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## Spring Term Newsletter 01 - 05/01/2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to school!

We have been fairly cautious in our approach this week due to a high number of Covid cases recorded in Cumbria. We are currently working in our class bubbles and when outside at playtime, we have reduced the number of children on each playground to reduce contact. We have also had assemblies in our own classrooms this week. We have delayed starting our after-school activities as children from different classes mix and will review this next week in the hope that after school clubs may begin on the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> January. There will be more information about this in next week's newsletter.

You received an e-mailed letter on Monday which outlined the latest national guidance and additional local guidance for Cumbria. It is attached to the bottom of this newsletter. We appreciate this can be confusing and if you are in doubt or need any advice, please phone the school office and we will endeavour to help with any queries.

### Attendance

As you would expect, our whole school attendance has been affected by Covid and illness is the main reason for absence from school. There are also sometimes other unavoidable reasons why children cannot attend. There are also however, occasions when children are not in school and could or should be. Please be aware that absence and lateness is monitored. The school inclusion officer Nicky Braund-Smith works for Cumbria County Council and helps to monitor the attendance of children in our school and when children's attendance drops below 90% it becomes a cause for concern. Mrs Storey will be contacting parents/ carers by e mail to inform you if your child's attendance has dropped below 90%

### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to all those who donated to Save the Children via ParentPay last term. We raised **£160.00**

### Creative Christmas Homework

Thank you to all those who donated decorations to decorate Pennington Church for our nativity and Christingle services which unfortunately did not take place - children who contributed decorations have been awarded with a chocolate treat.

### Ulverston Pantomime Society - Aladdin, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022

We are hoping to go ahead with the Pantomime visit at the end of January as long as Covid will allow. Please see letter below.

### Party Day

As school closed early and year 5 and 6 missed their Christmas party, we are now holding a New Year Party for Year 5 and 6 on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Children may come to school in non-uniform/suitable party clothes (party shoes can be brought into school to change into for the party but not be worn during the morning). There will be music in the hall and traditional party games. We will provide drink, crisps and a cake for children. If your child has any allergies or you do not want them to have this, please send an alternative snack. We look forward to lots of fun and dancing.

# FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON

Thank you to all those who came along to the Christmas Fair. We managed to raise  
£1500.

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Dear Parents

**PANTOMIME 2022 - ALADDIN - THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022**

Pantomime Time - for traditional family fun to brighten up the months after Christmas, Ulverston Pantomime Society are putting on 'Aladdin' at the Coronation Hall.

I am delighted to be able to continue with our annual tradition of organising a trip to see Ulverston Pantomime Society's production every January. Of course, this could not take place last year but it is so good that we are now able to offer the children the opportunity to see live theatre again. This year the production is Aladdin and the performance will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00pm. This event is always well supported and is a fun evening, for those of you who haven't been before, it would be lovely to have you involved.

If you would like you and/or your child to attend, please complete the permission slip below and return to school by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The performance will begin at 7:00pm and we wish children to be dropped off outside by 6.40pm where they will be supervised by a member of staff. Alternatively, you are welcome to join us as both adults and children's tickets will cost £12.00 each. Cheques should be made payable to Ulverston Pantomime Society and should be included with the order.

Reception children may come if you feel they have the maturity to sit through a two-and-a-half-hour performance but we would have to insist that an adult came with them on this occasion.

As in previous years this has been an enjoyable evening and we look forward to Pennington representing a good presence.

Kind regards.

Helen Storey  
Headteacher

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I would like the following tickets for the performance of Aladdin on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Child's name ..... Year ..... No of tickets..... @ £12.00 = £.....

Total payment enclosed ..... (cheques to be made payable to Ulverston Pantomime Society)

Signed ..... Parent/Carer

## Little Explorers



Tuesday 2022  
11th, 18th, 25th Jan  
1st, 8th, Feb  
10:30am-12:00

Parent and toddler sessions 18 months - 4 Years  
Ulverston Children's Centre: Lund Terrace, LA12 9BE  
Enjoy singing, stories with props, play and craft ideas.  
Top tips for parents on health and child development.  
A group to make friends and share experiences.  
See below to book your place.

Places limited please contact:  
sharon.norton@actionforchildren.org.uk  
Mobile: 07545 701232



### Rhyme time

For parents and children aged 1 - 4 years  
Come and sing songs, hear a story, do craft activities and develop communication skills. An opportunity to make friends and enjoy time together with your child.  
Ambleside Library, Kelsick Rd, LA22 0BZ  
Starts 12th January 1:40 - 3:10pm for 5 weeks  
To book contact:  
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Limited spaces!

### New Beginnings

For parents to be: Wednesday 10-11am  
Online antenatal weekly drop in (MS Teams) to make friends, share information and support each other. Topical discussions led by a trained practitioner.  
Baby Beginnings: Once baby arrives, come and meet other new parents. Weekly drop in sessions held in Kendal and Ulverston.



### Other events

Infant feeding group - supporting parents with any feeding issues. In partnership with infant feeding coordinator and the HV team.  
2nd & 4th Monday starting 10th Jan. 10-11:30am Kendal West Children's Centre. LA8 9PP To book call Sharon 07545 701232

Information session for parents - Online Safety  
Wednesday 2nd February 7:00 - 8:00pm  
Information session for parents - CPR / First Aid  
(in partnership with Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service)  
19th January 7:00 - 8:00pm