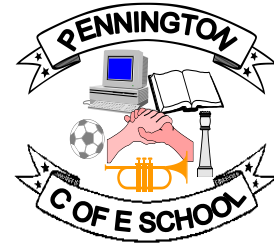


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Autumn Term Newsletter 1 – 08/09/2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a great holiday and are ready for a new year at Pennington. Staff have been working hard throughout the holiday and we are really proud of the changes we have made during the summer holidays, particularly to the inside of the building. A big thank you and a special mention must go to Mr Milby who has painted the hall in a smart magnolia and white with glossy red doors. New displays decorate the walls, both informing and celebrating the work we do and the achievements of Pennington pupils. Visitors have noticed and commented on the improvements and the children seem impressed too which pleases us most.

Our first week is busy and exciting. Everyone seems to have settled well into their new classes and routines are quickly being established. On our first day back we finished the day with a welcome back/ fresh start assembly and teachers shared their positive opinions about what makes their new class special.

Thank you from Staff

Staff would like to thank all parents and children for cards and presents received at the end of last term. They were very much appreciated.

Sports News

We are very proud to announce that we have been awarded the School Sports GOLD award in recognition of all the PE opportunities we offered the children last year. It is a nationally recognised accreditation for which we should be very proud. We intend to continue providing sports coaching during PE sessions and a range of after school sports clubs aimed at

different age groups throughout the year. We will continue to arrange intra school competitive and non competitive events and will also enter competitive events with local schools as we are informed of them. We would like to thank parents for supporting and helping with transport and feel sure that many of you will take pride and share in our success.

P.E. Kits

Please can we remind you that children should have their PE kits in school every day. Pupils will need black shorts, white t-shirts and (well-fitting) pumps for indoors/ trainers for outdoors. You were informed last year that Identity now stock red hoodies with PENNINGTON printed on the back. You can purchase these and children can wear them for outdoor PE if it is cold, as well as travelling to and from school in them. They are smart and practical and can be personalised with initials. They are an optional addition to our school kit.

Please can we remind everyone that earrings **should** be removed for PE. If children cannot do this themselves, earrings should be removed at home on PE days. Unfortunately staff will not be able to tape earrings as this takes time and can cause irritation to small ears.

Lantern Procession

If pupils would like to be involved in this year's Ulverston Lantern Festival on 17th September, kits are available from various outlets around Ulverston. The theme this year is 'Into the Woods' which allows a great opportunity for creativity. We will not be making lanterns in school this year but are looking forward to supporting the Canal Anchor festival in October. There will be more details to follow about this event nearer the time.

Happy lantern making.

Roald Dahl Day

On Tuesday 13th September we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day in school and all classes will be taking part in activities based on one of Britain's most famous children's authors. Parents do not need to provide anything.

Tickets for the Wizard of Oz

Tickets will be sent out to those people who ordered them for the Wizard of Oz. Unfortunately we will not be ordering any more through school but if you have now decided that you would like tickets, please contact the Coronation Hall Box Office.

Jon Byrne Concert

On September the 27th Jon Byrne, who for anyone who doesn't know is a parent and student teaching assistant at Pennington, as well as a singer

songwriter, has agreed to perform for one night only to raise money for the Friends of Pennington Committee. The not-to-be-missed concert will take place at the Laurel and Hardy museum, venue kindly donated by Mark Greenhow, another parent and member of the Friends Committee. It promises to be a great night! Pie and Peas and the chance of seeing the teachers enjoying themselves will surely attract a huge crowd.

The tickets are available on a first come- first served basis from the school office or Mrs Hockaday.

We look forward to your support. Some of the money raised will be spent on new musical instruments for the children to use in school.

Detail changes

Please inform the school office of any new contact details or any change in circumstances. Thank you.

It is also of paramount importance that we know who should be collecting your child from school. If it is going to be someone different, please tell your child if possible and let your child's class teacher know. If we have not been informed, we will not be able to release your child at the end of the day.

Consent Letter

Please complete the social media/ educational visits consent letter attached below and return to the school office.

Glaxo Orange Days.

We would like to express a huge thank you to the Glaxo employees who have volunteered two days of time to help us around school. Neil Cowen, one of our governors organised the days with colleagues and the first day was spent painting year 6. Mr McQuillan was thrilled and has worked hard to create an impressive, bright and inspiring learning environment that really enhances the clean and bright classroom. The pupils have been busy writing thank you letters and enjoying their new room. The next Orange Day will be this Friday (tomorrow) when the employees will be working outside, weeding and painting! We are really hoping for a fine day. If any parent would like to join in and help, you are more than welcome. Please arrive at the school office at 9am.

