

16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/carers,

We don't know about you but we are all finding it hard to believe we have only been back in school for a week and a half!! The children are all well settled into their new classes and so much has happened already including a cross country event and a sleepover.

### Diary Dates

**19<sup>th</sup> September** – Bank Holiday for the State Funeral of the Queen

**28<sup>th</sup> September** – KS1 Junior Warrior at Culgaith School with Action Ants

**30<sup>th</sup> September** – Year5/6 netball tournament at QEGs

**6<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 5/6 football tournament @ Frenchfield

**11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> October** – Parent's Evenings

**14<sup>th</sup> October** – Come & Try Badminton @ Penrith Leisure Centre

**20<sup>th</sup> October** – KS2 Girl's football @ Frenchfield

**21<sup>st</sup> October** – Half term holiday

Separate letters will be sent for all sporting events.

Below are the term dates for the academic year 2022-23

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

### PTA News

After our AGM on Tuesday we would like to thank Gill Graham for all her years as Treasurer and Angela and Jo Beth for taking on the role for the coming year. Thanks also to Hayley Graham for taking on the role of Chairperson and Holly Threlkeld for continuing as Treasurer.

23<sup>rd</sup> September – Beetle Drive at 6.30pm

£2.00 each

Great fun for all the family and especially the younger children who may tire at a bingo evening. Refreshments and raffle.

If you have any items suitable for a raffle prize then please drop them off at school before the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Autumn Glow Party – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October @ Hackthorpe Village Hall £5.00 per child (tickets sold in advance) 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

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**

We are still experiencing difficulties with Parent Pay so any new children will still not be able to access menus and order meals. We are working hard to sort this out and hope to have it sorted by the end of next week. Children will still be asked about what they would like to eat.

### **Parent/Carer Survey**

We will be sending a short survey via text message and email for all parents to complete. This should only take a couple of minutes, but will help us understand how well we are doing and areas to help us build on the fantastic work happening in school.

### **School Sleepover**

A big thankyou to everyone that made the sleepover for Years 1,2 & 3 happen this week – especially so close to the start of term. It is safe to say that the children all really benefit from these experiences and the staff all enjoy doing them as they can see their tremendous value. This time was no different and it was lovely to see so many children learning new skills and developing independence – they have been collaborating with their friends to pack away tricky sleeping bags and bed rolls, helping each other along trippy woodland paths, sharing backpacks and asking if their friends are ok when they woke up. It is also lovely to hear so many of them saying how much they have enjoyed their sleepover experience.



### **Congratulations**

A very big well done to everyone who took part in Thursday's cross country run at Kirkby Stephen. The children all did their absolute best with many trying something new and others improving on their last year's performance. The photos on our Facebook group show some very determined faces and some lovely images of encouragement and support among the children. They were all very proud to come back to school and tell us of the number on their tickets and there were a lot of top 10 places achieved. Thanks to Miss Simpson and all the other adults who went along to support the children.

## **Ride Across Britain**

Having heard this cycling event was passing through Clifton on Wednesday we could not resist popping outside to cheer some of the cyclists on including Clifton's own Ashley Herbert.

Unfortunately we missed him by seconds but he may well have heard the cheering from as far away as Shap and the support given by the children was recognised by the other cyclists who awarded him 'rider of the day.'



## **Autumn Term Clubs**

Miss Shanks will run a football club for both girls and boys in Years 3-6 on Mondays 3.30-4.30. If anyone would like to help with the football club then please let Miss Simpson know. 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 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.

Clubs will start the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> September and news on further clubs will follow very shortly.

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