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Autumn Term Newsletter 01 - 08/09/2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school! We are enjoying a fabulous first week. The weather is wonderful and the teachers and children are enjoying to getting to know each other better. A special warm welcome to our new families. We hope you settle in quickly and soon feel part of the Pennington family.

Thank you to all staff who were busy in the holidays getting ready for the new school year and particularly to Mr Wilcox, Mrs Mullinger and Mrs Tuck who are responsible for site maintenance and cleaning.

We now have more flexibility to mix and whilst we still continue with handwashing and extra sanitising, it is uplifting to see children talking and playing with friends from other classes. We are aware that Covid has not disappeared and if your child displays symptoms, then they must be taken for a PCR test and must still isolate for 10 days if positive. If we notice any children with Covid symptoms in school, we will request that you take them for a PCR test. They can return to school if their test is negative. No longer do children have to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with Covid. They isolate when they have symptoms or a positive test result.

Obviously work on the new roundabout started on Saturday and this has and will continue to affect traffic on the A590 and surrounding roads and our journeys to school. I have spoken to Amy Gaskell, the project manager, met with the site manager, Jordan, PCSO Madden and the Health and Safety Advisors from AE Yates, the contracted construction company. They have let us know they will work with us if there is anything we need.

As you already know, we have a new temporary car park. Staff are parking in there now, so that the layby can be used by parents dropping off and collecting children. Obviously, parents can also use the carpark. Parents must make sure children are supervised getting to and from cars for safety reasons. We will monitor how this works and PCSO Madden will be a regular visitor.

A huge project like this will not be without issues and difficulties but so far, everyone is keen to work together and ensure that the children have a safe journey to and from school with an undisturbed school day. If you have any concerns, please let me know, and I will pass them on to the project manager.

Alternatively, you can contact the Clerk to the Parish Council with wider concerns about the project and they will liaise with planners and builders.

I am determined that we will not spend the year grumbling about the situation. When the project is complete, our journey to school should be easier and quicker.

Exciting Writing

On Monday we will be welcoming Andy Tooze, a famous poet into school to read some of his poems and teach some poetry lessons to each class. He has very fond memories of visiting Pennington two years ago and the children loved working with him. He has written 3 books which he will bring signed copies of, they will be priced at a reduced rate of £5 per copy. The new one is called 'Green Shoots Rising,' and only came out this year so is hot off the press, so to speak. If you would like your child to have a book, please send in £5 with them on Monday and they can purchase their book directly from Andy.

Thank you from Staff

Staff would like to thank all parents and children for cards and presents received at the end of last term. They were very much appreciated.

Class Dojo

Please can parents from Year 1 and any new parents log on to Class Dojo for information from your child's teacher. If you require any assistance, please contact your child's teacher.

ParentPay - New Parents/Carers

Parentpay was introduced last year as we became a cashless school and new parents/carers will soon receive an activation email to enable you to use Parentpay - please can you set up your account to enable you to pay for future after school sports clubs, non-uniform fundraising, swimming, trips, residential etc.

What does ParentPay do?

- offers a highly secure payment site
- gives you a history of all the payments you have made
- allows you to create a single account login across all your children that attend a ParentPay school
- shows you all items available for payment relevant to each of your children
- emails a receipt of your payment to the email address you register
- offers you the ability to set automated email/SMS payment reminders.

How does ParentPay help you?

- gives you the freedom to make payments to school whenever and wherever you like
- stops you having to write cheques or search for cash to send to school
- gives you peace of mind that your payment has been made safely and securely
- helps with budgeting; payments are immediate, there is no waiting for cheques to clear
- payments for many of the larger trips can be made by instalments up to the due date
- you will never need miss a payment, or have insufficient credit, with automated email/SMS alerts
- ParentPay is quick and easy to use.

How does ParentPay help your school?

- reduces the administrative time spent on banking procedures
- keeps accurate records of payments made to every service for every student
- reduces paper 'waste'
- allows for easy and quick refunds to be made back to the Parent Account
- improves communication between the school and parents concerning payments
- offers a more efficient payment collection process, reducing the amount of money held on school premises
- helps us improve school-home communication with its integrated email/SMS messaging centre.

School uniform and P.E. Kits

Children should wear full school uniform including black or dark school shoes rather than trainers. Please can we remind you that children should have their PE kits in school every day. Pupils will need black shorts, red t-shirts and (well-fitting) pumps for indoors/ trainers for outdoors. Red hoodies with PENNINGTON printed on the back can be worn. You can purchase these and children can wear them for outdoor PE if it is cold, as well as travelling to and from school in them. They are smart and practical and can be personalised with initials. They are an optional addition to our school kit.

Please can we remind everyone that earrings **should** be removed for PE. If children cannot do this themselves, earrings should be removed at home on PE days. Unfortunately, staff will not be able to tape earrings as this takes time and can cause irritation to small ears.

