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Autumn Term Newsletter 2 - 13/9/2017

Special Mention

Congratulations to our children whose special achievements were celebrated with our Special Mention Certificates in our Collective Worship on Friday.



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, School was a hive of activity throughout the summer, and you will hopefully notice some positive changes when you walk through the gate! New signage and playground markings have improved the outside and our new school logo is now painted on the wall at the front of the hall. Thank you to Mr Turner for doing this - it looks fabulous. Staff have been busy preparing classrooms, and have very much enjoyed meeting their new classes this week. Staff and Governors have agreed on our priorities for school improvement. Our main priorities are:-

1. To accelerate achievement in maths across the school
2. To accelerate achievement in phonics and reading across the school
3. To accelerate achievement in writing across the school
4. To develop the children's role in regularly planning, leading and evaluating collective worship
5. To develop the leadership and staff team; building confidence to create a shared vision with defined roles and responsibilities

We are focussing on accelerating achievement in key curriculum areas, and the senior leadership team and Governors will meet regularly to monitor the progress of all children in school. Teachers will keep parents informed of ways they can support their children. Your opinions and ongoing support have been very much appreciated. The parents' questionnaires that were sent out at the end of last term were analysed by one of our Governors and were overwhelmingly positive. A copy of the analysis is available on the notice board inside the entrance hall. Staff and Governors have celebrated strengths and considered all suggestions for improvement. Pupil questionnaires were also analysed and contributions from all stakeholders have been valued and added to the school improvement plan.

A new office system

We get a number of flyers and information from the local community who ask that we hand out to the children at Pennington. The office has therefore introduced a new system where all this information is put into a box and a child from each class collects the box and takes back to their class to be distributed to the children. In a morning the box will be returned to the office with any information from the class teacher and parents.

In future please can parents let their child pass on permission slips, trip money, after school club slips and money, etc to their teacher to put in the box.

Aquathlon

Well done to those in Year 5 and 6 taking part in the Aquathlon today. They were all involved in a swim and a very hard run but all did extremely well. Congratulations everyone.

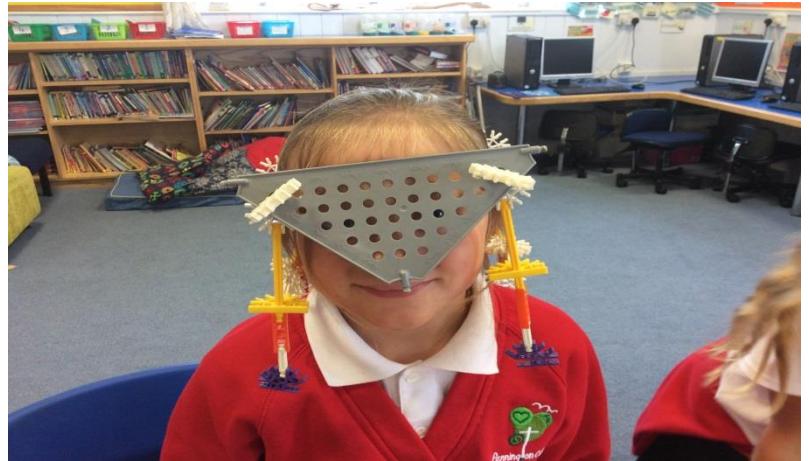
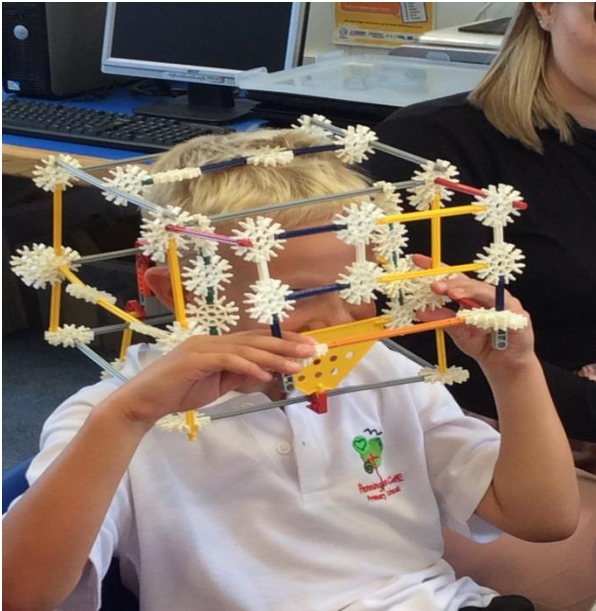


