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Autumn Term Newsletter 01 - 08/09/2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a good holiday and are ready for the new school year ahead. Lots of children seem to have grown over the Summer and it has been lovely to hear about what they have been up to during the break. It has also been great to meet one or two new baby brothers and sisters on the gate (and some new puppies!)

What a treat to come back in the sunshine. The children have settled well into their new classrooms and also enjoyed some outdoor learning and Opal Play. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Miss Zerlauskaite for working as our school caretaker last year. She worked hard over the summer to stay on top of weeding (not easy in the tropical, rainforest conditions) and helped to develop the outdoor areas that we are now enjoying. She completed many other tasks and dealt with building related issues. Mr Mugeridge also volunteered last term and completed many outdoor practical tasks to benefit school. He will take over as caretaker this term. Thank you to both of them.

Miss Zerlauskaite will continue to work in school as playleader at lunchtimes and she will support Mrs Deaden with Thursday outdoor learning lessons.

Part of our Inset day focused on teamwork and we regularly remind our staff, children, parents and visitors that at Pennington we are friendly team-players with high expectations. We reflected on last year. You only have to look back at Facebook to see all the fabulous learning opportunities and extra memorable events that the children enjoyed last year. The staff deserved a pat on the back for their efforts and were treated to a welcome back lunch.

As parents and carers, you are encouraged and welcome to get involved with school life in many ways. If you feel you have talents and skills that may benefit the Pennington team, please let us know and we will certainly find a way to utilise them.

The senior leadership team and governors are busy with writing the school development plan for this year and identifying areas for school improvement. Mrs Solloway will hold a Parent Voice meeting in her classroom on Wednesday 20th September so you will be able to contribute any ideas.

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.

School uniform and P.E. Kits

Children should wear full school uniform including black or dark school shoes or smart black 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.

We hold a second hand uniform sale at the end of each term.

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

School Hub - Lunches

Please can we remind parents to choose their child's lunch from the School Hub 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 still sign into School Hub and choose the option of 'packed lunch from home'.** 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.

Keyboard Lessons

Spaces are available for Year 3 - 6 children who are interested in keyboard lessons for those interested Sessions will begin on Tuesday 12th September. Please contact Mrs Ord direct, as soon as possible, for more information ordheather@gmail.com

After School Clubs - starting week beginning 11th September

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 nominal charge for clubs run by school staff to cover resources. We will continue to charge for clubs run by sports coaches. All clubs need to be booked, paid for and permission given through Parentpay.** We still consider this to be good value. Thank you to staff for giving their time freely to offer these opportunities.



After School Clubs - Autumn 1 2023

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Year 5 & 6 Computing Club (16) £5.00 (<u>Starting Monday 18th September</u>)	Mr Hodgson	Year 5 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	Year 1, 2 and 3 Football £15.00	Jack	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
	Year 3 - 6 Reading Club (20) £6.00	Miss Barnes	Year 3 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 4, 5 & 6 Football £15.00	Corey	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm

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.

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Dear Parents/Carers

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Pennington, we get an extra funding for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free school meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once.

To register, please click on the following link:

[Free school meals and clothing vouchers | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

Kind regards

Mrs Storey
Headteacher

LOPPERGARTH PLAYGROUND & COMMUNITY GROUP



PUMPKIN TRAIL

27th - 31st October

Pick up your Pumpkin Trail Map
from Loppergarth Playground.

Wander around Pennington & Loppergarth,
making a note of where you find the pumpkin
displays. When complete, return your trail maps
to Loppergarth Playground treasure chest.

Prizes for the best Pumpkin Display
and ALL correctly answered
treasure maps.

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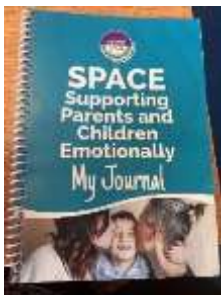
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SPACE



The programme aims for parents and carers to gain an understanding of the impact of early life experiences on yourselves as parents/carers and on your children, learn to see behaviour as a form of communication, and look at the causes and triggers of behaviours and develop strategies for building resilience in yourselves and your children. The workshops are delivered over a 5-week (2 hours per week) programme. This will be funded by the Family Connector Project. The dates for your school are as follows:

Here is some of the feedback from participants that have completed the SPACE programme.

- I have learnt about how my trauma has affected me as an adult.
- I really enjoyed the course, I felt safe and comfortable.
- Getting to know other parents, sharing how we feel and realising we are not alone in our struggles.
- Relaxed, friendly atmosphere, the videos were interesting and useful.

Taster Wednesday 13th of September	11:00 -12:00	Pennington Primary Opportunity to ask any questions and find out more about the course
Week 1 Wednesday 20 th of September	09:30 - 11:30	Pennington Primary
Week 2 Wednesday 27 th of September	09:30 - 11:30	Pennington Primary
Week 3 Wednesday 4 th of October	09:30 - 11:30	Pennington Primary
Week 4 Wednesday 11 th of October	09:30 - 11:30	Pennington Primary
Week 5 Wednesday 18 th October	09:3 - 11:30	Pennington Primary

Donna Lund from the Family Connector Project will be delivering the sessions. If you are interested in the programme, please contact Mrs Wright or the school office by the end of Monday and they will add your name to the list. As mentioned there are limited spaces, so please ensure you let us know as soon as possible if you are wanting to take part.

TASTER SESSION – Wednesday the 13th of September, this will give you an opportunity to find out more about the course, and ask any questions.

Lindal Rainbows

Rainbows are the youngest members in Girlguiding aged 5-7.

We do lots of interesting things at Rainbows; games, painting, trails, crafts, songs and opportunities to go on adventures.

We meet on a Wednesday at the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal from 5 – 6pm.

If you would like your daughter to come to Rainbows, please use Girlguiding's 'Join Us' website, put in her details and I will add her, to the waiting list. This enables me to contact you when your daughter is able to come and join us.

If you would like to contact me to ask any questions or find out more my number is 465557 or you can email 1peterand1vicki@gmail.com

Thank you
Vicky Smith



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

*EXCITED, NERVOUS, ANXIOUS?
NOT SURE HOW THEY'RE FEELING?*

EMOTIONAL HEALTH CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE
TO CHILDREN'S PROSPECTS IN SCHOOL AND BEYOND

In Cumbria, we believe in supporting children's emotional health development, and that's why we've invested in online courses in understanding your child for parents.

By understanding how your child's brain develops and responds emotionally, you can better support their needs as they navigate the big milestones in school.



- Learn to better read and understand behaviour
- Help them to communicate how they feel
- Gain psychologist-informed ideas to support your child



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