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## Autumn Term Newsletter 13 - 16/12/2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We are coming to the end of the last week of a busy, unusual term at Pennington. Our Christmas celebrations have been a fantastic distraction from what is going on in the world around us. Somehow, we have managed to create a happy haven where our children and staff have been well supported and able to enjoy their work this term, despite the many changes to rules and routines.

We would like to thank all parents for your patience and understanding and we want to wish you all the best Christmas possible and a healthy, happy new year. **Please remember we will be closing school early this Friday. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should be collected 1.15 to 1.30 and Year 3 - 6 will be released at 1.30.**

**We return to school on Monday 4th January.** Our staggered starting and home times are altering slightly as our systems are more efficient and we don't want parents to have to wait too long by the school gate.

Please note the following times:

Reception Class - drop off 8.40am-9am, pick up 2.40am-3pm

Year 1 and 2 - drop off 8.40-8.50 am, pick up 3-3.10pm

Year 3,4,5,6 - drop off 8.30 -8.40am, pick up 2.50-3pm

Please endeavour to stick to the times as this enables us to reduce contact between groups as they are arriving and leaving school which protects us all.

The Department for Education have agreed with Public Health England that Head teachers will be available for 6 days following the end of term to assist with track and trace. Mrs Storey will be available to receive e mails beyond 18th December and up to 24th to support any track and trace issues that may be linked to our school. To support our whole community, we ask that if any children develop symptoms on Saturday 19th December or Sunday 20th December and have a positive test result, an email can be sent to the temporary e mail address: [Covid@penn.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:Covid@penn.cumbria.sch.uk). This is in addition to the track and trace procedures you will be advised to follow. If we are alerted to any positive cases (children or staff), we will contact you as soon as possible.

## **Nativity**

Our recorded nativity will be available to watch on Face book from Friday. Well done to Reception staff and children who all contributed to make this a memorable, exciting experience.

## **Christingle**

We traditionally hold a Christingle service at Pennington Church for Key Stage 2 children at this time of year. Whilst this is not possible, short Christingle services will be held in the hall for Key Stage 2 on Thursday morning. One for Year 3 and 4 and one for Year 5 and 6. Two classes will be in the hall together at one time with a very large division between the two groups, one class at either end of the hall to prevent groups mixing. Classes will use separate entrances and exits.

## **Christmas Cards to Residential Homes**

We have had a good idea! All classes have enjoyed making and writing cards to the residents of local nursing and residential homes. These have been well received and have brightened lots of peoples Christmas with bright and cheery messages and pictures from the children. Each class sent to the following:

Reception - Aldingham Nursing and Residential Home

Year 1 - Old Vicarage

Year 2 - Elmhurst

Year 3 - Kendal Care Home

Year 4 - Mill Dam and Soutergate

Year 5 - Swarthdale

Year 6 - Cartmel Grange

## **Swimming Lessons for Year 1 and Year 2**

Please can we remind parents to return swimming questionnaire and pay through Parentpay. Thank you to those parents who have already done so.

## **Year 4, 5 and 6 Residential**

There is a high degree of uncertainty for residential during the first part of 2021, but we are hopeful that Year 4, 5 and 6 will be able to have their residential after Easter. We have provisionally booked Low Bank Ground, Coniston at the end of April and York at the end of June. More details to follow as soon as we receive confirmation that these trips can go ahead.

## **School Photographs**

Photos arrived in school and children will have brought them home today.

## Morale/Wellbeing

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Fruity Friday	All children in school will be provided with a free piece of fruit
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Fun Friday	All children to come to school with a joke to share with their class. These will be recorded and sent to other classes too
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	French Friday	All classes will be provided with a French breakfast snack and learn some French phrases
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Factual Friday	A day of non-fiction. Children should come with a fantastic fact. These will be shared to surprise their friends
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Festive Friday	Christmas Craft Day. Children will make decorations for their classes (non-uniform - wear clothes that you don't mind getting crafty)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Festival Friday	National Christmas Jumper Day. (please join in and wear something Christmassy). We will hold our annual Choral speaking Festival with a Christmas twist. It will be recorded so classes can watch each other on their classroom screens
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Father Christmas Friday	Hopefully the man himself may call and visit!

## After School Clubs

This terms Sport with Tom will be for Year 1 and Year 2. **An email has been sent out to the whole of both year groups to enable parents to give permission and pay by Parentpay.** Unfortunately, if your child attends Pennington Nursery After School Club then we do not have anyone who is able to take them up to the Nursery at the end of Tom's session.



### After School Clubs - Spring 1 2021

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Tuesday	<b>Year 1 Sports with Tom - <u>£14.00</u></b>	<b>Tom</b>	<b>School Playing Field Hall when wet</b>	<b>3.00-4.00pm</b>
Wednesday	<b>Year 2 Sports with Tom - <u>£14.00</u></b>	<b>Tom</b>	<b>School Playing Field Hall when wet</b>	<b>3.00-4.00pm</b>

**After School Club Attendance** - To enable that we know your child is safe, please can you let school know if your child is not going to be able to attend their after-school club. Thank you.

We would love for you to stay in touch:

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Phone: 01229 588081 Mobile: 07584 495 918  
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Wishing you

# Comfort and Joy



**Comfort and Joy** is the 2020 Christmas campaign from the Church of England.

Find out more about the campaign and join in at [churchofengland.org/ComfortAndJoy](http://churchofengland.org/ComfortAndJoy)



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### 13th December

3pm at St. John's - Service of 9 lessons and carols  
6pm at UPC - Blue Christmas Service  
(a quiet, reflective service for those feeling blue)

### 20th December

6pm at UPC - Carol Service

### 24th December

12pm & 4pm at UPC - Christingle Services  
11.30pm on UPC Facebook page - Christmas Eve Vigil

### 25th December

9am at St. John's - Holy Communion Service  
9am at UPC - All Age Holy Communion Service  
10.30am on Zoom - All Age Holy Communion Service  
Meeting ID: 823 5174 2550 Passcode: 071282

Seating will be limited so please contact the parish office on [office@ulverstonparishchurch.org](mailto:office@ulverstonparishchurch.org) to book. Please be aware that *all* services at UPC (Ulverston Parish Church) will be live-streamed onto Facebook.

We warmly welcome you  
to  
our Christmas Services  
From all at  
Ulverston Parish Church

## Parent Support Line



Phone  
01539 734456

It's #Ok2Ask for help if you are struggling over the Christmas holidays

Action for Children staff are available to give information, advice, support and signposting to other services as needed  
Phone and request a call back via phone or MS TEAMS

Lines open 21 - 24 Dec and 29 - 31 Dec  
10:00am - 5:00pm  
(until 7:30pm on Wednesdays)