After school activities

After school activities will start the week beginning 19th September. The timetable for this half term is attached below. Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and hand in to the office, if your child wants to attend an activity. One slip per person, per activity please.

School homework/ reading diaries

There will be no homework set this week as it is the first week back. Next week your child will bring home a reading/ homework diary along with their homework. The diary is different than last years as they were very expensive and bulky. Please encourage your child to read each night and sign their diary to show that you have encouraged this. Individual teachers will set appropriate homework for their classes in line with school policy.

This is a long initial letter as there is always a lot going on at Pennington C of E Primary School. We aim to keep you well informed. If you are not yet following us on Twitter, please consider as you will get a real insight into everyday life in school with lots of photos.

Dates for Autumn Term

Monday 12 September	Reception Class Open Day
Monday 19 September	Gymnastic Club with Mrs Storey & Mrs Nevinson for Year 1 & 2 – 3.00 To 4.00 pm
Tuesday 20 September	Debate Club with Mrs Storey & Mrs Wright 12.00 – 12.30 pm Informal Parents Evening Year's 1-6 3.15 to 3.45 and 4.00 to 4.30 Football Club Key Stage 2 with Tom & Mr McQuillan – 3.00 – 4.00 pm
Wednesday 21 September	Choir with Mrs Solloway & Miss Kenny Year 2 upwards 3.00 – 4.00pm Lego Club with Mrs Kitts 3.00 – 4.00pm Tag Rugby with Tom for Year 5 & 6 3.00 – 4.00pm
Thursday 22 September	Netball for Years 5 & 6 with Miss Exley & Mrs Gallivan 3.00 – 4.15pm Cowran Farm with Mrs Winder 3.00 – 4.30pm
Saturday 1 October	Jon Byrne Concert at the Laurel & Hardy Museum - £12 per ticket to Include Pie & Peas.

Monday 3 October

Family Day – Global Learning



After-school activities

Autumn 2016

Day	Activity	Leader
Monday	Gymnastics Yr 1 and 2 (3pm-4pm)	Mrs Nevinson and Mrs Storey
Tuesday	Debate club 12.00-12.30pm Football (girls and boys Key Stage 2)	Mrs Storey and Mrs Wright Tom and Mr McQuillan
Wednesday	Choir Yr 2- upwards Lego Yr 1 and 2 Tag Rugby (Yr 5 and 6 3pm-4pm)	Mrs Solloway and Miss Kenny Mrs Kitts Tom
Thursday	Netball Year 5 and 6 (3pm -4.15) Cowran Farm (A year group each week) Ukuleles Yr 4 – 3pm – 4pm	Miss Exley and Mrs Gallivan Mrs Winder Mr Byrne and Mrs Hockaday
Friday		



Dear Parents/Carers,

In line with changes in policy documents and in order to update our records we ask that you read and sign the following documents regarding educational visits, use of your child's image and pain relief.

This written parental consent will last for all activities for the duration your child attends this school unless family circumstances which may affect parental responsibility change. **You may withdraw any of these consents at any time.**

Educational Visits

Please read the declaration, complete the medical information section and tell us who your two main emergency contacts are should your child experience an emergency at school or off-site.

The Use of Your Child's Image

We may wish to take images of activities that involve your child and use them for displays inside or outside school, in publications and on web/social networking sites managed by us, or with our permission, others associated with us. This may include pictures that have been drawn by children. Images that might cause embarrassment or distress will not be used nor will images of your child be associated with materials or issues that are considered sensitive. You can ask to see any images that we hold of your child at any time.

Photography or filming will only take place with the permission of the Head teacher, and under appropriate supervision. When filming or photography is carried out by the news media, they are exempt from the data Protection Act 1998, but it is our policy that children will only be named if there is a particular reason to do so (e.g. they have won a prize), and no other personal details will be given out. However, it is important to understand that unless your child is part of a large group, it is likely that the media will require your child's full name before an image is used. If you give your consent to this, you should be aware that these images and your child's name may appear in local or national newspapers and worldwide online.

Please carefully consider the consent descriptions in the form below and indicate those which you **do** consent to by initialling beside each one. Where you do not consent, please leave the space blank.

