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Dear Parents,

Our value for this half term is: Responsibility

ATTENDANCE THIS TERM, SO FAR

R – 94.22% INF --95.90%
LJN – 97.10% UPJN – 95.05%

Dates:

Sat 21st Sept: Bag packing at the co-op
Thurs 26th Sept: European Day of Language
Fri 27th Sept: A group of y5 and 6 canoeing
Tues 1st Oct – Child measurement programme Year R and 6
Wednesday 2nd Oct: No pens day
Thurs 3rd Oct: World poetry day
Monday 7th October: Coffee morning for parents
Thurs 10th Oct: Nasal flu vacc
Thurs 10th Oct: Messy Church
Mon 14th Oct: Hockey tournament (provisional booking)
Fri 18th Oct: Year 6 paddle boarding (provisional booking)
Fri 18th Oct: PTFA Quiz night at the Baskerville Arms
Fri 18th Oct: performance of Joseph at Dorstone Church
Mon 21st October: Enrichment day (more details to follow)
Tues 22nd Oct: Harvest assembly 2pm
Thurs 24th Oct: PTFA fundraising Halloween disco.
Fri 25th Oct: Non-uniform day
Fri 25th Oct: Last day of half term
Fri 8th Nov: Reports out
Mon 11th Nov: Parents evening
Tues 12th Nov: parents evening
Thurs 18th Nov: Cinema trip; The Grinch
Fri 29th Nov: Y3 and 4 trip to Caerleon
Sunday 1st Dec: Service of light
Tues 10th Dec: Christmas carols
Wed 11th Dec: Christmas carols
Fri 20th Dec: Finish for Christmas

Clubs

All clubs started this week. Most clubs have a good number of children attending. However Tuesday's multi-skills club and Spanish club had very few children sign up.

For these clubs to run we really need more children attending them.

We would like to open the KS1 multi skills club to year 3 children as well. If you would like your child to attend please sign up on parent pay or phone the office.

Spanish club: Sadly Mely will be unable to run the Spanish club due to lack of numbers. I will refund all people who have signed up for it so far.

School Parliament: The School Parliament met for the first time this year. This is a time when all the children have their say.

There were 2 items on the agenda; what is good about Clifford Primary School? And how could we make it better? (Their School Vision)

Once again the children came up with some wonderful and things and they were not too outrageous. Here are just a few of the ideas the children had.

What is good about Clifford Primary School? The beautiful environment, playtimes, friends, teachers, lunches, fun lessons, friendly school, fun days, forest school, when everyone comes together, displays, sports, Maths, Science, Art, music and the list goes on.

What could we do this year to make it better? Things they want more of; lego, equipment, small spoons, shows (circus), trips, football posts, foot pump, tractor tyres in the garden, clock for the hall, school trips
Events; BBQ, rugby day, whole school picnic, fashion show, bug hunt

On Monday 7th October, I would like to hold an informal coffee morning (9am-10am) for parents, where you could add to the list or just enjoy a drink and a cake with other parents.

School Dinners

Thank you to all the parents that have signed up for hot dinners for this half term. Orders have gone in to the caterers for next week and can I remind all parents that they need to order by next Tuesday evening, by the latest, for the following week.

New Reception parents

The order forms that were originally filled out for the Reception children covered their choices for just the first three weeks. Therefore, if you would like your child/ren to continue to receive cooked dinners then please could you activate your ParentPay account and place orders before Wednesday morning. If you have any difficulty at all doing this, then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Peachey. Even though children in Reception are eligible for universal free school meals, we still need you to order so that we can order the right quantity of food. Many thanks for your cooperation.



Year 5 and 6 canoeing: Children in Year 5 and 6 have been given free taster canoeing sessions from the Canoe Club in Hay.

The Canoe Club is funded by Sport Wales, Co-op Hay Community Fund, Hay Town Council and the Hay Fund and is sponsored by Want to Canoe?. For further information please contact Clare Fry the Secretary on 01497 820604 or email club@canoehire.com

The children who attended on Friday 6th September had a wonderful time, see our website for photos. Other groups the others are going on Friday 13th September and Friday 27th September (separate letters have been given out, please check the kit list and the date which is on the top of the letter.)

FLU VACCINATION

Letters and consent forms have gone out today for child flu vaccinations. This has been rolled out this year to all children in primary schools from Year R to Year 6. The schools vaccination team have informed me that they are happy for any parent to contact them if they have any queries at all. The telephone number to use is 03003034017. The vaccinations will take place on Thursday 10th October and they use a nasal spray (no scary needles!). Please could consent forms be returned to the office as soon as possible. We need all forms whether you are opting in or out. Many thanks.

PTFA

The PTFA met last night – thank you to everyone who attended. A separate PTFA newsletter will be distributed with news but, in the meantime, please can we have volunteers for a fundraising bag packing session at the Co-op in Hay on Saturday 21st September. This is a great opportunity for your child(ren) to have fun and get involved with fundraising for the school. Most children are left feeling that they really have “done their bit” so please do sign up if you can spare any time at all. Many thanks

Reminders:

Think carefully about where you park your car.

Do not let your child/ren go on the play equipment after school

Label your child's clothes

Please ensure your child's snack is nut free

Please avoid holidays in term time. Thanks

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A message from Revd Luci Morris (borderlink benefice)

Students are invited to take part in a performance of **“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”** at DORSTONE CHURCH on Friday, 18th October at 7pm.

There will be 3 rehearsals on Saturday mornings in Dorstone Village Hall at 11.00 am on September 28th, October 5th & 12th. Also, all taking part must attend the final rehearsal in Dorstone Church on Monday, 14th October at 5pm.

There could be an opportunity for any GROUPS or TALENTED SOLOISTS to take part in this concert too. Please be prepared to join in the choir rehearsals above. Having a drummer would really enhance the performance.

Please note, all children **MUST BE ABLE TO READ** (suggest 8+. However a younger brother or sister could take part.)

I envisage that each rehearsal will last approximately 45 minutes and we ask that a parent or carer remains with their child/ren during the rehearsals. Tea and coffee will be provided but any adults wishing to join in the singing would be most welcome!

Please browse our website for photos and any updates.

If you need any further information on anything, do not hesitate to ask.
Yours sincerely,

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