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Summer Term Newsletter 01 - 19/04/2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to all the children who received Special Mentions at the end of last term. Welcome back to the Summer Term. The weather is fabulous for our first outdoor learning day of this term. Look out for photos on Face Book and Twitter. The summer term is always a busy one and we will endeavour to keep you informed of up-and-coming events, which will include dates for statutory assessments, school trips, Sports Day, transition information and end of year events.



Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will take place after school on the week beginning 2nd May. Your child's class teacher will contact you via Dojo and Tapestry to offer appointments very soon, so look out for information. We encourage all parents/carers to attend as your child's education is very much a partnership. We will offer face to face appointments in school and there will be an opportunity to view your child's work. If you cannot attend, Zoom appointments will also be available.

Strikes

The NEU have planned further Strikes on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.

We have a number of staff in the union who have found it very difficult to make the decision about whether or not to strike.

School will be CLOSED FOR YEAR 3 on Thursday 27th April but no decision has been made regarding Tuesday 2nd May. As teachers have the option to make their decision right up to the morning of the strike, I will inform you if any other classes will be affected.

Uniform/Jewellery

Just a reminder that our school uniform list is below. Children may want to wear sandals this term. Please make sure these are suitable and sturdy enough for playing out. Jewellery should not be worn for school for health and safety reasons. Only small studded earrings are appropriate and should be removed or covered with tape for PE.

Energy Drinks

Energy drinks are heavily marketed to children but you may not be aware that they are harmful for children's health. Most health professionals would discourage children under 12 drinking energy drinks due to the high amount of caffeine and sugars and other stimulants. Children should bring a water bottle to school for use in lesson time and may bring cordial to have with their lunch. Obviously - no energy drinks.

Social Enterprise - Bright Stars Project

On Friday 5th May Reception class will be holding their first 'Penn Pals' session.

'Penn Pals' is a social enterprise led by Reception class, a Bright Stars project, with the support of a local business, Playdale Playgrounds. The 'Penn Pals' group will be launched by a Coronation Crafts session during the morning. Friends and family members from our community will be invited to join us. For £2 people will be able to have a cup of tea or coffee with a biscuit or cake and enjoy activities led by the children. There will be a series of 4 sessions initially, each Friday morning, with differing themes. People can come to one or all of the sessions, there is no commitment, it is just an opportunity to enjoy time with each other and the children and support our business venture!

Year 4 and 5 Residentials

Year 4 and 5 are looking forward to their Residential Trip next week to Low Bank Ground, Coniston. We hope the weather is kind and they have a fantastic week.

New After School Club for Year 3 to 6

Is your child good at Lego or Engineering? Siemens Energy in Ulverston would like to set a challenge.....do you think they could build one of our connectors out of Lego and enter a competition?

The club is aimed at year 3 to 6, starting after school on Thursday 27th April with some STEM support to assist with your idea and get some entries into the competition.



Parent's First Aid - Monday 5th June 2023 - 9.00 - 12.00

Every year 2 million children in the UK attend A&E due to accidents. Teaching parents first aid skills helps prevent serious complications and gives parents piece of mind.

Parents will feel confident in helping their child if an accident occurs, having gained the knowledge and skills to recognise if something is more seriously wrong.

We are able to offer, in school, free of charge, 12 places teaching parents practical first aid skills for common children's accidents and emergencies. Please email admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk if you would be interested in a place.

Online Safety News, Tips and Helpful Advice

The NSPCC believe that going online should be a positive experience for all children. Click the link to see their six top tips to improve online wellbeing then take the fun quiz with your family to start the conversation and see if you all agree with the answers. https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/positively-online?gclid=aw.ds&&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIxoCZuPTo_QIVDOrtCh1b2QJrEAAYASAAEgIIxPD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds



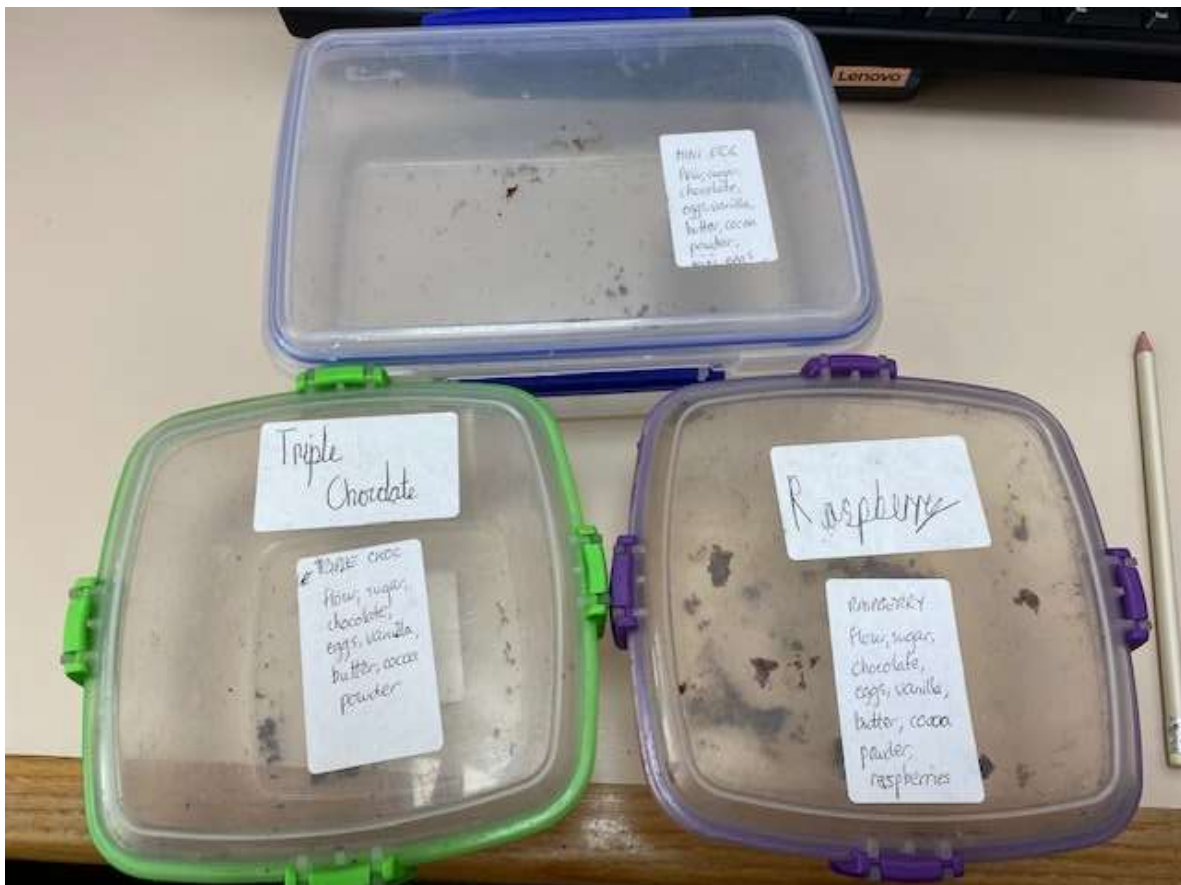
Positively online

Discover our six top tips to support your child's online wellbeing and take our family quiz.

www.nspcc.org.uk

Bake Sale

We still have a few boxes left over from the bake sale (please see photo below). If these are your boxes or you know who owns them, please can you come to the office to collect. Many thanks.



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 Summer Sports, please log into Parentpay to secure their place.

For those clubs that need payment, once payment has been made, this will secure a place and give permission. 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 - Summer 1 2023

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Reading Club Y6 (invite only)	Miss Wren	Year 6 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	Year 1, 2 and 3 Summer Sports <u>£15.00</u>	Jack	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 3, 4,5&6 Summer Sports <u>£15.00</u>	Corey	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
	Year 1 & 2 Craft Club (15 spaces)	Miss Sedgwick	Year 1 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
NEW CLUB	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 STEM LEGO (30 Places)	Mrs Smith (Parent) Mrs Gilbert (Parent)	Year 6 Classroom	3.15 - 4.00pm
Thursday				

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.

FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON

Easter Colouring Competition

Thank you to all those who entered our Easter Colouring Competition!! Winners will be announced on Friday 🌟

Committee Meeting, Thursday 20th April

Via Zoom.

If anyone would like to come along please ask one of our committee members for details: Carly Baird, Stella Baldwin, Amanda Dexter, Hayley Burrow or speak to Mrs Hockaday 📄

Family Beetle Drive, Thursday 4th May

We would like to invite you to a family fun night to mark King Charles III Coronation in the form of a Beetle Drive!! Tickets will be on sale from next week, keep a look out for further details 👁️

Children's Sunflower Growing Competition

Seeds and entry forms will be available from school in the coming weeks, sunflowers should be planted by the end of May, further details on how to enter in next week's newsletter 🌻

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
Coronation Bank Holiday - 8 May

Number of school days in term - 62

Number of days in year - 190

SATS Week - 9 to 12 May

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



E-School Nurse Video Clinics (By appointment only)



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

Tuesday and Thursday

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link using [Attend Anywhere](#). The link is private, secure, confidential and convenient.

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 Mon-Fri 8-4pm



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Music Makers: a new creative music club for children aged 7-11

From April onwards, Cumbria Music Service will be launching a new after-school creative music club in Barrow called **Music Makers**. The club will take place at The Forum on Monday evenings, 4.30-5.30. All children aged 7-11 are welcome to come along and enjoy making music, meeting new friends and trying out lots of different instruments and musical activities. There is no requirement to play an instrument, though children are welcome to bring their own if they have one. **Music Makers** will be an opportunity for children to develop their musical confidence and creativity, no matter their level of experience or ability. Cost: £16 for the summer term (less than £1.50 per session). Discounts available - see online Try your first session for free - tick the box when you sign up online: <https://cumbriamusicclub.com/>



Music Makers

Photo: Alexandra Forsyth

A new creative music making club for KS2 children aged 7-11

Kendal: Brewery Arts Centre
Tuesdays 5-6pm
Barrow: The Forum
Mondays 4.30-5.30pm


Sign up: <https://cumbriamusicclub.com/>
✉ cumbriamusicclub@cumbria.gov.uk

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Music Makers




- Create music together and have fun exploring different musical activities and instruments
- You don't need to play an instrument already, but you can bring one along if you do
- New for Summer 2023 - with more opportunities to come in Autumn term!
- Try your first session for free - just tick the box when you sign up online

Fee Remissions:
Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals are entitled to a 50% discount on fees. All Looked After Children can attend free of charge

Summer Term: £16
Annual Membership:
£48 first child | £30 second child | £25 for third and subsequent children. (includes all groups within a music centre)

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Cost of Living Support

With the cost of living on the rise, there will be people in Cumbria who are struggling, whether that's emotionally, financially or just because they need practical help to get in touch and seek support.

It can be daunting to search through what is on offer and to find what you need. The link below provides local information for Cumbrian residents on a range of helpful topics.

You might feel worried or find yourself in a position you have never experienced before, but please don't wait for problems to get worse, there are many local organisations that can help.

<https://legacy.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/costofliving/>