If you wish to attend school functions and take images of your child, please be sensitive to other people and try not to disrupt concerts, performances and events. Please also bear in mind that you may capture other people's children and you should ensure the images you have taken are appropriate. If you or your child intends to share such images you should only share them publicly with the express permission of the parents of everyone in the images. Please also note that we ask all parents and children to support our approach to E-safety and not upload or post to the internet any pictures, video or text that could upset, offend or threaten the safety of any member of the school community or bring the school into disrepute.

The Giving of Medicines (necessary pain relief only)

We will not give your child any medicine, including necessary pain relief, unless it is in line with our policy for Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions (available on request) **and** you give your express consent by signing the form below. If you do not consent to the giving of pain relief medicine should it become necessary during school activities, cross through the declaration before signing the form. If your child requires regular medicine for a health or medical condition, we will need more detailed information about the medicine and as part of your child's Individual Healthcare Plan you will be asked for that separately.

Please return the completed form **Friday 16th September**

Thank you for your cooperation

Parental Consent Form - Trips, Images and Pain Relief

Name of Child:		Date of Birth:	
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EDUCATIONAL VISITS

This consent *will* last for the time that your child is with us at this school, but it is good practice for us to confirm your consent for residential or adventurous visits again at the time we run such activities because we may require further information relevant to that single trip e.g. phobias, swimming ability, sleepwalking etc. When you are informed that this kind of visit will take place, you will be asked for further information and offered an opportunity to withdraw this consent. You should also complete and return any slip provided at that time.

I consent to my child taking part in school trips and other activities that take place off-site **and** to them being given urgent medical/dental treatment or necessary pain relief during any trip or activity. I understand that:

- **All** trips and activities are covered by this consent and will include;
 - all visits (including residential trips) which take place during the holidays or a weekend,
 - adventure activities at any time *and*
 - off-site sporting fixtures outside the normal school day,
- School will provide me with information about each trip or activity before it takes place.
- I can inform school that I **do not** want my child to take part in a particular trip/activity and I should do so in writing.
- I **must** ensure that I and my child understand and agree to abide by any trip Code-of-Conduct.
- I **must** keep school informed if any medical information I have provided becomes out-of-date or where religious beliefs may impact on any medical treatment my child may receive.
- I **must** keep school informed if any emergency contact information I have provided becomes out-of-date or does not apply to a particular trip and I must provide alternatives as necessary.
- All school activities are appropriately insured. I also understand the extent and limitations of this insurance (details available on request).

Medical Information: Details of any medical conditions including allergies and travel sickness that my child suffers from and any medicines with dosage etc. that they should take during off-site activities including those outside school hours or overnight – attach additional sheet if necessary.

Communication: initial under YES or NO		YES	NO	
I am able to use the school website to keep up to date with information about school and in particular, activities, visits and fixtures.				
EMERGENCIES	Emergency Contact 1		Emergency Contact 2	
Name:				
Relationship:				
Telephone Number(s):	Work:		Work:	
	Home:		Home:	
	Mobile		Mobile	

USE OF YOUR CHILD'S IMAGE – <u>initial</u> where you <u>do</u> consent and <u>leave blank</u> where you <u>do not</u> consent	Initials
I consent to images of my child being used for official school purposes of promoting or publicising the school and events in accordance with the school policy.	
I consent to images of my child being used on the school website, on websites of those organisations permitted to use images by the school and school managed Social Network sites and I understand that these images will be available on the World Wide Web.	
I consent to images being used with my child's full name in news media.	
I consent to my child being included in any images taken by other parents/carers who wish to photograph or record school events for their own personal use.	
I agree that any images I might take at school events will not be used inappropriately or shared publicly without suitable consent from all others involved. NB: If you do not agree to this Governors reserve the right to take steps to prevent you from taking your own images or using/sharing any images that others have taken at school events.	

THE GIVING OF NECESSARY PAIN RELIEF MEDICINE ONLY (Paracetamol)
We will not give your child any medicine, including necessary pain relief, unless it is in line with our Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy (available on request) and you give your express consent here.
I consent to my child receiving necessary pain relief medicine (Paracetamol) in line with the school policy and as per my instructions or those of a medical practitioner. I understand that if my child will require the regular administration of medicine at school, even for a limited time, I must complete another form with full details e.g. what, when, dose etc.

Signed:		Date:	
Print Name:		Relationship to Child:	

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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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