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Spring Term Newsletter 11 - 28/03/2018

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.



High 5 Netball

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 netballers who took part in the High 5 Netball Tournament at UVHS on Wednesday 21st March. There was a high standard of netball played and some stiff competition but we played well and came third!



Year 3 Assembly

We look forward to welcoming all Year 3 parents are to our Class Assembly on Thursday 29th March (last day of term) at 2:20pm.

Forest School

The children have enjoyed a fantastic week of Forest Schools, thank you to Mr and Mrs Allonby for allowing to use your woods.

YMCA - Year 4 and Year 5

Reminder for after school today, Glen, one of the instructors from YMCA will be coming to school at 3:15pm to discuss what the children will need to bring with them and the activities planned. All parents, carers and children are encouraged to attend.

Y6 York Residential

Thank you to all parents/carers who have already sent in the full amount/next deposit of the trip. A gentle reminder that the final deposit and full amount should be paid by this Thursday 29th March.

Sport Relief

A big thank you to all who supported Sport Relief - Pennington School raised £141.10 - Well done.

Associate Governor

Would anyone be interested in becoming an Associate Governor to become our Data Protection Officer. A new 'Data Protection in Education: The New GDPR' is shortly coming into force and we were wondering if anyone one had expertise in this area. Please contact Mrs Storey if you are interested.

Piano Lessons

Our Piano Teacher, Heather Ord, has informed us that she has a few places available for any child interested in learning to play the piano. Please contact her direct on ordheather@gmail.com or 07791363184

Science Club

As we break up for Easter on Thursday, Science club has now finished for this term (will not be on tomorrow) and it will not take place next half term. It will return after SATs, in the final summer term. An update will be sent out nearer the time.

Netball Club- cancelled this week

There will be no netball club this week as Thursday is the last day of term. It will continue after the Easter holidays.

After School Clubs - Next Term

We will be starting after school clubs the first week back - please can you send your child to school with the completed permission form and give to the class teacher to put in the box. If your child wishes to take part in **Football, Multisports, Cricket and Dance**, please enclose **£10.00** for this half term. Many thanks.

After School Club - Primary Schools Orienteering 2018 Park Series

We will be starting an Orienteering Club on Thursday 19th April with Mrs Tizard our Series Coordinator.

Date	Location	Cost
19 th April 3.00-4.00pm	Pennington School Grounds	Free
26 th April 3.30pm - 5.00pm	Ulverston Leisure Centre	£1.00 per child
3 rd May 3.30pm - 5.00pm	Fellfoot Park	£1.00 per child
10 th May 3.30pm - 5.00pm	Cartmel Racecourse	£1.00 per child
FINAL 24 th May 3.30pm - 5.00pm	Brockhole National Park Centre	£1.00

After school activities - Please can a permission slip be returned to school to your child's teacher for **all clubs** each half term. More of these can be obtained from the entrance hall. Thank you to staff for giving their time freely to offer these opportunities.

We aim to offer a range of lunchtime and after school activities throughout the year. The timetable for this next half 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 put in an envelope with your child's name and the club they will be attending marked clearly and given to their class teacher.



After-School Activities Spring 2018

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	KS2 Water Colour Painting Club (limit 12 children to start 30/04/18)	Mrs Barton	Year 4 Classroom	3.00-3.45pm
	Dance Club - £10.00 (whole school - limit to 20 children)	Mrs Stephenson	Hall	3.00 - 4.00pm
Tuesday	Year 3- 6 Football - £10.00	Tom	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 1 and 2 Multi-Sports - £10.00	Tom	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
	Gardening Club (invite only)	Miss Kenny & Mrs Smith	School Field	3.00-4.00pm
Thursday	Mindfulness (half Yoga and half Colouring)	Miss Preston	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
	Netball Club - Year 5 and 6	Miss Barnes	Playground	3.00 - 4.00pm
	Orienteering	Mrs Tizard	Various	3.00-4.00pm
Friday	KS1 Running Club	Mrs Dearden Mr McQuillan	School Field	3.00-4.00pm
	KS2 Cricket- £10.00	Bob Simpson	School Field	3.00pm-4.00pm

PENNINGTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL - After School Club consent form

Child's name

Class

I give permission for my child to attendclub held on a
(and enclose £10 for Football/Multi-Skills/Dance)

Signed Parent/Carer

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Walking home from school - Years 4, 5 and 6

We understand that parents may wish to allow their child in Years 4, 5 and 6 to walk home from school unaccompanied, with the informed decision that they are responsible for their child's safety on their way to and from school, even when they are not physically present.

As you will appreciate, the safety of pupils is our main concern, and so I would like to share the following points:

- Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 may walk home from school with written permission from parents/carers (see the Walking Home agreement).
- We understand that you may wish for your child to carry a mobile phone if walking home unaccompanied, and this will be permitted. For safeguarding reasons, mobile phones must be switched off and handed in to the school office each morning to be stored securely. All property must be clearly named.
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils attending after school clubs must be collected by an adult or the after school club slip should state that you give permission for them to walk home alone.

