

CLIFTON PRIMARY

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Welcome

A HUGE welcome back to school to all our returning children and parents/carers and a MASSIVE welcome to our new children and parents/carers - we look forward to getting to know you all!

We have had a very busy first few weeks at school welcoming our new teachers too! The children have made everyone welcome including Mrs Lewis in Year 6, Mr Marshall in Year 3, Mrs Gounari in Year 3, Mr Brizland and Miss Davies in Year 1/2 and Mr Ratchford and Miss West in Nursery, Mrs Burns in Forest school and Mrs Hanbridge in the office.

I am hoping this newsletter answers a couple of questions some of you have raised over the last couple of weeks.

What is school's policy on uniform? Is this uniform affordable?

The children have returned / started school looking very smart this term—we are delighted, thank you! To keep our uniform affordable we only have a logo on the jumpers/cardigans and t-shirts and while we would like the children to have at least the jumper/cardigan with a logo on—we do not ask parents to purchase these but we do sell them from the office at a cheaper price than elsewhere. We do however want our children to look smart all year and we really appreciate your support in this. Please can we further ask that you continue to ensure that the children come in in the correct PE uniform of plain black shorts / leggings or joggers and a plain black or white t-shirt. Trainers should also be black. No football shirts / logo t-shirts please.

What is my child learning at school?

At Clifton we know that when you ask your child what they have done at school they often are lost for words—or simply say 'nothing'. However that is never the case here! So, as parents, you can keep up with the children's learning, we often post any pictures of our activities on our Instagram (Clifton_sch). This is where you can see the amazing things the children do during the week at school. Please follow us! We also have the outline for the term on our website under the 'classes' tab. This means you will know the different subjects your child is learning about so you can talk to them about it.

Trips and visits— why doesn't school pay?

At Clifton we really want the children to experience as many different opportunities as possible: From horse riding to residential, theatre visits to guest speakers. These cannot happen without you or your financial support. School always heavily subsidises any trip or visit but if the vast majority of parents do not contribute, sadly, we cannot go ahead as school does not have the budget to pay fully. Some parents/carers do pay more—which is very generous and we appreciate it. We do try to give lots of notice (e.g. the Christmas Panto booked in Summer) so parents can pay in instalments to try and help. We really understand that the cost of living is rising but we do rely on your voluntary contributions and thank you for your support in this.

When can parents visit the school and see the children learn?

Over the next few weeks we will be inviting you into school. We do appreciate that it is not always possible for parents/carers to attend these mornings / afternoons due to work commitments—but we will try and give you as much notice as possible so you can arrange to come in. Please check out the dates on the next page—one of the first being the Harvest Open Morning on Monday 17th October.

Have a great weekend!

L.M.Jones

Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Autumn 1 & 2

Wednesday 12th October	Reception Reading Meeting 3.30—4.00
Monday 17th October	8.40—11.00am Open morning for parents 8.40 in the hall.
Thursday 20th October	Individual school photographs
Friday 21st October	HALF TERM
Tuesday 1st November	SCHOOL OPENS
Monday 7th November— Friday 11th November	Book Fair in school
Wednesday 16th November	Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.50pm
Wednesday 14th December	Panto Trip Year 1—Year 6
Wednesday 21st December	Carol Concert a.m. School closes at 1.30 p.m. for Christmas Holidays



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 30th September

9.00 a.m.—10.30 a.m.

in the school hall

We are asking for donations of cakes or biscuits
which should be sent in on Thursday 29th

All parents are welcome

