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Dear Parents/carers,

Earlier this week we sent home our much awaited OFSTED report which started with the comments....

'Pupils are proud to be part of the school family. They are respectful, friendly and take good care of one another. Pupils are kind and tolerant. A typical comment from pupils was: 'Everyone is welcome in our school.'

These are values that we hold very dear and we are delighted that the inspectors could see this so clearly.



We are also very excited to share our new look website with you – it can be found by clicking on the image. Please share the link with family and friends so they can have a look too. More will be added in the coming weeks.

Next week is a very important week for the Year 6 children as they will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. We know they will all do their absolute best and wish them all the very best of luck.

Coronation Party

Today was a day of celebration to mark the coronation of King Charles III and it was certainly a fun packed one. The children spent the day doing a range of activities to commemorate the historic event including lacrosse as well as both baking and sewing crowns fit for a king. They also enjoyed an outdoor lunch of traditional fish and chips. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it a fun and memorable day.

We hope our royal visitor enjoyed it too.





REMINDER

Please could we remind you of the importance of sending in a water bottle with your child every day. It is vital that children have access to water throughout the day in order to stay hydrated.

Thankyou!



Adventure Week (5th, 7th, 10th, 11th & 12th July)

Since 2021 a highlight of the school year has been our Summer Adventure Week and we hope this year will be no different. We can now give you a little more information and once the last few things are sorted we can send home letters explaining things more fully. As with previous years the children were asked what they would like to do through their Class Reps for Clif's Council. Whilst we could not meet all of their requests without seriously getting into trouble with parents for overspending we have tried to accommodate their wishes as far as possible.

Adventure Week is an important part of our Outdoor Curriculum and we strive to organise activities that will highlight many of our 7 Cs of Clifton (Collaboration, Communication, Curiosity, Confidence and Commitment) whilst also providing children to develop a love of our local area, the natural world and a broad range of outdoor activities.



This Year all the children will experience a day on Ullswater in a range of craft and also a day of adventurous activities at either Keswick Climbing Wall or Brockhole on Windermere. They will also have a chance to go fell walking and spend a day among nature on a farm near Lowther Castle or Eycott Hill.

We are using sports funding to subsidise the week and keep the cost down for all children and as always we will be needing lots of adult help to enable these days to go ahead.

We hope you are as excited as we are.

Clifton Litter Heroes

Well done to all those children who have been litter picking since Easter. **Please could all litter pickers and hoops be returned by May 9th** as it needs to be returned to Appleby Emergency Response Group

Conjunctivitis

There have been a few cases of conjunctivitis in school recently and we have been given the following advice to pass on about this contagious and irritating condition.

- If your child has conjunctivitis seek advice from your local pharmacist.
- Do not to rub eyes and to wash their hands frequently.
- Avoid sharing towels, flannels and pillows.

PE

Thankyou for sending your children into school in their PE kits – it is really making a difference. As a reminder the children do PE on the following days

Hedgehog and Owl Class – Tuesdays (with Outdoor Learning on Mondays)

Squirrel and Fox Class – Monday & Thursday

Deer Class – Thursday

PE kit must include sensible and weather appropriate leggings/joggers/shorts, PE t- shirt and normal school sweatshirt or PE hoodie as well as sensible PE trainers/pumps. We will be doing PE outside and only very inclement weather will cause PE to be cancelled.

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for the forecasted weather.

Spring Term Clubs



Music Club (Year 1 - 6) - Mondays 3:30pm - 4:30pm



Baking Club (Reception – Year 6) with Mrs Chalmers and Miss Wilson. Initially for half a term - £3.50 per session to include the ingredients. This is full for this half term but if you would like a place for your child next half term then please email the office- admin@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk. Children already attending do not need to apply again.



Football Club on Fridays with Dan Sowerby (54° North) for children from Year 2-6 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Please contact the office (admin@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk) if you would like your child to take part in any of the above clubs.

There have been some difficulties with booking and charging for these on Parent Pay but we think Nikki has found a solution to make it more straight forward. To enable these types of clubs to continue, we ask children to commit to each half term. We will take a register at the first session attended and the total charge for the remainder of the half term will be notified on parent pay. You will still have the option to pay this in weekly instalments but in order for them to be viable and run smoothly this seems like the best solution for now.

After School Club needs to be booked on Parent Pay

Mrs Collin will run a **Games Club** on Tuesday lunchtimes and Miss Coutts a **Lego Club** on Thursday lunchtimes.

Diary Dates

8th May – Bank Holiday

9th -12th May – Year 6 SATs week

25th May – Swimming Gala

26th May – Non Uniform Day (tombola prizes)

w/b 29th May – Half Term

21st June (pm) Sports Day

22nd June Reserve Sports Day (pm)

30th June – Non Uniform Day for PTA Summer Fair bottle tombola prize

30th June – PTA Dino Drive

4th July – Class photos

6th July – Move Up Day for Year 6 to their Secondary Schools and other children in school to their new classes (if moving class)

5th, 7th (separated by a weekend breather) 10th, 11th & 12th July – Adventure Week (details coming soon)

8th July – Summer Fair (2-5pm)

Separate letters will be sent for all sporting events

Outdoor Learning

This half term Hedgehog and Deer classes will be doing Outdoor Learning on Monday afternoons. Finding spare clothing and footwear takes up valuable time that could be spent outdoors so **please ensure your Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 5 and 6 children have appropriate clothing and footwear in school that is both suitable for getting mucky and keeping warm** even if it is the summer term.

PTA News.

Next meetings – **13th June @ 7.00pm.** Please do come along and see how you can get involved.

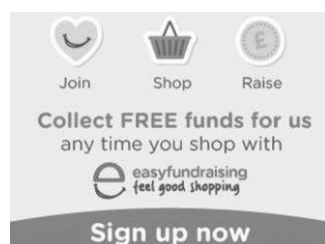
PTA Events

26th May - Non Uniform Day in return for donations for the Summer Fair Tombola (gifts, toys, sweets, chocolates)

30th June – Dino Drive (similar to Beetle Drive)

30th June – Non Uniform Day in return for donations for the Bottle Tombola (wine, pop, squash, gin, ketchup, bubble bath as long as it fits in a standard bottle bag)

8th July – Summer Fair (offers of help on the day would be much appreciated)



For an easy and cost free way to support Clifton Primary School why not take a look at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cliftoncountyppta/ Donations are made every time you shop online with many popular companies and there really no catches at all. It is similar to Amazon Smile, which is no more, but more generous with donations.

Term Dates

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
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

School year 2023/2024

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 06 September 2023	Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October	Tuesday 19 December

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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