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Spring Term Newsletter 01 - 06/01/2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year everybody. We look forward to a happy and healthy spring term.

You may have noticed that we have a new building at the top of our school field. This replaces our Learning Den and has been provided by Highways England following the completion of the roundabout project. We would like to thank Steve and Amy for working with us on such an exciting project. We look forward to using the building as a learning intervention space and as a base for outdoor learning.

A lovely Christmas present for the whole school!

Smart Watches

Children are not allowed to wear smart watches to school. Parents should also be advised that children cannot bring any devices that may take photographs or videos into school to ensure that everyone is safeguarded and also to protect personal property from loss or damage. Occasionally a parent asks if a mobile phone can be left in the school office for a child to collect after school if they are going home with another parent. We are happy to accommodate this.

After School Clubs

We aim to offer a range of after school activities throughout the year. The timetable for next 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.

If you want your child to take part in an after-school club activity, please email admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk to give permission to the clubs your child wishes to attend.

If your child wants to join Multisports or Football please log into Parentpay to secure their place.

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 - Spring 1 2023

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Year 3,4,5 & 6 Watercolours Club (4 places available)	Mrs Barton	Year 4 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	Year 1, 2 and 3 Multi Sports £15.00	Jack	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Football £15.00 Year 1 & 2 Lego Club (2 places available)	Corey Miss Sedgwick	School Playing Field Hall when wet Year 1 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm 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.

All those parents who have requested a place so far via email, or paid for a place through Parentpay have secured a space.

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Dear Parents

PANTOMIME 2023 - ROBIN HOOD - THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY 2023

Pantomime Time - for traditional family fun to brighten up the months after Christmas, Ulverston Pantomime Society are putting on 'Robin Hood' 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. This year's performance of Robin Hood will take place on Thursday 26th January 2023 at 7.00pm.

This event is always well supported and is a fun evening and 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/ren to attend, please log into Parentpay to pay for tickets by Monday 9th January 2023. 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.

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 come 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

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022/2023



AUTUMN TERM 2022

STARTS

Wednesday
7 September

ENDS

Tuesday
20 December (1.30pm)

HALF - TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 24 October -
Friday 28 October

Number of school days in term - 70

SPRING TERM 2023

STARTS

Wednesday
4 January

ENDS

Friday
31 March

HALF - TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 20 February -
Friday 24 February

Number of school days in term - 58

SUMMER TERM 2023

STARTS

Monday
17 April

ENDS

Wednesday
19 July

HALF - TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 29 May -
Friday 2 June

Good Friday - 7 April
Easter Sunday - 9 April
Easter Monday - 10 April
May Bank Holiday - 1 May

Number of school days in term - 62

Number of days in year - 190

INSET Days: Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 September
Tuesday 3 January

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023/2024



AUTUMN TERM 2023

STARTS HOLIDAY

Wednesday
6 September

ENDS

Tuesday
19 December

Number of school days in term - 70

HALF - TERM

Monday 23 October -
Friday 27 October

SPRING TERM 2024

STARTS

Wednesday
3 January

ENDS

Thursday
28 March

Number of school days in term - 57

HALF - TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 12 February -
Friday 16 February

SUMMER TERM 2024

STARTS

Tuesday
16 April

ENDS

Friday
19 July

Number of school days in term - 63

Number of days in year - 190

INSET Days: Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 September
 Monday 15 April

HALF - TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 29 May -
Friday 2 June

Good Friday - 29 March
Easter Sunday - 30 March
Easter Monday - 1 April
May Bank Holiday - 6 May

Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever

As children, pupils and students return to school and early years settings following the Christmas break, we are reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels.

The Education Infection Prevention and Control (EIPC) team at Cumbria County Council is available to answer any queries and offer support to education and childcare settings in Cumbria – email: EducationIPC@cumbria.gov.uk

The team has also made a range of resources available via the Council's website, including letter templates, guides and factsheets: [Health Protection and Health Education resources \(including COVID-19\) for Education settings | Cumbria County Council](#)

Press release from UKHSA:

Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also [continue to be reported](#).

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and, in some cases, can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information [getting your child vaccinated against flu](#) on NHS.UK.

In addition:

- Maintain good ventilation in indoors areas. If a room feels hot and stuffy, or your carbon dioxide monitor is showing high CO2 levels, increase ventilation levels. See our guide here: [Ventilation - One Minute Guide \(cumbria.gov.uk\)](#)
 - A reminder that community pharmacists are highly trained professionals who have the skills to help manage minor illnesses in children. Parents can visit their local pharmacy for advice and medications. However, if a parent or carer thinks their child has scarlet fever, or is concerned about illness symptoms in their children, they should contact their GP or call NHS 111.
 - Is my child well enough to attend school or their early years setting? See our quick guide for parents and carers: <https://cumbria.gov.uk/elibrary/Content/Internet/537/38232/38403/4483094729.pdf>
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