Medicine

Following advice, we can only administer prescribed medication. If the prescription states that your child requires medication 3 times per day, this should be administered at home or outside of school hours. If your child requires a prescription 4 times per day, we can administer medication at lunchtime. We can also administer medication that needs to be taken at fixed hourly intervals. You will be required to sign and complete a form from the school office. Medication must be provided in the bottle or box that has the prescription details affixed.

We understand that there are reasons that children may require pain relief such as Calpol before they arrive at school. We will not be able to administer another dose during the school day and should a child require further pain relief, we will telephone parents to collect them.

Functional Medication/Inhalers

This type of medication is usually prescribed but is, in the main, necessary to ensure that a young person can function normally. Where functional medication must be given, staff will require training in the correct administration procedures. Inhalers and functional medication will be kept in the child's classroom. Please ensure that all inhalers are in date, (an asthma plan is included) and clearly marked with the child's name.

Breaktime Snacks

KS1 children are provided with a fruit snack every day. KS2 children may bring a fruit snack to have at breaktime.

School Milk

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price, if your child wishes to have milk, please go online and quickly register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com

Lunchshop

Please can we remind parents to choose their child's packed lunch from the Lunchshop website. You can order up to 2 weeks in advance. If you have any problems with your login details, please contact the school office. For those children in Reception Class, Year 1 and 2 who prefer to bring a packed lunch from home please can you inform the school office if not already done so. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Water bottles

Children will only be allowed to drink water in classrooms. They may bring juice to have with their lunch but at other times of the day will only be allowed water.

Piano Lessons

Spaces are available for Year 3 - 6 for those interested in piano lessons. Sessions will begin on Tuesday 14th September. Please contact Mrs Ord direct, as soon as possible, for more information ordheather@gmail.com

After School Clubs

We aim to offer a range of after school activities throughout the year. The timetable for this term is displayed below. **There will be a charge 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. Thank you to staff for giving their time freely to offer these opportunities.

For those clubs that need payment an email will be sent out to the whole year group the club is aimed at, to enable parents to give permission and pay by Parentpay. If your child does not want to take part in a paid after school club, please can you email admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk and the payment request will be removed from your Parentpay account.



After School Clubs - Autumn 1 2021

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Year 1 Bookworms (Reading and Stories)	Mrs Maclean	Year 1 Classroom	3.00-3.45pm
	Year 2 Lego Club (15)	Miss Steel and Miss John	Year 2 Classroom	3.00-3.45pm
	Year 5 & 6 Computing Club (20)	Mr Hodgson	Year 5	3.00-3.45pm
Tuesday	Year 3 & 4 Multi Sports with Tom - <u>£15.00</u>	Tom	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 5 & 6 Multi Sports with Tom - <u>£15.00</u>	Tom	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.00-4.00pm
Thursday	Year 3 & 4 Mindfulness Colouring (20)	Miss Wren	Year 6 Classroom	3.00-3.45pm
	Year 1 & 2 Funfit Club (16)	Mrs Dearden	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.00-3.45pm

After School Club Attendance - To enable that we know your child is safe, please can you let school know if your child is not going to be able to attend their after-school club. Thank you.



Onside Sports Coaching Soccer Skill Sessions

Onside Soccer Skill Sessions are designed to improve the individual technique and team play of every participant using a mixture of FUTSAL and COERVER coaching techniques. The sessions are aligned to Academy practices including ball mastery programs each week, continuous coaching cycle including the main stream topics and small sided games to ensure your child has maximum contact hours to fulfil their potential. All coaches are qualified with full DBS checks to ensure a safe environment for you child.



Date/Time	Venue: BARROW	Age Group
Monday 5-6pm	BARROW @ Furness Academy Gym	Reception
Monday 5-6pm	BARROW @ Furness Academy Gym	Year 1 & 2
Monday 6-7pm	BARROW @ Furness Academy Gym	Year 3,4,5 & 6

Date / Time	Venue : DALTON	Age Group
Friday 5-6pm	DALTON @ DASH Dowdales School	Reception
Friday 5-6pm	DALTON @ DASH Dowdales School	Years 1 and 2
Friday 6-7pm	DALTON @ DASH Dowdales School	Years 3,4,5 & 6

£25 for 5 weeks of coaching! Starts week commencing 20th September

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE – BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

All coaching will be delivered by coaches with enhanced DBS disclosures to work with children enabling us to provide a fun, safe environment for your child to work in.

To book or for info please contact Gavin Butler...

E: gav@onsidesportscoaching.co.uk

M: 07887940150

F: Onside Sports Development



E-School Nurse Video Clinics



Twice weekly online health support and advice for parents, carers and professionals, supporting children and young people aged 5-19 years old.

Tuesday and Thursday

During school term only

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link that is private, secure, confidential and convenient for you. In consultation with you, the nurse will assess the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

For more information on the **E-School Nurse video clinic** please read the information leaflet or visit:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

You can telephone for an appointment

01228 603973 (Monday - Friday 08:00-16:00)

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