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Dear Parents/carers,

Festive Fun Day

What a great end to the week and the start of an exciting festive season at Clifton School..... the children were kept busy all day long by a dedicated group of staff and volunteers. They took part in multi skills PE with Dan Sowerby, worked collaboratively to tidy our outdoor environment, created beautiful giant wreaths to decorate the village and individual snowflake decorations to sell at the Christmas Fair. The Year 1 and 2 children even had an afternoon of festive activities with Action Ants at Appleby and the rest of the school practised Christmas songs throughout the day. A MASSIVE thankyou to all who helped in any way! Many of the children mentioned to staff what a fun day they had had.



Diary Dates

PLEASE NOTE DATES UNDERLINED HAVE RECENTLY CHANGED in some way!

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

15th December - Christmas lunch

16th December – 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 & Christmas Jumper Day

20th December – last day of term

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.

Fox Class Out and About

On Monday afternoon Fox Class discovered more about the rich history of Clifton's past as they did a village trail exploring its historical features. They learned about the Border Reivers and the Battle of Clifton Moor.



Christmas Songs and Christmas Jumper Day



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) at Church at 2.00pm and we would love you to attend. Children can come to school in a **Christmas jumper** and voluntary donations are welcome towards Save the Children's Christmas Jumper appeal if parents would like to contribute. Grown ups coming to church – why not wear your Christmas jumper too?



Reindeer Run

Last year we participated in the first Reindeer Run organised by Jigsaw Children's Hospice and were delighted to raise nearly £700 for such a worthy cause.

This year's run will be much the same with Action Ants coming along and the PTA providing refreshments on the penultimate day of the school year – Monday 19th December. We can't think of a more fun and worthwhile way to end what has been a fantastic year for Clifton School but are also aware that there are many pressures on all our finances at this time of year. Sponsor forms will be sent home soon and there is a pair of reindeer antlers for every child safely stashed away at school. Family members are most welcome to come and join in the fun so please pop along if you can.

Jigsaw Shopping Event

Vicki would like to thank everyone who supported this amazing fundraiser last Saturday when they raised £4500 for Jigsaw Children's Hospice.

PTA News.



We are sure everyone will have enjoyed yesterday's Christmas Fair and thank everyone for all their dedication and hard work in making it happen. We will let you know the grand total raised once the Christmas elves have finished counting up!

Each year every child in school makes a Christmas tree decoration for our Christmas crafts stall at the fair. If you did not make it to the Fair each child's snowflake (see right photo) will be available to



purchase at school this coming week for £2. This money goes towards PTA funds.

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

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.

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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