME
Tom Gates books  SCAN ME	Lottie Brooks books  SCAN ME	Wimpy Kid  SCAN ME	Dork Diaries  SCAN ME	Jacqueline Wilson  SCAN ME
David Walliams books  SCAN ME	Michael Morpurgo books  SCAN ME	Roald Dahl books  SCAN ME	Dog Man  SCAN ME	Ultimate Football Heroes  SCAN ME

## Internet Safety

As life becomes more and more reliant on technology we will always endeavour to make sure we keep you updated with relevant and useful advice for keeping your children safe online. The [Internet Matters](#) website is full of advice on setting up device safety settings, choosing age appropriate apps, online safety as well as online gaming advice for games such as Roblox and Fortnite.

We cannot emphasise how important it is that you monitor your children's phones regularly and put in adequate safety settings. Miss Coutts is currently organising some further sessions for the older children for next term and we also hope to provide something for parents too.

## PARKING REQUEST

We have been asked to remind parents and families to park safely and with consideration for local residents when dropping off and picking up from school.

## End of Term Celebration

We hope that many of you can join us for our Spring Term Celebration on Wednesday afternoon - the children have lots to share with you. We will be trying out a new seating arrangement for the children so there should be more room for guests to sit in the pews. Please try not to stand in doorways as this will compromise fire safety precautions. Also please park with caution on this busy part of the road. If you would like to help walk the children to school then we will be leaving at 1.30pm. Please let Mrs Brabant know if you can help.

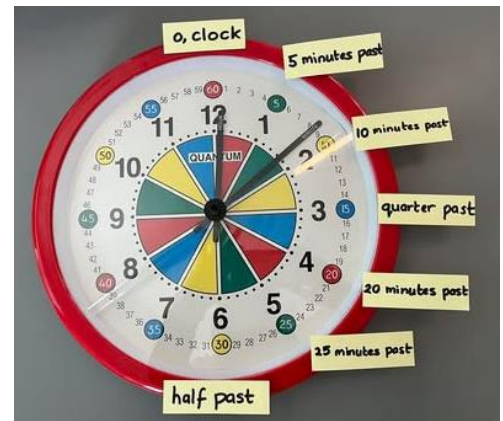
We very much appreciate the use of the Church for our termly celebrations and we know the church will welcome any cash donations that you may like to make.

## Telling the Time

The children in both Fox and Deer Classes are learning about Time in maths at the moment. This is something that can be harder to get the hang of than any of us might think. Please encourage your child in Years 2,3,5 & 6 to tell the time using both analogue and digital clocks and maybe consider adding a few helpful labels to your clock to help things along for a bit.

Continue all the way round the clock – we are just learning the 'past' times at the moment.

Likewise, it is also useful for children to experience using money whenever possible - in our digital world this is something very few of us now do on a regular basis.



## Network Rail Bridge

Please see the attached leaflet that explains what will be happening at the railway bridge over the coming months.

## School Garden Classroom



Thankyou for the offers of help we have had so far.....

In order to keep costs to a minimum we are asking members of the Clifton community to help us with the preparation and construction of the new Garden Classroom.

### **Can you help with any of the following?**

- Advice on materials for the foundations.
- Ground works preparation/laying of foundations/planning for electrics into the new space
- Construction of the building

We are really keen to get the ball rolling and would value some local expertise and support so please contact Nikki Hipwell or Nikki Brabant if you can help in any way (or persuade someone you know to help out)

## Decider Skills

This week Miss Coutts told the children about the new Decider Skill – LISTEN



'Listen' skill helps us to pay attention and acknowledge what others are really saying.

Up to now they have learned about STOPP, It Will Pass, 'Right Now,' Name the Emotion, Opposite Action, 'Fact or Opinion,' Self Care and Values.

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.

We will hold a meeting for parents next term so we can share the skills with you in more detail.



Listening is a truly valuable skill! It can help to remember that we have TWO ears and ONE mouth. So we need to listen more than we speak.

Pay attention very carefully to what the other person is saying. It is easy to get distracted by things going on around you or what you *think* you heard them say. This can sometimes lead to misunderstandings and mistakes.

It helps if we let people know that we are listening. What do you see other people doing when you know they are really listening to you?

- Nodding
- Eye contact
- Facing you
- Leaning towards you
- Smiling
- Repeating what you have said to show they have understood
- Showing interest
- Checking out what you are saying
- Waiting until you have finished talking before answering or interrupting

ACTIVE LISTENING improves mutual understanding.

## PTA NEWS

**FAMILY EASTER BINGO – Thursday 3 April @ 6.00 pm**

**Next PTA Meeting – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May @ School – 7.00pm**

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

**Hedgehog Class – Monday and Friday**

**Fox Class – Friday**

**Deer Class – Tuesday & Friday**

**The children in Deer Class will be having gymnastics at the Leisure Centre on Tuesday afternoons for the next 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**

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

## Outdoor Learning

Next week it will be **Fox Class** turn to do Outdoor Learning on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** April. Please send a complete set of suitable clothing including **wellies** and ensure all items are labelled with your child's name.

Next half term it will be Deer Class and Hedgehog Class who do Outdoor Learning on Wednesday afternoons.

**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 lead Choir club on a Tuesday lunchtime.



**There will be no more Sewing Club until the Autumn Term. A BIG thankyou to Mrs Roberts for all her dedication to the children.**

Art Club – there will be a lunchtime art club lead by Mrs Brabant and Harvey on Wednesday lunchtimes.

**After Easter Mrs Davies will be running a Nature Club on Thursday lunchtimes instead.**



## Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – End of term Spring Celebration in church @ 2.00pm  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Stay & Play  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Hockey final

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – PTA Easter Bingo @ 6.00pm

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – End of Spring Term. **School will finish at 3.30 but there will be no After School Club on this day.**

## Looking Ahead

w/b 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs week

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Day @ 1.00pm

Thursday 22 May – Sleepover for Rec, Y1 & Y2

Friday 23 May – Beacon walk and cinema for Rec, Y1 & 2

2-9 July – Adventure Week

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leaver's Celebration

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Talent Show & end of 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
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