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Autumn Term Newsletter 4 - 27/9/2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Special Mention

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



Learning Loft Project – Brantwood

Year 4 were invited to take part in the Learning Loft Project at Brantwood, near Coniston. The Learning Loft Project organises visits to Brantwood, Coniston, the home of Victorian social reformer, green thinker and artist John Ruskin, for pupils at schools in Barrow, Walney and Ulverston. The aim is for children from the local towns to make the best use of the wonderful house, grounds and gardens, working from the former Hayloft which has been converted into a beautiful and well equipped base for lifelong learning. The children took part in a range of art and craft activities - sketching, making bookmarks, finding natural pigments and recorded their own activities using ipads. All the activities were designed to introduce the Ruskinian principles of education in a simple, natural and fun way. The children were well behaved and found this visit to be really useful and enjoyable.

Harvest Festival

Next Friday, 6th October, we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival at church. The children will be walking up to church in the morning and we would like them to bring a food donation which the church will collect and pass on to a local charity. On this occasion we will not be able to invite parents. However we would appreciate some help walking the children up to church. If you are able to help, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Friends of Pennington

Friends of Pennington are holding their AGM on Wednesday 4th October at 7.00pm at The Welly, Loppergarth. Anyone is welcome to come along, find out what is going on this year and get involved. We don't expect you to commit huge amounts of your time, but maybe you would be willing to help organise just one event during the year. So come along, have a drink and see if there is anything you would like to be involved in.

Reminder for Payment of After School Activities

Please can I remind parents whose children take part in **Craft Club, Football and Multi Skills** that there is now a £10.00 charge for these clubs. For those who still need to pay, please can you put £10 in an envelope with your child's name and which activity they are taking part in and return to the class teacher to put in the classroom box. Many thanks.

Young Voices Choir

Mrs Solloway is taking choir again ready for Young Voices in Manchester - anyone who wants to join us, please come along. It will be in the year 1 classroom on Wednesday 3.00pm to 4.00. Because the young voices concert is such a big event, and such a long day, we only invite years 2-6 to take part. There will be a Christmas choir later next half term which will be open to everyone. There will be a cost involved in participating in the Young Voices concert as we will need to pay for coaches. There will also be an option of buying a t-shirt but this is not compulsory. If your child would like to come to young voices choir please fill in an after school consent forms available on the end of this newsletter.

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.

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 wintery. 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

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

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)

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

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.



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
Tuesday	Year 3- 6 Football	Tom	Field/ Hall if wet	3.00-4.00pm
	Chess Club	Mrs Storey	Year 5 classroom	12.30-1.00pm
Wednesday	Year 3-6 Homework Support	Miss Kenny	Year 3 classroom	12.00-12.30
	Year 1 and 2 Multi-skills	Tom	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
	Young Voices Choir	Mrs Solloway	Year 1 classroom	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

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After School Club consent form

Child's name Class

I give permission for my child to attend club

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Signed Parent/Carer

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