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Summer Term Newsletter 07 - 06/06/2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Special Mention

Welcome back and congratulations to our children whose special achievements were celebrated with our Special Mention Certificates in our Collective Worship on the last Friday of term.



Attendance and Lates

Please can we remind you that we will not be able to authorise absence for holidays. Mrs Storey can only authorise absence in special circumstances. Our whole school attendance has been improving over time and we are very proud that children at Pennington benefit from good attendance and all the learning opportunities that this provides. We do also monitor late attendance. Unfortunately we have a few children who are persistently arriving late at school and this has an impact on their school day. The school gates open at 8:30am and the bell rings at 8:40am. (9:00am Reception Class). Thank you for your cooperation.

New Classroom

Work on our new classroom will begin on 2nd July. The Reception building will be demolished and a new modular classroom will replace it. Reception Class will register in Year 1 in the mornings for the last 3 weeks of this half term but will also have open access to the learning den at the top of the field; the school hall, library and the outdoors to ensure this has no impact on their learning.

After much thought and discussion, we have decided that Reception will move into the classroom where Year 1 currently learn in September. It is the largest classroom and storage and little toilets have already been built into the room. Reception class have a lot of resources and this big classroom will be perfect for our new Reception class. The outdoor area will be re-landscaped over the summer. This is a big, exciting project and we look forward to seeing the results in September.

Year 1 will move into Year 2, Year 2 into Year 3, Year 3 into Year 4, Year 4 into Year 5 and Year 5 into Year 6. Year 6 will move into the new classroom. We intend this to be a modern 'pod' where our oldest pupils will have some independence but will also have easy access to their buddies next door.

We look forward to these changes but there is a huge amount of work to do in moving everything. There is also some additional work planned on the old building which will affect all of the classrooms.

If you feel you are able to offer any help with moving, painting, gardening, etc. please contact the school office. Thank you.

The Life Bus

The Life Bus is here today and Thursday 7th June - each class will have an opportunity to go on the bus and enjoy a session of Personal, Social and Health Education. We are asking for voluntary contributions of £2.00 to cover the cost - no child will be excluded from visiting the bus, however if we do not receive enough contributions then this valuable learning experience may not be able to go ahead next year.

Sports Day

Sports day will take place on Wednesday 20th June. Our reserve date is Friday 22nd June. More details will follow but the format will be similar to last year as we received very good feedback from children and parents.

Opening of the new room at the Memorial Hall

The whole school have been invited to help to celebrate opening the new room on Monday 25th June from 3:30pm. By sing a few songs, including a teaser from our end of year show. There will also be refreshments available. Please can you let us know if your child will be attending by completing the permission slip below and return to your class teacher.

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Opening of the new room at the Memorial Hall

I give permission for my child/ren to take part in the singing at the Memorial Hall.

Name of Child/ren Year Group.....

Signed Parent/Carer

Girls Cricket

Tuesday 5th June was a lovely day for cricket at Dalton Cricket Club who hosted the Year 5/6 girls cricket tournament.

We played well and all our games were close but unfortunately we didn't make it to the final. The girls showed great teamwork and their cricket improved as the day went on.

Many thanks to all the parents who helped with transport.



Year 6 Class Assembly

This will take place on Friday 15th June at 2:35pm to inform you about our Residential trip to York - all parents and family welcome.

After School Clubs

Please note that After School Clubs will start the first week back after half term - for those children taking part in Dance, Football, Multisports and Cricket £10.00 should be sent into school in an envelope with the permission form and given to the class teacher.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Trip

We are taking our EYFS and KS1 children to Old Hall Farm on Monday 9th July - a letter will be sent out soon giving more details.

Another Fine Fest - CHANGE OF DATE - Saturday 16th June

We have now managed to secure a Saturday slot which will give us a bigger audience! We will be on the Melodrome Stage (outside the Laurel and Hardy Museum) 12:40 - 1:00 and will be able to meet in the museum at 12.20. - **Please let Mrs Hockaday know if you ARE able to make it** as rehearsals of our own musical 'Space' are underway. All children who attend Pennington are invited to join us to sing the School Song. Please come along and support our school. Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please when sending your children into school with their water bottles; ensure that only water is supplied. It has been brought to our attention recently that some children in Year 2 are bringing juice, despite staff reminding them. If juice is brought to school, it will be sent home. Alternatively children can empty their water bottles and fill them with water. Juice can be brought for lunchtime only. We have been advised by the dentist that this is in the children's best interest for healthy teeth.

Dates for Your Diary:

St Mary's Gala - Sunday 17th June (Football and Netball Teams)

Ulverston Carnival - Saturday 7th July

Whole School end of Year Evening Concert, Corronation Hall - Wednesday 4th July

John Ruskin School - Year 5 Taster Day

John Ruskin School is holding a taster day for Year 5s on Thursday 28th June - if anyone is interested in sending their child for the day please come to our school office to collect the information.

Alzheimer's Society

Kim Brown who works at the Coop on Market Street is holding a cake sale on 14th June to raise money for Alzheimer's Society - would any of the children like to bake some cakes? Please pop into the Coop to drop them off on the morning of or the day before. Many thanks.

FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON

Canvas Bags

The children at school will be creating their own self portrait to include on a cotton bag. We will be sending 'order forms' out to parents - please can we have your orders by **Wednesday 6th June.**

Dates for your diary:

Pub Quiz - Thursday 14th June 7pm at The Miners Arms. More details to follow

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 Summer 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
	<u>Dance Club - £10.00</u> (whole school - limit to 20 children)	Mrs Stephenson	Hall	3.00 - 4.00pm
Tuesday	<u>Year 3- 6 Football - £10.00</u>	Tom	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday	<u>Year 1 and 2 Multi-Sports - £10.00</u>	Tom	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
	Gardening Club (invite only)	Miss Kenny & Mrs Smith	School Field	3.00-4.00pm
	Choir	Mrs Solloway	Year 1	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
Friday	KS1 Running Club	Mrs Dearden Mr McQuillan	School Field	3.00-4.00pm
	<u>KS2 Cricket- £10.00</u>	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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