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Autumn Term Newsletter 02 - 28/09/2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Special Mentions

Well-done to our children who received this weeks' Special Mention awards. It is great to hear that many children have been able to attend hobbies and events outside school and they were very proud to receive recognition in front of their peers and teachers.



Boxes of Hope

Your child will bring a leaflet home for Boxes of Hope, our local shoebox charity. A small team visits Romania each year to distribute the Christmas boxes to children. The leaflet explains what to do and the ideal items to put in a box. Please try and ensure that there is a £2.00 donation with each box to cover the administration and transport costs. Can you return the boxes to school on **Monday 31st October**. Thank you in advance, you are always very generous with your donations.

FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON

Christmas Cards and other items

The children will be busy next week with their Christmas card designs. They will bring home their designs and an order form. This year you will be able to order cards, mugs, coasters, wrapping paper/gift tags, thank you cards and even cushions. You will have received an email to pay for your items through Parentpay as we are unable to accept cheques and cash.

Orders **MUST** be brought back to school on **Wednesday 12th October** in order for us to send them back to the company. Your goods will be sent to school for distribution around Wednesday 30th November.

Small World Area

Reception class are revamping their small world area and would be very grateful for any donations of toys. In particular we are short of toys for the following boxes:

- Cars
- Airports
- People Who Help Us
- Farm

We would be appreciative of any donations. Thank you so much.

Pennington C of E School Open Days - 1st - 4th November

We will be holding an Open Week for parents of potential new Reception children (2023-2024) the first week back after half term. If you know of anyone who would be interested in an appointment, please advise them to ring the school office.

The procedure for applying for a place on the Cumbria County Website is set out below. Please apply online.

The closing date for applications is 15 January 2023.

If you live in Cumbria and your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, they will be due to start school in Reception year group in September 2022. You must apply to Cumbria County Council for a place.

Before you apply for a school place, please read through the [Starting School in Cumbria 2021 \(PDF 8MB\)](#) booklet. If you need a printed copy of the booklet, please contact the School Admissions and Appeals Team: Email: school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk

To apply for a Reception place for your child in September 2023, you can:

- [APPLY ONLINE](#)
- complete a [WORD version of form SA1 application form \(Word 66kb\)](#), which can be completed electronically and sent to School Admissions by email to school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk

download the [PDF version of the application form \(PDF 267kb\)](#) and send it to School Admissions at: School Admissions and Appeals, Cumbria County Council, PO Box 415, Carlisle, CA1 9GU

Transfer to Secondary School: September 2023

We have received a reminder from County for those parents who have not yet applied for a Secondary School place; the half term break is approaching and the closing date for applications is 31 October 2022. Parents can make an application online at:

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp>

Parents can contact the School Admissions Team, e-mail: school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk or tel: 01228 221582

Lunchshop

Please can we remind parents to choose their child's 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 choose this option of Lunchshop.

We encourage healthy packed lunches as we promote healthy eating. Children may bring crisps, chocolate biscuits or a small chocolate bar but these items should not make up the majority of their lunchbox. We encourage yoghurts, fruit and other healthy snacks.

Can we also remind families that we are a **nut-free school** as we have a number children in school with allergies.

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.

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

Parking

We are aware that parking outside school continues to be difficult at times, particularly on wet days when the majority of children arrive by car. The temporary car park alleviated the issue for a while whilst the roadworks were ongoing and now, we must adapt to new parking arrangements. PCSO Helen Madden is monitoring parking to ensure that it is safe for our children. Please park sensibly and be patient. Unfortunately, parking is an issue outside most schools.

One space at the front of the layby is reserved for a family who have specific needs and are usually coned. Please leave this space free.

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.

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.

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.

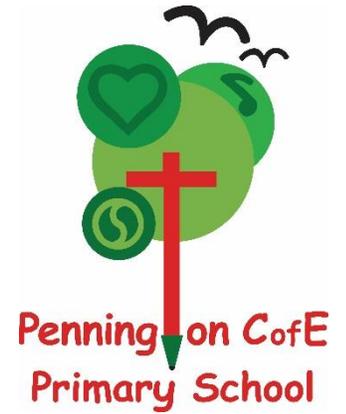


After School Clubs - Autumn 1 2022

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Year 5 & 6 Computing Club (20)	Mr Hodgson	Year 5 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Walking Wellbeing Club	Miss Wren	School Grounds/ Wetlands	3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	Year 1, 2 and 3 Multi Sports <u>£15.00</u>	Jack	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Football <u>£15.00</u>	Corey	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
	Year 1 to 6 Reading Club	Miss Barnes Miss Huddleston	Year 3 Classroom	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.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022/2023



AUTUMN TERM 2022

STARTS

Wednesday
7 September

ENDS

Tuesday
20 December

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

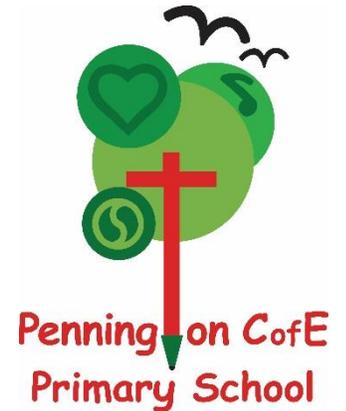
Good Friday - 7 April
Easter Sunday - 9 April
Easter Monday - 10 April
May Bank Holiday - 1 May

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

Wednesday
6 September

ENDS

Tuesday
19 December

Number of school days in term - 70

HALF - TERM HOLIDAY

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

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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 £1,385 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, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

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 at the school.

To register, please click on the following link:

<https://cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>

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

HALF TERM

Monday 24th
Little Ballers-1pm
ages 18 months+

Tuesday 25th
Multi Sports (ages 4-7)
10am-12pm

Wednesday 26th
Multi Sports (ages 5+)
9.30am-2.30pm

Thursday 27th
Craft Day (ages 5+)
10am-2pm

Friday 28th
Football (ages 4+)
1-2pm

See more details and book via-
hpactivities.com



Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Energy Efficient Funding Available South Lakes and Barrow

You may be aware of a new scheme known as the 'Sustainable Warmth Grant Scheme' which is available in your local area. The scheme aims to improve the energy efficiency of properties which would benefit from better heating and insulation systems.

These improvements can help offset the increased energy price cap, which has led to many families suffering from the costs of higher energy bills.

You could be eligible for up to £25,000 worth of free energy efficiency products, including air source heat pumps, cavity wall insulation and/or solar panels. Qualifying homeowners will not need to contribute towards the scheme, it will be fully funded via Carlisle City Council. If you are living in a rented property, you can still take advantage of this scheme.

Improveasy are working with Carlisle Council and Sustainable Warmth Cumbria to help raise awareness of the scheme and its benefits, as well as arranging and overseeing installations.

Improveasy will assess your property to see what energy efficient measures are best suited, check your eligibility, apply for funding and carry out the installations of your new energy efficient upgrades.

Here are some of the free energy efficiency measures you could be eligible for:

- Solid wall insulation (internal or external)
- Cavity wall insulation
- Loft insulation
- Air source heat pump
- Solar PV for electricity generation

Funding for the Sustainable Warmth Grant Scheme is limited to 450 homes and distributed on a first-come-first-served basis.

To qualify, you need to be in receipt of one of the benefits below or have a total household income of less than £30,000.

- Universal Credit (UC)
- Working Tax Credit (WTC)
- Child Tax Credits (CTC)
- Income support (IS)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)
- Income based Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)

For further information, please contact me directly, your area Energy Efficient Funding Manager.

Yours sincerely,

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