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Spring Term Newsletter 05 – 07/02/2018

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.



Showtime

Well done to all who performed in our Choral Speaking Extravaganza/Dick, Kerr Ladies Play on Monday in the Coronation Hall. We had lots of positive feedback from parents and friends who enjoyed the evening's entertainment. We are proud of all the children and appreciate the work and time that went into learning lines and songs. A special thank you to Miss Kenny and Miss Exley who coordinated the play and practised with the children. These events can only take place when staff go 'over and above'.



World Book Day - Thursday 1st March 2018

World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world. We will be holding our World Book Day on Thursday 1st March where children can come dressed as their favourite book character for the day.

Can you help?

Reception Class are in need of small world resources for their airport/aeroplanes box, cars/vehicles box, space travel box and farm box - including tractors and trailers. We are also replenishing our themed boxes on a variety of topics. If you have any 'grown out of' resources that you can donate they would be much appreciated. Please see Mrs Hockaday.

After School Clubs - Spring Term 2

Clubs will start the first week back after half term - please can we remind parents that there will be a £10.00 charge for Dodgeball and Multi-Sports - please can you send this in a named envelope with the permission slip and give to your child's teacher. All permission slips should go to your child's teacher.

STEM Science Club

This week's club (3:00pm to 4:00pm), on Thursday 8th February, will be a LEGO STEM session as a final chance for those children who took part in the LEGO competition to complete the final LEGO challenges. Due to the Dick, Kerr Ladies play, we have only been able to start the club this week so this will be for the original members who took part in the LEGO competition. *Science club for everybody else (KS2) who wishes to take part, and have handed in a permission slip, will start properly after half term on Thursday 22nd February for the whole term.*

After School Club - Year 1 and 2 Water Colour Painting

Please note that the finish time for the Water Colour Painting time is 3:45pm.

After School Club - Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Club

Mrs Stephenson will be running a Gymnastics Club on Mondays after school for those in Year 3 and 4. A letter is being sent out from Mrs Dearden for those who wish to take part - please fill out the permission slip and return it to your child's class teacher.

After School Club - Netball Club for Years 5 & 6

Netball is back with Miss Barnes and Miss Exley on a Thursday for those in Year 5 and 6. We are hoping to be involved in school competitions over the summer term. Please fill in a permission slip if you would like your child to attend and pass to your child's teacher.

After School Club - Friday Running Club

We are introducing a new after school club on a Friday for those interested in running. Please complete and return the permission slip to your child's class teacher.

Theatre Trip to see the Musical CATS

A letter has gone out inviting children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to attend the Andrew Lloyd Weber musical, *Cats*, performed by Abbey Musical Society. Children need to be dropped off outside the venue at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. More information will be sent out nearer the time but if anyone has any queries please see Mrs Nevinson.

New Building

The school are pleased to confirm that we have now submitted a planning application for a new building to replace the current reception classroom and enhance the external areas around this area and the adjacent Year 1 classroom. Cumbria County Council have made available the required funding to support this investment in Pennington which will enable us to provide a new purpose built classroom as well as enhancements to the outdoor play area adjacent to the building. We have sent the designs out to tender and expect to finalise the vendor in March, to enable the new classroom to be in place ready for the start of the 2018/19 school year. This is a very exciting development for us all and we are very grateful for the local council support in ring-fencing these funds at a difficult time for school budgets across the county. The staff and governors are currently in discussion as to which year group can best utilise the new building. Originally, the Reception class were due to have the new building however there are other possible options that we are currently exploring. We would ask for your support with this application when it is available for public feedback.

Weather

Please can you ensure that your child brings a coat to school otherwise they will have to stay in at playtime. Can we also remind you, that if school has to be closed for any reason including adverse weather, we will report this on the Twitter feed on our website (www.penn.cumbria.sch.uk). You do not have to be a Twitter follower to access this information as it appears on the homepage.

Friends of Pennington

School Disco - Wednesday 7th February 2018

All of the children are invited to the end of half term School Disco - the Infant (Years R, 1 and 2) Disco will start at 5:00pm until 6:00pm and the Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will be from 6:15pm to 7:30pm. Tickets costing £2.50 are available from the School Office and the Friends of Pennington Team. There will be Hot Dogs, Drinks, Crisps, Sweets, Tattoos and Lucky Dip.

Bag 2 School - It's that time of year when we are all thinking about having a good rummage through wardrobes, and sorting through old clothes etc. Bag2School will be collecting from our school on **Tuesday 27th February**. So please bring your bag (or bags!) to school, either on Monday 26th or Tuesday 27th February before 9am, and help us have a really good collection. A quick reminder of what you can include in your bags :

- Adults and children's clothes
- Shoes (tied together please)-please give generously as these weigh heavy!
- Hats
- Belts
- Bags
- Soft toys

They do not want Bedding, Curtains, Towels, Household Linen or Bric-a-brac

Bags have been sent out but we do have a few spares in the office if you need an extra one. We will receive £500 per tonne or £0.50/kg, which will be a great boost for our fundraising. In addition it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

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.



Dinnertime/After-School Activities Spring 2018

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Water Colour Painting Club Year 1 and 2 (limit 12 children)	Mrs Barton	Year 4 Classroom	3.00-3.45pm
	Gymnastics Club Year 3 and 4	Mrs Stephenson	Hall	3.00 - 4.00pm
Tuesday	Chess Club	Miss Preston	Year 5 Classroom	12.30-1.00pm
	Year 3- 6 Dodgeball - £10.00	Tom	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 1 and 2 Multi-Sports - £10.00	Tom	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
Thursday	Science STEM Club Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	Mr McQuillan	Year 6 Classroom	3.00-4.15pm
	Netball Club - Year 5 and 6	Miss Barns & Miss Exley	Playground	3.00 - 4.00pm
Friday	Running Club	Mrs Dearden Mr McQuillan	School Field	3.00-4.00pm

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 Dodgeball/Multi-Skills)

Signed Parent/Carer

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