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Dear Parents/carers,

Another busy week has flown by and there has been lots going on. The children are really benefitting from the PE sessions at Penrith Leisure Centre and have been developing their skills in badminton as well as gymnastics this week. Mrs Brabant thought you may like to see the stunning art work created by the Year 1-6 children who attend Art Club on Mondays. We are sticking with the tree theme and are now busily creating some multi media Christmas tree artwork.



Deer Class at Lancaster Butterfly House

Thankfully the sun came out in Lancaster on Wednesday and the children in Deer class enjoyed a day of exploring the natural world both inside and outside the Butterfly House. We have all been told of the amazing facts they learned such as how some butterflies only live a couple of days and, therefore, do not need to eat!!!



Diary Dates

26th November – Christmas Shopping Event in aid of Jigsaw @ Penrith Cricket Club 12.00-5.00pm

Friday 2nd December – Non uniform Day - bring in a tombola item for Christmas Fair

Friday 2nd December – KS1 Action Ants festival

Friday 2nd December - PTA Christmas Fair at Hackthorpe Village Hall

Friday 2nd December – Festive Fun Day (see below)

7th December – Indoor Multi Sports for KS1

8th December – Hedgehog Class Nativity 2.00pm and 5.00pm

9th December @ 2pm – whole school trip to Theatre by the Lake to see The Borrowers (Year 1-6) and The Ballad of Rudy (Nursery & Reception)

13th December – Y2 - 4 trip to Leighton Hall

16th December – Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch & Christmas parties

19th December 2022 – Reindeer Run in aid of Jigsaw Children's Hospice with Action Ants

20th December 2022 - Christmas Singing @ 2.30 pm (more details to follow soon)

Separate letters will be sent for all sporting events.

PE at Penrith Leisure Centre will be taking place every Thursday morning until Christmas so don't forget that children should come to school already dressed in PE kit.

London Residential

We have been able to give our Year 5 and 6 children the exciting opportunity of visiting London in the Spring Term for a three day/two night residential. This is part of our reviewed curriculum plans as make sure our children have the very best opportunities to learn. With all our educational visits and residentials, we plan for all children to attend and can access funding to support families where needed.

Festive Fun Day - Friday 2nd December

Thank you for the offers of help we have received for this day. We are really looking forward to the range of activities on offer to the children. As already stated the children can come in non-uniform suitable for PE and bring outdoor learning clothes too. Year 1 and 2 do NOT need Outdoor learning clothes as they are attending an Action Ant festival in the afternoon. To help us get the most out of the day we would appreciate the loan of any **wheelbarrows** and **small pliers** which can be used to bend wire (photo shows jewellery making pliers but anything similar would be great). Please send in wheel barrows on Thursday and give the pliers to Mrs Brabant any day next week.



Christmas Songs

Following on from the success of our Harvest Festival and returning to Church after the restrictions of COVID, we are planning to have a Christmas Singing event on the last day of term (Tuesday 20th December) and would love you to attend. We will confirm details of this as soon as possible.

Attendance & Term Time Absence

We have been delighted with children's attendance this term which is currently 97% which is well above the national average for Primary schools and hopefully shows how much our children enjoy learning. Just a reminder that if you are planning to take your child out of school in term time then you need to fill in a term time absence request form in advance. These can be obtained from Nikki in the office and returned to be agreed by a member of our leadership team. Unfortunately, term time absences will only be approved in exceptional circumstances and others have to be recorded as unauthorised absence.

Staff

Up until Christmas we are welcoming Kate Roberts to Clifton. Kate is a qualified teacher who has offered to help in school on a voluntary basis in order to enhance her experience.

Outdoor Learning

Squirrel and Fox will be doing Outdoor Learning on Monday afternoons so please send in outdoor learning kits for Years 2, 3 and 4. There will be no Outdoor Learning on Monday 19th December due to the Reindeer Run.

PTA News.

Non Uniform Day – on Friday 2nd December children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a tombola item. Please send in any gifts, toiletries, sweets, toys, bottles, chocolates etc that will make a suitable prize.

Please return all raffle tickets by Thursday 1st December. Extra tickets are available from the school office.



Christmas Fair - Friday 2nd December @ Hackthorpe Village Hall
6.00pm – 8.00pm

Please come along and support us and our guest stalls, including Tropic, Usbourne books, House of Fudge, Eden Creations, BCP Melts and Witch by the Fell – great Xmas shopping opportunities.

Volunteers are desperately needed on the night as there are currently not enough adults to cover all of the stalls. If you can help please contact a member of the PTA – you will still have the opportunity to enjoy the fair and make purchases.

The children have also been practising some festive songs to sing on the night so we look forward to hearing them.

Please send in cuddly toys, jigsaws and games before Friday 2nd and any cakes on Friday.

Next meetings – **13th December @ 7.00pm**. Please do come along and see how you can get involved.

Hedgehog Nativity Play

Mrs Collin and Mrs Chalmers are very busy preparing for this year's Hedgehog Class Nativity on December 8th and have been sorting through our costumes. If anyone has any costumes that your children have outgrown they would be very much appreciated - angel, star, Mary and Joseph would all be welcome.

Term Dates

It has been confirmed that next year there will be two bank holidays in early May. The first will be the May Day Bank Holiday on May 1st and there will be an additional one on the following Monday – 8th May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles.

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

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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