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Dear Parents/carers,

Despite its rather soggy end it has been another busy and enjoyable week at school. We hope it dries up and you all have a good weekend.

### Diary Dates

**5<sup>th</sup> October** – Flu vaccinations

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

**7<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 5/6 netball @ QEGS

**NEW - 6<sup>th</sup> October** – RWI phonics meeting for Reception parents – 6pm

**11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> October** – Parent's Evenings (separate letter attached)

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

**17<sup>th</sup> October** – Hunter Hall Cross Country Y4-6

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

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

**10<sup>th</sup> November** – school photos

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

Thankyou to everyone who attended last week's Beetle Drive which was enjoyed by all who attended. It raised £85.66 towards PTA funds.

Next meetings – **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.00pm**. Please do come along and see how you can get involved.

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.

### **Start of school time**

In order to maximise the time children can spend learning we are making a small change at the start of the day. As most families are in school promptly at 8:45, we are going to close the doors 5 minutes earlier at 8:55 rather than 9:00. If possible, we would like all children to be in school as close to 8:45 as possible as the morning activities help the children practice skills and review areas of learning.

### **Parent Pay**

There are limitations to the hours we can have for After School Club on Parent Pay so when booking your sessions please just book an hour for Friday even if you need an hour and a half.

Thank you to all those who are ordering your child/children's meals on Parent Pay in advance. It does save Joanna time every day and helps with making sure we can order the correct amount of ingredients. If all parents/carers can now book meals in advance on ParentPay, we would really appreciate it.

### **Congratulations**

Well done to all the Year 1 and 2 children who took part in the Action Ants Junior Warrior event on Wednesday afternoon. The children had a most exciting afternoon trekking through trees, firing arrows at alien invaders and slip-sliding down the watery slopes. Thanks to all the adults involved with arranging the event and getting the children to Culgaith.



### **Jigsaw Christmas Shopping Event**

If anyone would like to buy raffle tickets to support the Jigsaw Children's Hospice fundraiser organising by Vicky Wilson please pop into the office. There are two draws; one is a raffle with an almost never ending list of prizes which is £2 per strip whilst the Luxury Lucky Squares draw is £10 a square with prizes including luxury breaks in the Lake District.

### **Touch Typing**

This BBC programme has been recommended by a Cumbria school advisor as being a fun and engaging way to practise touch typing skills. We use it a school and the children find it very compelling.

[Computing KS2 - Dance Mat Typing - BBC Bitesize](#)

### **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.

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