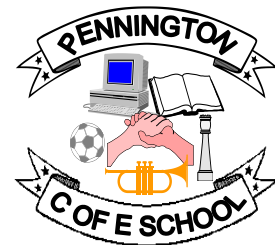


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### Summer Term Newsletter 04 – 17/05/2017

Dear Parents and Carers

#### **A Big Thank you to Mrs Varley of Hill foot Garden Centre ....**

For her kind donation of plants, shrubs, compose and other gardening equipment. All classes have been busy weeding and planting and improving our outdoor environment. We miss you Mrs Varley and we will be down for more gardening supplies when we need them.



## **Re-arranged Football Match**

We have re-arranged the Football Match against Low Furness Primary for Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. We will leave school at 3:15 and hopefully finish about 4:30-4:45. A letter will be sent out to those involved and any offers of transport would be appreciated. Please return the permission slip to Mr McQuillan

## **Sports Day**

Sports day will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Our reserve date is Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. More details will follow but the format will be similar to last year as we received very good feedback from children and parents.

## **Fidget Spinners**

Fidget spinners appear to be the latest craze. They are a hand-held device that are advertised as helping people who have trouble focusing to develop concentration. It is also suggested that they act as a release mechanism for nervous energy. A number of children have them in school. Staff have discussed whether or not they should be allowed. We have decided that they will be allowed at playtime but must be put away before entering the classroom as they can be a distraction to learning for some students. If your child has one, please ensure it is named to avoid confusion.

We will review our decision at next week's staff meeting.

## **Year 2 SATs**

Well done to all Year 2 pupils who have worked very hard this week to complete the national tests. Many thanks to Mrs Solloway and the Year 2 team for all their hard work.

## **Staffing for September**

As you know we are currently advertising for a permanent Headteacher. Staffing for September will not be finalised until after half term when the Headteacher's appointment has been made. Mrs Solloway has asked Governors if she can work part time next year and they have agreed. This means there will be another vacancy on our team which is currently being advertised.

## **Another Fine Fest – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Reception Class have been invited to perform with Mr Bryne in the morning on the stage outside the Laurel and Hardy Museum. We would like children from other classes to join us to sing our school song and friendship song. More details to follow.

## **Ulverston Carnival – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

We look forward to participating in the carnival again this year. Our theme is 'Circus, Circus'. Again more details to follow.

## **Year 6 York Residential**

Payments for the year 6 residential are due on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, and parents are asked to send in money as soon as possible in a sealed envelope. The balance is £220, and can be paid in full or instalments.

## **School Meals for KS1**

Can we remind parents to make sure they have booked their children's meals on the Lunch Shop Website in order for them to receive their correct choice.

## **Uniform**

Please can we remind you about uniform expectations for the summer; red gingham dresses are acceptable and dark grey trousers or dark grey tailored shorts with white polo shirts. School shoes should still be worn rather than trainers and sensible sandals are also suitable. Large hair accessories, i.e. Jojo bows are not part of school uniform – red or black bobbles and ribbons are much smarter.

## **PE Kits and Footwear**

Please can we remind everyone that they should have their PE kit in school. Indoor PE kit (black shorts and white T shirt) is suitable for outdoors in the summer. There is no need for tracksuit bottoms. Dark sweatshirts or red school hoodies are also part of the PE kit uniform.

Staff have also discussed footwear suitable for PE after a number of minor accidents. When inside, children are expected to wear black pumps/ plimsolls but they offer little support for small feet when children are outside running, kicking footballs and taking part in athletics events. We therefore expect children to wear trainers for outdoor PE from now on. They do not need to be expensive and should not be too big or heavy. This decision has been made for health and safety reasons.

## **Parking**

Please be reminded to park sensibly when picking up/dropping off your children. Please do not park over farm gates or resident gateways. PC Helen Madden is constantly reviewing our parking to check that it is safe and sensible.

## **Friends of Pennington**

- **Duck Race - Postponed**

Unfortunately the Duck Race has been postponed as there was not enough water in the beck. Please look out for a new date.

# Cowran Farm Dates for Summer 2017

Date	Time 3.15-4.30	Teacher/ Class
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May		Miss Pinches Year 5
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May		Mrs Barton Year 4
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May		Miss Kenny Year 3
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June		Mrs Solloway Year 2
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June		Mrs Kitts Year 1
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June		Mr MQuillan Year 6
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June		Mrs Hockaday Reception

## After School Club Timetable

Unfortunately a very small number have been attending the Tennis Club so we have decided to offer **Cricket for KS1** on a Wednesday. We are sorry to our tennis players.

## After-School Activities – Summer 2017



Day	Activity	Leader
<b>Monday</b>	Watercolours for Year 4 & 5 (20 places available) 3-3.45 pm	Mrs Barton
<b>Tuesday</b>	Athletics for KS1 & KS2 3pm-4pm	Tom
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Cricket Club KS1 - 3pm-4pm</b>  Netball Club for Year 5 & 6 - 3pm-4pm  Art Club for Years 2 & 3 (20 Places available) 3.-3.45pm	Tom  Miss Exley & Mrs Gallivan  Mrs Clayton & Miss Kenny
<b>Thursday</b>	Chess Club (Lunchtime)  Cowran Farm A year group each week (see below) 3.00 – 4.30 pm  Music Workshop KS2 – 3pm – 3.45pm	Miss Pinches  Class Teachers  Mr Byrne and Mrs Hockaday
<b>Friday</b>	Cricket Club 3-4.30	Bob Simpson (Cumbria Cricket Club)

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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

Print .....

Swarthmoor Community Group

# “Flaming June”



Afternoon tea

On

Sunday 11th June

At

Swarthmoor Football Club

From

2.00pm—4.00pm

Free admission

Afternoon tea—£3.00



Following the great success of last year's afternoon tea, we are having another one. Everyone is invited. There will be food, music, a magician and competitions. If you want to join in with the competitions, please just bring your entry along. We will be having 4 classes: 1. vegetable animal. 2. photo of your pet. 3. spring hat. 4. funniest selfie.

We will also be having a short story competition, judged by a local author. Please ring Jackie on 583174 for more details.

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