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Dear Parents/carers,

Who can believe that another half term is over already? It has been a very busy and rewarding six weeks with lots of exciting things happening at school and on the sports field. We thank everyone for all their support over the half term and wish you all a happy half term break.

Diary Dates

21st October – Half term holiday

31st October - Back to school

Saturday 5th November - Bonfire & Fireworks at Milburn @ 6.30. No sparklers please

7th November – KS1 Basic Moves Festival @ Penrith Leisure Centre

NEW 16th November – school photos

26th November – Christmas Shopping Event in aid of Jigsaw @ Penrith Cricket Club 12.00-5.00pm

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

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)

Separate letters will be sent for all sporting events.

Sports Leaders

Our new Year 6 sports leaders demonstrated their fantastic communication and organisational skills in leading cross country, netball and hockey activities this week. Both KS1 and KS2 have enjoyed being physically active whilst learning new skills.





Harvest Festival

It was so lovely today to be back at church celebrating together at the end of a busy half term. For many children it was their first Harvest Festival and for others it was their first time in church. The children enjoyed sharing their work with family and friends and rose to the challenge of speaking in front of an audience admirably especially once a microphone appeared. Thankyou to everyone who donated food items which will be taken to a local foodbank.

Hunter Hall Cross Country

On Monday afternoon, it was the Hunter Hall Cross Country for Years 4-6. It was classic Cumbrian cross-country conditions - cold, windy and very muddy! Nevertheless, 22 enthusiastic Clifton children gave it their all and were excellent ambassadors for our little school. There were six different races with a boys and a girls race for each year group and won a team prize in three of them - Bronze for Yr5 boys, Gold for Yr6 girls and another Gold for Yr4 boys. Overall, Clifton finished 2nd visiting school, an impressive achievement considering we were competing against much bigger schools. This year's event was slightly different, as it was also being used to select children to compete at the 'next round' which is the Cumbria championships in January. We are very excited to say that nine of our children have qualified to run at the next event! We would just like to say a huge well done to all the children who ran and we are extremely proud of them all.



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.

Physical Education Lessons

Next half term we will be taking all children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Penrith Leisure Centre every Thursday morning for PE. This will allow us to ensure all children in Key Stage 1 and 2 receive their full 2-hour PE curriculum including gymnastics.

All children in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 should;

- come to school at the normal school time on Thursdays
- wear their school PE kit and something warm (eg tracksuit)
- have their water bottle with them
- bring their school uniform in a bag to change in to after PE

Children from Milburn will also be joining us for our PE sessions at the leisure centre and we hope this exciting opportunity will continue through the year and help us to build on our success in PE.

Year 5/6 Girl's Football

Well done to our talented girl's football team who competed in their first ever tournament on Thursday afternoon. They showed determination, great sportsmanship and endurance in the rain. A big thank you to the Smiths for coaching them and providing the kit – onwards and upwards!



Sports Kits

We have been delighted with how many children have participated in sporting events this term and also the success they have had. To build on this, we are looking at purchasing more kits for our sports teams and we wondered if any families or local businesses would be interested in sponsorship. Is this something you would like to support with, please contact us via the school office.

PTA News

Thanks to everyone who attended the Glow Party at Hackthorpe Village Hall. It sounds like everyone had a wonderful time and it also raised £113 for PTA funds.

A MASSIVE thank you to the PTA for organising such a wonderful event for our children – a lot of work goes into the planning and running of this and all other PTA events – we really appreciate all their hard work on behalf of our school.

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 –**8th November @ 7.00pm**. Please do come along and see how you can get involved.

Staffing News

We are looking forward to welcoming Nikki Hipwell to Clifton in her role in the school office. A massive thankyou to Gill Graham and Anthea for stepping in and helping us with such a vital role whilst we were appointing a new member to the team.

After half term Miss Coutts will be working Wednesday – Friday and Mrs Brabant will be in school every day apart from Friday afternoon.

Autumn Term Clubs

Art Club – Mrs Brabant will be running an Art Club on Thursdays until 4.30 for children in Years 1- 6

Weather and time permitting Mrs Brabant will run a walking club on Thursday lunch times when we will have a short walk around the woodland behind school. This will be for any children who would like to join in.

Term Dates

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.

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