

Dear Parents/carers,

What another busy week– our second residential trip and everyone enjoying the sunny weather with sports and learning outdoors. Over the next few weeks we have many other exciting events planned and we are all looking forward to Sports Day and Adventure Week. At the moment we do not have enough adults to meet adult/child ratios for many of our trips and are worried we might have to alter our plans considerably. Please see below for how you can help.

### Diary Dates

29<sup>th</sup> June (pm) – Commonwealth themed Sports Day ( spectators welcome on The Green from 1.15)

29<sup>th</sup> June @6.00pm – New Reception parent’s meeting

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

1<sup>st</sup> July – Appleby Sports

4-8<sup>th</sup> July - Adventure Week

6<sup>th</sup> July - Year 3-6 Swimming Gala

7<sup>th</sup> July – Move Up Day for Year 6 children visiting their new schools

12<sup>th</sup> July – Sponsored Walk (please see attached letter)

### 13<sup>th</sup> July – Mrs Threlkeld Brown’s leaving assembly

18<sup>th</sup> July @2.30pm – Year 6 Leaver’s Assembly – Year 6 parents and family and Year 5 children are invited to attend and celebrate their child’s time at Clifton School.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Sleepover for Reception, Year 1 and 2 ( this is still to be confirmed as we are dependent on adult helpers. Please do not tell the children yet. If we cannot organise this then we will arrange it for as soon as possible in September)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – break up for summer at 3.30pm  
(separate letters will be sent for all sporting events)

### PTA ..... coming up

Next meeting -12<sup>th</sup> July @7pm – new members welcome.

– PTA meeting

Non uniform day -15<sup>th</sup> July. Children can come in their own clothes in return for donations of tombola prizes on the day. Toys, gifts, chocolates, bottles etc....

Family BBQ night on 15<sup>th</sup> July 5.30- 8.00 £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children. Bar, Tombola and Action Ants.

16<sup>th</sup> September – Beetle Drive

Autumn Glow Party – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October @ Hackthorpe Village Hall (afternoon – time tbc)

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

### Bluebell the Clifton Calf



Today Angela, Freddie and Charlie took Bluebell to the auction and came back looking very pleased with the result. Bluebell got a top bid of £550 which even surprised Angela. Bluebell is going to live at Newbiggin with her friend Max and we will hopefully get the occasional update on how she is doing. A BIG thankyou to Angela Chappelhow and her family and also Lucy Shaw and Carrs Billington for this amazing fundraising effort for our school.

### Saying Goodbye to Mrs Threlkeld Brown

As you will already know Mrs Threlkeld Brown will be leaving Clifton School at the end of term for her new role as Headteacher of Hayton School. We are organising a leaving assembly for Mrs TB on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

July at 2.00pm and you are welcome to attend. There will be songs, memories and a chance to wish Mrs Threlkeld Brown well in the future. All the children will be writing down their memories of Mrs TB and if you would like to contribute a message to our Memory Book please pop into the office where you can add your thoughts.

We are also organising a collection to buy a gift for Mrs Threlkeld Brown and if you would like to make a donation then please send it into school by Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> marked Mrs Threlkeld Brown's Leaving Gift.

### **Staffing**

Some of you may have spoken to Helen when calling the school office and we would like to officially introduce her to you all. Mrs Helen Little is our new Business Manager and works at Clifton on Tuesdays.

### **Financial Support for Families**

Cumbria County Council have announced that those children who are in receipt of Free School Meals, can now apply for a school clothing grant. Please do so here: -

[Apply for free school meals and clothing vouchers | Cumbria County Council](#)

If you have had a change in financial circumstances it is worth checking if you are now eligible for this support.

If your child is eligible for the Universal Infant Free School Meals (Rec, Y1, Y2) it is still worth applying as you would still receive a uniform grant.

### **Year 6 Move Up Day**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July is Transition Day (Move Up Day) when Year 6 children spend their time visiting their new secondary school. Both UCC and QEGS have sent invites to all future Year 7 children with details of the day.

### **Sports Day**

Weather permitting Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June and will have a special Commonwealth theme this year. Family members are welcome to come along at 1.15 to support the children as they take part in a range of sporting activities

Children need their PE kit for that day and a t-shirt of a specific colour. The change in t-shirt colours does appear to be causing some confusion and we do apologise for this – it seemed like a good idea at the time and should all make sense on the day when you see our Commonwealth Opening Ceremony. Please see the attached table for your child's team and **t-shirt colour**. Please do not buy a t-shirt especially for this event and ask if you would like to borrow one – we have brand new t-shirts in red, yellow and green. Likewise if you have any spare t-shirts your child may have outgrown please send them into school so we can redistribute them.

### **Adventure Week**

Thankyou for the offers of help with Adventure Week. We very much appreciate it. At the minute we still require extra helpers so please do get in touch if you can help with any of the activities below.

Please e.mail Mrs Brabant on [n.brabant@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:n.brabant@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk) if you can help. Other family members are welcome also so do ask if you are not sure.

More detailed letters about Adventure Week will be sent home next week but as a heads up children will need to bring a packed lunch every day. School packed lunches can still be provided so please let us know by e.mailing [n.coutts@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:n.coutts@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk) by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June so we can order the right amount of food.

	Hedgehog	Squirrel	Fox	Deer
Monday	1 or 2 for the Squirrel/Hedgehog trip to Walby Farm Park		2 for trip to Ullswater	1 for Ghyll Scrambling
Tuesday	1 for school based activity day	1 or 2 for a trip to Eycott Hill Nature Reserve	2 for the trip to Askham swimming pool and Brougham Castle	
Wednesday	3 for Hedgehog/Squirrel trip to Appleby ( pm only also welcome)		2 for trip to Askham swimming pool and school based activities	
Thursday	2 for school based activities		1 for trip to Askham swimming pool and school based activities	
Friday	2 for Hedgehog/Squirrel trip to Rookery Wood		2 for trip to Askham swimming pool and school based activities	

### **York Residential**

Deer class had an amazing time in York earlier this week and packed so much in to their three day visit. We travelled through time from the Roman era to the modern day with a bit of the Vikings in between. Thanks so much to Mrs Chalmers for planning the whole trip and also to Miss Simpson and Mrs Davies for all their time and hard work on the trip. Mrs Brabant was so pleased to be asked along and felt very fortunate to spend a few days with the amazing children in Deer class. We were all very proud of the comments made by a few people about how lovely and polite they all were. Well done Deer class!

### **Summer Term Clubs**

Next Monday's session will be the last coding club. Thanks to Mrs Newman for running it.

Singing club will take place at lunchtimes on Mondays for Year 3-6 children.

Weather and time permitting Mrs Brabant will run a walking club on Tuesday lunch times when we will have a short walk around the woodland behind school.

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.

Thanks

Nikki Brabant, Tasha Coutts & the Clifton Team