Year 6 Trip to Westmorland County Show - Thursday 14th September

The Children going to the County Show may wish to buy items from the stalls - it is not a requirement but we suggest that if your child does want to take any money with them then a limit of £5.00 should be sufficient.

Stem

STEM Ambassadors have been in school this week working with Years 1,2,3,4 and 5. Activities included K'Nex challenge, Electronics and Robotics.



First Parents Evening

The first parents evening of the year will be on the 26th September. This is an early opportunity for parents to meet new teachers, and discuss how your child has settled into their new class. You can also share any concerns and pass on any useful information. Signing in sheets will be available in the entrance hall from next Friday 15th September.

Uniform

The children have all returned to school looking smart. Our uniform is now available sporting our new logo; however, uniform displaying the old logo can be worn until Easter next year. The new PE kit is proving very popular and looks fantastic. Please ensure all children have a waterproof coat with them as the weather is turning wintry. Below is a list of uniform:

Boys

- Grey trousers or tailored shorts
- White polo with or without school logo
- Red sweatshirt with school logo
- Black shoes (not trainers)
- Black grey or white socks

PE Kits

- Black shorts without or without school logo
- Red & black PE top with school logo
- Trainers/Pumps for indoor use
- Trainers for outdoor use
- Black track suit bottoms (for outdoor use)
- Pennington Red Hoody (for outdoor use)

Girls

- Grey trousers tailored shorts or skirts
- Grey pinafore/red & white checked summer dress
- Red sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo
- White polo with or without school logo
- Black shoes (without heels)
- Black grey or white socks or black grey or red tights

Earrings

Earrings must be taken out or covered with tape for PE. This must be done at home or by the child themselves. Staff are unable to help due to safeguarding restrictions.

Healthy Lunchboxes

Just a reminder that we expect children to bring a healthy lunch to school. We encourage parents to support this by packing nutritious, well-balanced foods/snacks.

After school activities - PLEASE NOTE MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER CLUBS WILL BE CANCELLED DUE TO STAFF TRAINING

We aim to offer a range of lunchtime and after school activities throughout the year. The timetable for this term is displayed below. There will be a charge of £10 per half term for any clubs marked in red as there is a cost to the school to run these clubs. We still consider this to be good value. Money should be paid into the office in an envelope with your child's name and the club they will be attending marked clearly. All children attending after school activities will need a slip completing. More of these can be obtained from the entrance hall. Thank you to staff for giving their time freely to offer these opportunities.

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After School Club consent form

Child's name Class

I give permission for my child to attend club

held on a

Signed Parent/Carer

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Dinnertime/After-School activities Autumn 2017

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Year 3 and 4 Craft Club (limit 20 children)	Miss Preston	Year 5 classroom	3.00-4.00pm
	Year 5 and 6 Science Club (limit 10 pupils)	Mr McQuillan	Learning Den	3.00-4.00pm
CANCELLED MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER DUE TO STAFF TRAINING				
Tuesday	Year 3- 6 Football	Tom	Field/ Hall if wet	3.00-4.00pm
	Chess Club	Mrs Storey	Year 5	12.30-1.00pm
Wednesday	Year 3-6 Homework Support	Miss Kenny	Year 3	12.00-12.30
	Year 1 and 2 Multi-skills	Tom	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
Thursday	Year 5 and 6 Netball Club	Miss Barnes	Outside/ Hall if wet	3.00-4.00pm
Friday	Year 1and 2 Gymnastics Club	Mrs Deardon Mrs Storey	Hall	3,00-4.00pm