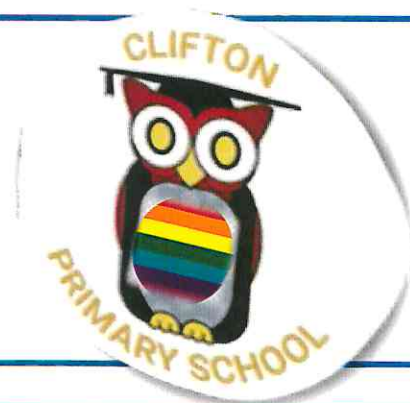


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Head Teacher News

A Happy New Year to you all—I hope you all enjoyed your break.

It was lovely to welcome the children back into school again and settle them in for this next term. On the back of this newsletter are the dates for your diary for the Spring Term. This will hopefully help you organise your time, children and everything else!

A few parents have asked about what happens to the money we raise at school, please see a break down below. When staff send letters out for trips and visits they always include a breakdown of costs. How much the trip costs overall, how much the school contributes and how much we are asking you, as parents and carers to contribute to enable the trip to go ahead. Sadly, school does not have sufficient funds to pay for all trips and visits but does seek to try and keep costs down wherever possible. Without the vast majority of parents paying the trips cannot happen.

Last term we had a few class trips and visits all subsidised by school:

Magician show for EYFS cost £195—after parental contributions made a loss of £156.00

Panto KS1 & KS2 £4260.90—after parental contributions made a loss of £134.38

Father Christmas photos raised £835.00— minus school items, photo paper / selection boxes / books for all children / back drop scene, raised a total of £91.61

Christmas Raffles from donations of bottles, chocolate and Manchester United Foundation raised £483.00

Christmas singalongs raised £124

Year 6 trip to Lark Hill cost £471.00 with £200 subsidy from school, with parental contributions made a loss of £8.07

PJ and Movie night raised £532.25 with £200 going to charity and £120.61 costs for the tuck shop, raised £211.64 for school funds.

Total raised for school funds so far has been £910.25. This money goes directly into the school funds and is used to heavily subsidise school trips and visits as well as buy resources for the children e.g. costumes, the school stage.

At Clifton we also believe that it is really important that our children understand the need to support charities both near and further afield. Therefore, sometimes we ask for donations for Harvest Festival, Non-uniform day for Red Nose day or MacMillan Coffee morning etc. This money goes directly to those charities. We really appreciate your ongoing support for these charities. This year the school council has chosen to support MacDonald House (to which we have donated £200 so far) as one of our children had been extensively cared for there. Other charities include:

Macmillan Coffee morning raised £310.40 for MacMillan cancer support.

The Harvest Festival collected over 30 bags of food divided between the Loaves and Fishes Charity and St Anne's church—both of whom run food banks.

The Poppy Appeal raised £224.09

Children in Need non-uniform day raised 165.05

Save the Children via Christmas Jumper day raised £150.80.

Book fair raised £725.00 - all of which was spent on books for the different reading corners in the classrooms in school.

Going forward school will continue to contribute to the running costs of trips but we do need to ensure that we lose as little money as possible.

Have a lovely weekend. L. M. Jones

SPRING DIARY DATES



We will contact you with further details for some of these events.

Information in red will involve parental support or contribution

Date	Event	Additional Information
JANUARY		
19th	Design a Pancake Competition	
22nd	Afterschool clubs can be booked by parents	
23rd	KS1 visit to St Anne's Church	
FEBRUARY		
1st	LGBTQ+ History Month (begins 5 th February)	
5 th	Clubs restart Year 5 Magistrate visit Last week to buy tickets for the Winter Dance	£2.00 per ticket. Tuck shop open on the night
9th	Year 6 Magistrate visit	
10th	Chinese New Year (Dragon)	
11th	Deadline for design a pancake competition	
12th	KS2 Winter Dance 3.45 – 5.00 p.m. prompt	Collect your child from their usual door
13th	Winners of the pancake competition – share pancakes with Senior Leaders	
16th	Winning Owl House non-uniform – text to be sent out Open Afternoon for Parents – book sharing 2.00 – 2.45 p.m. (parents can take children with them once finished)	
16th	School closes for Half Term	
26th	School opens after Half Term	
26th	Year 6 SATs boosters begin. Children will be invited to attend sessions, 8.00 a.m – 8.30 a.m. Mon - Thurs	
MARCH		
1st	Year 5 and 6 Wonder Dome Planetarium	£4.11 per child
4th	World Book Week Competition: create your own poem for poetry slam Friday 8th	
5th	KS1 and KS2 Spelling Bee	
7th	World Book Day – dress up day	
8th	Poetry Slam PJ and Slippers Day (free to all) plus free hot chocolate (or drink) for each child	
11th	Assessment Week 11 th – 22 nd March	
13th	3.30 p.m. Year 2 SATs Meeting 4.00 p.m. Year 6 SATs/Lledr Hall meeting Creche available	
15th	Red Nose Day – wear something red	Parental Donation
18th	Book Fair arrives in school	
20th	Parents Evening 1.30 – 7.00 p.m. Please book appointments via the app	
21st	Odd Socks and non-uniform for Downs Syndrome Awareness Day	Parental Donation
25th	Bring in entries for Eggstravaganza	
27th	Judging day for Eggstravaganza Winning House rewards	TBC
28th	Open Afternoon for Parents 1.20 – 2.30 p.m. parents can take their child home with them	
28th	School closes for Easter	
APRIL		
15th	School opens after Easter	
15 th & 16th	Triathlon in school. All children to wear PE kits for 2 days	
17th	Year 6 trip to Air Raid Shelters	£13.78 per child