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## Spring Term Newsletter 06 - 21/02/2018

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 before we finished for half term.



### NSPCC

A big thank you to all those who took part in the non uniform day for the NSPCC - we had an informative day working with the NSPCC and raised £129.00. Well done everyone.

## Gymnastics

Congratulations to KS1 Gymnasts who competed at UVHS Gymnastic Competition on Monday - we came 2nd. Well done.



## Football Competition

We still require help with transport to the football competition this Friday (23rd February) to Ulverston Leisure Centre. Without this, unfortunately we will not be able to attend - please let the school office know ASAP if you can help transport. We will be leaving Pennington no later than 12:50 to arrive for 1pm. This would be much appreciated, thank you.



## World Book Day - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> March where children can come dressed as their favourite book character for the day.**

## After School Clubs - Spring Term 2

Clubs have started this week - 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.

## KS2 STEM Science Club

Science club starts on Thursday this week for children from years 3-6. It will take place in the Y6 classroom from 3.00-4.15pm. **There will be a charge of £5 for the term**, this small contribution will allow for more interesting and exciting experiments and resources. Please send this to the school office in a named and sealed envelope. 18 of the 20 places have been filled so please be quick in sending in an admission slip if you wish for your child to attend. For those who have put their name down already and not handed in a signed permission slip, this needs to be completed by Thursday in order to attend the club - places are given on a first come, first served basis.

## Running Club

Running club will take place this term each Friday after school and begins this Friday (23rd February) from 3.00-4.00pm. To begin with, running club will be **for children from years 3,4,5 and 6 only this term**, however we hope to hold it for KS1 in the future too. Children should come appropriately dressed in their school PE kit, trainers and bring a bottle of water.

## Netball Club for Years 5 & 6

Netball is back with Miss Barnes and Miss Exley this Thursday for those in Year 5 and 6. **Unfortunately we need to cancel the following week, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, due to a previous commitment.** 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.

## 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.

## 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. Tickets are selling fast but there are a few still available. We need to have numbers by this Friday so if your child would like to go, please can you see Mrs Nevinson as soon as possible. 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.

## 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](http://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

**Bag 2 School** - More bags are available from the office if needed.

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 27<sup>th</sup> February**. So please bring your bag (or bags!) to school, either on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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**

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
	<b>Year 3- 6 Dodgeball - £10.00</b>	<b>Tom</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>3.00-4.00pm</b>
Wednesday	<b>Year 1 and 2 Multi-Sports - £10.00</b>	<b>Tom</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>3.00-4.00pm</b>
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 attend .....club held on a .....  
**(and enclose £10 for Dodgeball/Multi-Skills)**

Signed ..... Parent/Carer

Print .....