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Dear Parents/carers,

Is this year actually going faster than previous ones? What a busy half term that was and it has gone by in a flash. There is now only one half term left before another school year is over.

The second half of the Summer term is always an exciting one and we are all looking forward to some amazing activities and will see you all back at school on Monday 5th June raring to go!

Thankyou to everyone who donated items for the PTA tombola today – other donations will always be welcome.

In the meantime – we wish you all a very happy and hopefully sunny half term break.

Owls Learning About Shabbat



Over the past few weeks Owl class have learned all about the Jewish festival of Shabbat – they explored the different traditions, meanings, and blessings and have even learned to write Shabbat in Hebrew! This all led up to their very own Shabbat celebration on Tuesday when they made Challah bread which they then ate with a glass of celebratory grape juice. What a fantastic way to learn about another culture.



Investigating Plants in Fox and Squirrel Class.



In Science the children have been looking closely at plants, seeds and bulbs and have been recording their observations with some fantastic botanical drawings. After half term they will be venturing into the school garden to put their green fingers



to the test and growing some plants.

Swimming Gala

A very BIG well done to the Key Stage 2 children who took part in Thursday's Swimming Gala. A very excited Miss Simpson called us from the minibus to tell us they had come FIRST!! 30 medals overall and lots of children stepping up to swim in races for older age groups. Well done everyone!



Litter Picking Heroes

At last – we managed to get a photo of all the children who took part in the litter picking challenge at Easter.....well done to you all.



School Dinners

Joanna has prepared a lovely new menu for the last few weeks of term which will be live after half term.

Please discuss options with your children and place meal choices on Parentpay for the first week back before Friday, 2nd June.

Unfortunately, ParentPay aren't able to transfer any orders already made on the current menu, that have been pre-booked in advance. If you have pre-booked, money will have been credited back to your account. May we ask you to review the new menu and re-enter children's choices.

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

The details of Adventure Week for each year group can be found in last week's newsletter. The charges 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.

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

Squirrel class (Year 2)– £50

Fox class (Year 3/4) – £55

Deer class (Year 5/6) – £55

Online Safety

It is part of our responsibility as a school to promote safe online usage amongst the children at school. This link provides useful information for parents about helping children safe online. [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)



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

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.



Netball Club – 3.30-4.30pm with Miss Simpson on Thursdays for Years 3 - 6.



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



Baking Club (Reception – Year 6) with Mrs Chalmers and Miss Wilson. £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.



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.

After School Club needs to be booked on Parent Pay

Diary Dates

5th June – back to school

14th June – Sponsored Walk (separate letter attached)

19th June – Y5/6 visit to UCC (Science and Art)

20th June – Y5/6 Mixed Cricket

21st June (pm) Sports Day

22nd June Reserve Sports Day (pm)

27th June – Y5/6 STEM visit to a farm

29th June – Year 5 UCC Open Evening

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

Next half term Hedgehog and Deer classes will be doing Outdoor Learning on the first couple of Monday afternoons as they missed two this half term due to the Bank Holidays.

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.

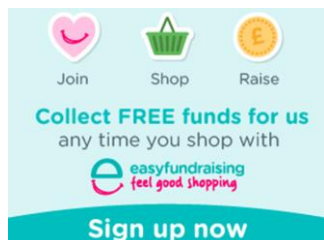
PTA Events

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/cliftoncountypa/ 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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