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Dear Parents/carers,

It has been lovely seeing all the children back at school and keen to learn. Fair to say that they were virtually buzzing earlier in the week with the excitement of Halloween and then Bonfire Night this weekend.

On Wednesday the children were visited by PCSO John Nicholson who spoke to them about firework safety. In this update we have included some key facts that you may wish to reinforce before the celebrations.

Diary Dates

Saturday 5th November - Bonfire & Fireworks at Milburn @ 6.30. No sparklers please

7th November – KS1 Basic Moves Festival @ Penrith Leisure Centre

16th November – school photos

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

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

8th December – Hedgehog Class Nativity

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) & Christmas Jumper Day

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

Separate letters will be sent for all sporting events.

Physical Education Lessons

This week's sessions at Penrith Leisure Centre went extremely well and on their return to school everyone was full of enthusiasm and accounts of how exciting the equipment was. From next week the children need to come to school in their PE kits (suitable for indoor and winter outdoor sessions) and bring their uniforms which will only be changed into if they get wet at Penrith. In two weeks' time both activities will be indoors so school uniforms will not need to be brought in.

Please do remember to send in water bottles as this week we had to give out 12 single use plastic bottles to children who had not brought them in.





School Meals

With the continued rise in energy and food cost's we are having to be very careful with planning our food orders in order to keep the current cost at £2:40 per child. Joanna is regularly making additional meals and/or wasting unwanted meals to account for late bookings. Going forward we may only be able to provide sandwiches or baguettes where children have not ordered in advance.

To help with this, we are making a further small change and asking that all meals and are made no later than Midday the Friday of the week prior.

It would also help us with staffing if Breakfast and After School Club are booked for the following week by Midday Friday as well.

If any bookings are required after this time, please contact the office to book directly with the school, to ensure we can accommodate the request.

Nikki in the office will send a reminder every Wednesday to remind you to book for the following week. We really would appreciate your help with this to keep our costs manageable.

Bonfire Night

A lot of children seem to be chatting about Milburn fireworks so here is some information about the event.

- 18.00 car parking attendants will guide visitors to parking areas
- 18.30 bonfire lit, food stall at Ruth's Barn and cake stall at the school - cash only please.
- 19.00 fire display & Euphoric Circus
- 19.30 firework display

Whilst there is no charge for the event there will be collection buckets for donations to help cover the cost of fireworks. This is an organised firework display so PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN FIREWORKS OR SPARKLERS. You will be asked to leave if you do. This is to comply with insurance and ensure a safe enjoyable evening. And finallyClassic FM are playing calming music that night, for those with pets.

An organised firework display is the safest way to enjoy Bonfire Night but however you choose to celebrate please remember the firework code is designed to keep everyone safe.



Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome Nikki Hipwell to the Office at Clifton School and hope she has enjoyed her first week at school.

Harvest Festival

The donations received for our Harvest Festival were dropped off at the Salvation Army Food Bank I Penrith so many thanks to all who contributed.

Outdoor Learning

Squirrel and Fox will be doing Outdoor Learning on Monday afternoons after half term so please send in outdoor learning kits for Years 2, 3 and 4.

Sports Kits

We have been delighted with how many children have participated in sporting events this term and also the success they have had. To build on this, we are looking at purchasing more kits for our sports teams and we wondered if any families or local businesses would be interested in sponsorship. Is this something you would like to support with, please contact us via the school office.

PTA News.

Christmas Fair - Friday 2nd 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.

Next meetings –**8th November @ 7.00pm**. Please do come along and see how you can get involved.

Autumn Term Clubs

Art Club – Mrs Brabant will be running an Art Club on Mondays until 4.30 for children in Years 1- 6. This will be reviewed and may be offered on Thursdays in the future. There will be no outdoor sports clubs this term due to the darker nights.

Term Dates

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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