If you wish for your child to walk home unaccompanied, please complete the form below. To discuss this topic further, please feel free to contact me on admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk

In some circumstances, if we feel concerned that your decision may leave your child at risk from harm, we will contact you to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

Mrs Helen Storey



Walking Home from School Agreement

Child's Name: **Year Group**

- ✓ I give permission for my child to walk home from school unaccompanied each day at 3.00pm
- ✓ I understand that my child is my responsibility outside of school hours (walking to and from school).
- ✓ I have discussed the safety arrangements and safeguarding issues outlined in the school policy with my child
- ✓ I understand that if my child brings a mobile phone to school, it must be stored securely in the office during school hours for safeguarding reasons.
- ✓ I understand that the mobile phone will be the responsibility of my child at all other times.

Signed:

Date:

Relationship to child:

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Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility under Universal Credit

The eligibility criteria for free school meals have been changed. This letter explains the changes and how they might affect you.

What are the new eligibility criteria?

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the benefits below.

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

I don't currently claim free school meals - what does this mean for me?

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, submit a claim to your school or local authority. Your school should have a form you can use. The information you provide will be used to check if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit and, if you are on Universal Credit, that your earnings do not exceed the threshold. If you claim Universal Credit, your earnings will be assessed from up to three of your last Universal Credit assessment periods.

If you are eligible, your school will be notified. Your child will receive free school meals and the school will receive extra funding.

I am currently claiming free school meals - what does this mean for me?

Most people won't be affected by the new criteria. If you're currently claiming free school meals, but don't meet the new criteria, your child will continue to receive free school meals until the end of the Universal Credit rollout period. This will apply even if your earnings rise above the new threshold or if

you stop being entitled to Universal Credit. The rollout period is currently scheduled to end in March 2022.

Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, your child will keep their free school meal until the end of their current phase of education, i.e. primary or secondary.

Where can I get more information?

If you need any further information, please speak to a member of school staff or the local authority.

You can also visit the free school meal website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers

Registration Form for Free School Meal Eligibility

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra [**£1,320** for your child's primary school] to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

To check if your child is eligible, we need information about you and your child. Please complete this form and return to school by **Wednesday 18th April**.

Registration Form for Free School Meal Eligibility

ABOUT YOUR CHILD

Child's Last Surname	Child's First Name	Child's Date of Birth	Name of School

PARENT/CARER DETAILS

	Parent/Carer 1	Parent/Carer 2
Surname		
First Name		
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)		
National Insurance Number*		
National Asylum Support Services (NASS) Number*		
Daytime Telephone Number		
Mobile Number		
Address (including postcode)		

FAMILY INCOME AND BENEFIT DETAILS

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, please place an X in this box.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit.

Universal Credit

If you are in receipt of **Universal Credit**, is your net earned family income over £7,400 per year? (Please place an X in the appropriate box).

Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions. It does **not** include income through Universal Credit or other benefits that you may receive.

Yes No Unsure

Child Tax Credit

If you are in receipt of **Child Tax Credit**, is your joint gross annual income over £16,190 per year? (Please place an X in the appropriate box).

Your joint gross income is your household income before taxes are taken into account.

Yes No Unsure

If you're not sure whether you receive one of the listed benefits, or what your household income is, but you would still like us to check whether your child is eligible for free school meals, please place an X in this box.

DECLARATION

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for local authority purposes. I agree to the local authority using this information to process my application for free school meals. I also agree to notify the local authority in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

Signature of parent/carer: Date:.....

Thank you for completing this form and helping to make sure your child's school is as well funded as possible.

How the information in this form will be used

The information you provide in this form will be used by the council to confirm receipt of one of the listed welfare benefits. Once this is confirmed, this helps to decide how much money your child's school will receive each year.

The information will also be used in relation to pupils in year 3 or above to decide whether they are eligible for free school meals.

You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school. You should contact the school or local authority if you have a change in financial circumstances.

We are committed to ensuring that the personal and sensitive information that we hold about you is protected and kept safe and secure, and we have measures in place to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information. We will use the information you provide to assess entitlement to free school meals. The information may also be shared with other Council departments to offer benefits and services.

Yours sincerely

Helen Storey
Headteacher

**Ulverston Canal Towpath
29th March—15th April**



Easter Trail



Search for the hidden creatures and write down their location - Competition sheets are available from Appleseeds, Premier Inn and Bay Horse Hotel or-

download from : www.ulverstoncrg.co.uk
We ask for a donation
of £1.00 per entry.

Winner gets a
chocolate Easter
Egg - drawn on 16th
April.



Please remember
as you walk that
residents and farm
traffic have to use
the towpath.