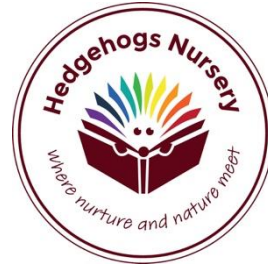


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7th October 2022

Dear Parents/carers,

As always, it has been a busy week in school with lots of learning and more sporting opportunities for our children. We are looking forward to parents evenings next week and a chance to let you know how well your children are doing.

Well done to the Year 5/6 children for their amazing teamwork at football and netball this week. Miss Simpson says that both teams showed great determination, enthusiasm and endurance playing 6 matches back to back and improved with every game. Thanks to Miss Simpson and all the other adults who have helped arrange these events, transported the children and helped with training and kits.



### Diary Dates

**11th/12th October** – Parent's Evenings – please book an appointment if you have not already done so

**17th October** – Hunter Hall Cross Country Y4-6

**20th October** – KS2 Girl's football @ Frenchfield

**NEW 21st October** – Harvest Festival 2.00

**21st October** – Half term holiday

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

**10th November** – school photos

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

**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.

## Staffing

We are delighted to let you know that Nikki Hipwell will be joining our team from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October as Business and Admin Lead. This is great news as Nikki is experienced in school business management and passionate about our school as both her children attend Clifton. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Gill Graham who has done a fantastic job over the last half term working in school and at home to make sure communication and systems are kept running in the school office while we were recruiting.

## Start of school time

Thank you to everyone for getting in to school on time. This has a big impact on learning and helps children start quickly. We will continue with closing doors at 8:55 rather than 9:00 as this has worked very well over the last week. If possible, we would like all children to be in school as close to 8:45 as possible as the morning activities help the children practice skills and review areas of learning.

## PTA News

Next meetings – **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.00pm.** Please do come along and see how you can get involved.



Autumn Glow Party – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October @ Hackthorpe Village Hall £5.00 per child

which includes disco, sweet/crisps/drink, glow sticks and glow in the dark make up. Bring a friend.

Nursery – Year 2 @ 2.00 - 3.00

Year 3 – 6 @ 3.30 – 5.00

Please purchase tickets in advance so the PTA can cater for the correct number of children. Friends and family members are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Christmas Fair - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Parent Pay

There are limitations to the hours we can have for After School Club on Parent Pay so when booking your sessions please just book an hour for Friday even if you need an hour and a half. Thank you to all those who are ordering your child/children's meals on Parent Pay in advance. It does save Joanna time every day and helps with making sure we can order the correct amount of ingredients. If all parents/carers can now book meals in advance on ParentPay, we would really appreciate it.

## Jigsaw Christmas Shopping Event

If anyone would like to buy raffle tickets to support the Jigsaw Children's Hospice fundraiser organising by Vicky Wilson please pop into the office. There are two draws; one is a raffle with an almost never ending list of prizes which is £2 per strip whilst the Luxury Lucky Squares draw is £10 a square with prizes including luxury breaks in the Lake District.

## Autumn Term Clubs

Remember our Autumn clubs are running. Miss Shanks runs a football club for both girls and boys in Years 3-6 on Mondays 3.30-4.30 At the same time Mrs Collin will run a multi skills club for Year 1&2.

Miss Simpson will run a netball club for both girls and boys in Years 4-6 on Tuesdays 3.30-4.30

Weather and time permitting Mrs Brabant will continue with 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

One final piece of news for this week; well done to Mr Page who has been shortlisted for the Cumbrian Golden Apple Awards in the Education and Learning Leader category. We look forward to hearing how he gets on.

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