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Dear Parents/carers,

Last week's 'quiet week' was definitely a one off and this has been another busy five days at Clifton.....

A letter about Music has been sent today also. If you need to fill in a paper version please write your response on a separate sheet or ask at the office.

Clif's Council

The seven members of the School Council met for their second meeting on Tuesday lunchtime and shared the views of their classmates on two important issues.

- What to have as the Team Points treat
- What they would like for school lunches

The whole school will be invited to vote on the treat during Monday's assembly and Joanna and Mrs Brabant are discussing the feasibility of their meal ideas. Joanna will also make some samples of some of the new meal ideas for children and parents to taste during the final week of this half term.



Football Friendly V Beaconside



The Year 4 boys did themselves very proud on Tuesday at their 'friendly' match against Beaconside. Joanna accompanied them to the match and said that everyone gave 100% and showed fantastic behaviour and sportsmanship! Mr Page was a very 'impartial' referee and the post match refreshments were most appreciated.



Hockey



It has been a busy week on the sport's field and we say a very big well done to the Year 3/4 hockey team who won all of their games in the Quicksticks tournament on Thursday and are through to the next round. Thanks to Miss Simpson for arranging all the sporting events and after school club and Joanna for the extra practise sessions and going along to support the team.

PLEASE RETURN ALL SPORTS KITS TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY

Nursery

The closing date for September applications for our School Nursery is 24th March 2023. If you, family or friends are looking for Nursery places, please contact the school office for more information, a visit or a chat with one of our team.

Child Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and we have planned a range of activities to look at things that might cause us to worry and how to build up the children's resilience for difficult or worrying situations. We are also going to be thinking about what activities make us happy and putting these ideas into a jar of happiness to be selected from each day.

Volunteer Reader

For the last few years we have very much valued the time and dedication of Alison Butland who came in to school every week to listen to children read. The children really enjoyed this time and their reading skills definitely benefitted from this extra practise and attention. We very much miss this extra support and are wondering if there was anyone who thought they might like to give it a go. All the adults who have done it in the past have enjoyed the experience and found it very rewarding. Parents, grandparents or any other willing volunteer is most welcome so please get in touch with Mrs Brabant if you are interested.



Uniform

It has been a long time since we have mentioned uniform so this is just a brief reminder of our expectations:

- Navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan with the school logo
- White/pale blue polo shirts with/without school logo
- Grey/black/navy skirt, pinafore or trousers.
- Black shoes (trainers are only permitted for PE)

- In the summer a blue and white school dress or school uniform shorts can be worn

PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM IS NAMED

Parking

We are aware that parking is tricky at Clifton with limited space and heavy traffic and appreciate the efforts made by families to walk to school whenever possible. We have been asked by the Police to remind parents to please park with consideration for local residents at drop off and pick up times.

Work Placement

On Wednesdays and Thursdays for the next two weeks, former Clifton pupil, Freya Jones will be on work placement as part of her college course and will be working in all classes across the school.

Parent Pay

Just a reminder to please review your parent pay accounts for any outstanding balances.

Spring Term Clubs

Miss Simpson will run a netball/hockey club for Years 3-6 on Thursdays 3.30-4.30
Mrs Newman will run a coding club (ICT) on Monday afternoons for Years 3-6 (3.30 – 4.30)
Mrs Brabant will run an art club on Mondays for all children from Year 1- 6
Mrs Collin will run a games club on Tuesday lunchtimes and Miss Coutts a lego club on Thursday lunchtimes.

Games Club is very popular and a lovely way for children of different ages to enjoy activities together.



Diary Dates

W/B 6th February – Child Mental Health Week

Monday 6th February – Basic Moves Festival for Years 1/2

Tuesday 7th February – London Information Meeting for parents via zoom @ 7.00pm

15th February – KS1 Action Ants Archery & Golf Festival at Culgaith

16th February – Clifton School Gymnastics Festival at Penrith Leisure Centre – an informal opportunity to come and see what the children have been learning during their gymnastics lessons – 10.00 am – 11.30 am

w/b 20th February – Half Term

2nd March – Bag 2 School Collection (see PTA news below)

6-8th March – London Residential (Deer Class)

10th March – U Dance @ Sands Centre (Deer Class)

17th March – Deer Class clay daffodil workshop at Lowther

24th March – PTA Easter Bingo

31st March – Easter Church celebration – 2pm

7th July – Non Uniform Day for PTA Summer Fair tombola prize

Separate letters will be sent for all sporting events

PE at Penrith Leisure Centre will be taking place every Thursday morning until **Easter** so don't forget that children should come to school already dressed in PE kit. **After Half Term Years 4,5 & 6 will be swimming on Thursday mornings so will need their swimming kits.**

Outdoor Learning

This half term Hedgehog and Deer class will be doing Outdoor Learning on Monday afternoons. Finding spare clothing and footwear takes up valuable time that could be spent outdoors so **please ensure your Nursery, Reception, Year 1,5 & 6 children have appropriate clothing and footwear in school that is both suitable for getting mucky and keeping warm.**

Tax Free Childcare



Many parents may be interested to know that both our After School and Breakfast Clubs are considered to be approved childcare under the Government's Tax Free Childcare scheme. You might be eligible for up to £500 every 3 months for each of you children to help towards childcare costs so why not take a look? [Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

PTA News.

Next meetings – **Tuesday 7th March, 25th April & 13th June @ 7.00pm.** Please do come along and see how you can get involved.

PTA Events

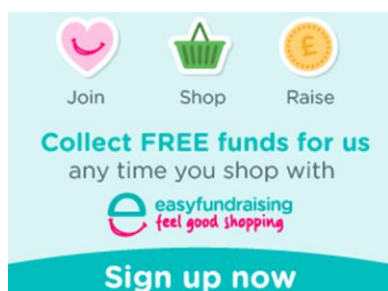
2nd March – Bag 2 School collection

24th March – PTA Easter Bingo

30th June – Dino Drive (similar to Beetle Drive)

8th July – Summer Fair

The PTA are planning a Bag 2 School collection for **Thursday 2nd March** so if you are having a clear out soon please save it for the PTA. They collect: men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), bags/belts, hats, scarves/ ties, jewellery, lingerie & socks, soft toys, household linen including towels, curtains, bed sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases.



For an easy and cost free way to support Clifton Primary School why not take a look at

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cliftoncountyppta/

Donations are made every time you shop online with many popular companies and there really no catches at all. It is similar to Amazon Smile, which is no more, but more generous with donations.

Term Dates

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
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

Bank Holidays – Monday 1st & Monday 8th May

School year 2023/2024

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 06 September 2023	Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October	Tuesday 19 December

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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