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Dear Parents/carers,

It is hard to believe but next week is the last week before the half term break and then we will be into the final few weeks of the school year.

Whilst it may actually be midsummer in not too many weeks time we must remember that this is Cumbria and the weather is not always as seasonal as we may wish. Please send in coats if the weather is not forecast to be warm and sunhat/cream if it is hot.

There are many exciting things planned for the coming months and the PTA are busy preparing for their annual Summer Fair that will take place on Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>. Please note that next Friday is a non uniform day in exchange for a tombola prize (gifts, toys, sweets, chocolates, toiletries). The PTA do such a fantastic job supporting our school with fundraising and social events and very much appreciate your help in making these events a success.

### Outdoor Learning

We are very proud of our Outdoor Learning at Clifton and this week the children in Hedgehog, Owl and Deer Class enjoyed time outdoors making Cinderella fairy wands, lighting fires and map reading.



### Action Ants at Culgaith



A group of Year 3,4,5 & 6 children enjoyed an exciting action packed afternoon with Action Ants on Wednesday and practised some new skills in both golf and archery. Well done to everyone who participated with enthusiasm and dedication and thank you to the adults who made it all happen.

## Green Fingered Owls



Owl Class are learning about plants this term and they set to work on getting the school garden ready for the growing season ahead. They weeded and added new soil to the beds before sowing special Coronation wild flower seeds, carrots, beans and a courgette plant. Great work everyone!

## Adventure Week ( 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July)

This has become a highlight of the last few summers and one we wish to make part of the curriculum experiences we provide for all children. We are very committed to providing all our children with a broad range of learning activities and acknowledge the many benefits these experiences provide – developing skills such as confidence, collaboration, communication, commitment, creativity and curiosity. This year we are, once again, able to access funding to subsidise the cost of the week for each child to help keep the costs lower for all families.

The charge will be added to Parent Pay, but please get in touch if you need any financial assistance as we want all children to be able to attend. The costs vary between classes depending on transport as well as the activities specific to different year groups. Over their time at Clifton we will ensure that all children experience a broad range of activities appropriate for their age. From next year we plan on spreading these activity days throughout the year

**If you or any grandparents are able to help on any of these days, please let your Mrs Brabant know as soon as possible as extra adult help is vital for these activities.**

## Hedgehog class ( Nursery/Reception) – £35

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Pirate Adventure on Ullswater
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Eycott Hill visit with Cumbria Wildlife and a school based afternoon with den building, camp fires and team building games.
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Action Adventure Day at Rookery Wood and Keswick Climbing Wall.
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Horse riding
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – school based activities

FOR NURSERY CHILDREN PLEASE SPEAK TO MRS COLLIN OR MRS BRABANT ABOUT WHICH DAYS YOUR CHILD WILL ATTEND AND WE CAN ADJUST THE COST

## Owl class ( Year 1) – £45

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Pirate Adventure on Ullswater
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Eycott Hill visit with Cumbria Wildlife and a school based afternoon with den building, camp fires and team building games.
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Action Adventure Day at Brockhole Windermere – Brave the Cave and Tree Top Nets
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Horse riding
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – School based activities

### Squirrel class (Year 2) – £50

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Canoe Treasure Hunt and Art at Glenridding
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Nature Adventure - Farm Visit with Lowther Estate at Helton
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Action Adventure Day at Brockhole Windermere – Brave the Cave and Tree Top Nets
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Fell Walk in the Cumbrian Countryside
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – A school based morning with den building, camp fires and team building games & an afternoon of Olympic Sports with Action Ants at Culgaith

### Fox class (Year 3/4) – £55

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Canoe Treasure Hunt and Art at Glenridding
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Nature Adventure - Farm Visit with Lowther Estate at Helton
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Action Adventure Day at Keswick Climbing Wall – climbing, archery/orienteering
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Fell Walk in the Cumbrian Countryside
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – A school based morning with den building, camp fires and team building games & an afternoon of Olympic Sports with Action Ants at Culgaith

### Deer class (Year 5/6) – £55

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Canoeing/kayaking and Art at Glenridding
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – A school based morning with den building, camp fires and team building games. Appleby Sports in the afternoon.
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Action Adventure Day at Keswick Climbing Wall – High Ropes course
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Nature Adventure - Farm Visit with Lowther Estate at Helton
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Fell Walk in the Cumbrian Countryside

### Year 5 visit from Ullswater Community College



It was lovely to welcome back two Year 7 children, George and Evie Hulme, who came along to talk the Year 5s with their Headteacher, Mr Gilby. Please see the flier for details of their Open Evening on 29<sup>th</sup> June and if you would like to read their latest Ofsted Report we have attached it to this e,mail.

#### 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.



After half term all children will be provided with a piece of free fruit for snack during morning play. You are welcome to send in your own snack items but these must be healthy options and should not include crisps, biscuits, cakes or anything containing NUTS.



## Summer Term Clubs



**Gardening Club** - After half term Mrs Brabant will be running a Gardening and Nature Club for children from Years 1 – 6 on Thursday afternoons. Please let Mrs Brabant know if your child would like to attend on [n.brabant@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:n.brabant@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk)  
If there are any green fingered parents or grandparents who would like to help please also let me know as it is always a busy club.



**Music Club (Year 1 - 6)** - Mondays 3:30pm - 4:30pm with Stephen Burke



**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 will run next half term so if you would like a place for your child then please email the office- [admin@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk).



**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](mailto:admin@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk) ) if you would like your child to take part in any of the above clubs.

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

After School Club needs to be booked on Parent Pay

### **Diary Dates**

25<sup>th</sup> May – Swimming Gala

26<sup>th</sup> May – Non Uniform Day ( tombola prizes)

w/b 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term

**14<sup>th</sup> June – Sponsored Walk TBC**

21<sup>st</sup> June (pm) Sports Day

22<sup>nd</sup> June Reserve Sports Day (pm)

29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 UCC Open Evening

30<sup>th</sup> June – Non Uniform Day for PTA Summer Fair bottle tombola prize

30<sup>th</sup> June – PTA Dino Drive

4<sup>th</sup> July – Class photos

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

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

8<sup>th</sup> 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 – **13<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.00pm.** Please do come along and see how you can get involved.

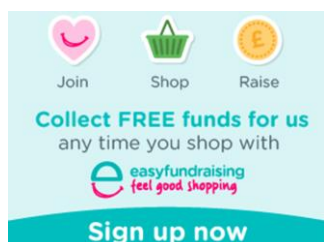
### **PTA Events**

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

30<sup>th</sup> June – Dino Drive (similar to Beetle Drive)

30<sup>th</sup> 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)

8<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://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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