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Spring Term Newsletter 03 – 18/01/2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to all the children who received Special Mentions last week.



School Vision and Values

A few years ago, we did some work with our whole school community supported by the diocese about rewriting the vision for our school. As a Church of England primary school, it is important that our vision is distinctly Christian and that we recognise that Christian values are rooted in the Bible.

Our vision was discussed at length and re-written, shared with staff, governors, parents and children, then encapsulated in our strapline 'God gave each of us different gifts- together we can do great things'. 'God gave each of us different gifts' is a verse taken directly from the Bible. 'Together we can do great things' is a quote from Mother Teresa who was a Catholic nun who founded the Missionaries of Charity and dedicated her life to helping others.

We believe our strapline recognises and celebrates that we are all different and working together will allow us all to achieve more and flourish. You do not have to be a Christian to attend or work in our school but must be supportive of our vision and values. Our vision is shared and underpins the ethos of the school. We aim to be supportive, empathetic and welcoming to all who visit.

Just after we had written our vision, we selected eight Christian Values - Trust, Honesty, Forgiveness, Koinonia (this means belonging/community), Friendship, Hope, Endurance and Thankfulness. Each half term, we focus on one value and learn about it. We use the values as a focus for collective worship, discussions and displays.

It is good practice to regularly review and reconsider our vision and our Christian values and decide whether we would like to refocus on other Christian Values. Sometimes values suit a certain time or point in our lives or others become more pertinent to our situation.

We will be looking at the Christian values with each class, discussing their meanings and making some decisions about which ones we keep and which ones we may want to exchange for an alternative. Staff will also talk about them at a staff meeting and have the opportunity to contribute to the discussion.

We would also like to involve parents and governors in our decision making.

We have provided a long list of Christian values below and ask that you complete the online survey which you can access using this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDPY9vJHrERifTWAEDoZsB0DQOhd2kU1USYYoktcOcS8t-Qw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Alternatively, you can print the form below, tick/colour those that you feel should be most important to our school community, the values that you feel your children should learn most about in school and hand in to the school office.

Please choose no more than 10

Generosity	Compassion	Wisdom	Thankfulness
Hope	Humility	Gratitude	Honesty
Love	Integrity	Modesty	Patience
Respect	Service	Kindness	Community
Endurance	Reverence	Forgiveness	Gentleness
Peace	Justice	Resilience	Truthfulness
Faith	Koinonia	Creativity	Goodness

Thank you in advance for your support with this. We will let you know the outcome in a few weeks when the consultation period is over.

Parking

Following a meeting of the Memorial Hall committee last Thursday, we have been asked to reiterate a message to parents and carers of school children.

The car park outside the hall is for hall and nursery users only. Parents who are collecting children from both nursery and school **can** use the car park and are asked to park considerately, leaving space in front of the hall free.

Parents with children at our school are asked to park elsewhere. Please adhere to this request so that both younger and older members of the community who really need the convenience of the car park have proper access.

As a school, we endeavour to contribute positively to our community and be neighbourly and considerate. We thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Opal Play-an exciting project

You may remember from previous newsletters that 14 local primary schools in the FPC (Furness Primary Collaborative) received extra funding from Orcina last year to work together on exciting projects. Orcina have again been very generous and they continue to provide funding to support us.

Our latest project is aimed at improving playtimes for our children and we are working with a national company called Opal Play. They recognise that playtimes are a very important time for children and take up 20% of the school day (including lunch break). They will audit our current practice and suggest ways we can develop our grounds to provide new opportunities for children to enjoy playtimes. Over the next 18 months we look forward to telling you more about this project.

PE Kits

PE Kits should include pumps for indoor use and suitable outdoor trainers. Outdoor red school hoodies can be purchased from Identity in Barrow so that children have a change from their school jumpers and dark bottoms may be worn for outdoor PE lessons (black or grey).

Signing Children In and Out of School

If you bring your child into school late or following an appointment or arrive at school to collect your child for an appointment, please come to the school office first to use our signing in and out system. It is very important for fire regulations that Mrs Holland knows exactly who is in school at any given time.

Robin Hood Pantomime - Thursday 26th January

Mrs Storey will distribute tickets on arrival at Coronation Hall. 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. The performance will last about 2 hours and we ask that you arrive at the Coronation Hall for 9.00pm to collect your child/ren.

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 (FULL)	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	Corey	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
	Year 1 & 2 Lego Club (FULL)	Miss Sedgwick	Year 1 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 (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

ENDS

HALF - TERM HOLIDAY

Wednesday
6 September

Tuesday
19 December

Monday 23 October -
Friday 27 October

Number of school days in term - 70

SPRING TERM 2024

STARTS

ENDS

HALF - TERM HOLIDAY

Wednesday
3 January

Thursday
28 March

Monday 12 February -
Friday 16 February

Number of school days in term - 57

SUMMER TERM 2024

STARTS

ENDS

HALF - TERM HOLIDAY

Tuesday
16 April

Friday
19 July

Monday 29 May -
Friday 2 June

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

Number of school days in term - 63

Number of days in year - 190

INSET Days: Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 September

Monday 15 April



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Onside Sports Coaching Half Term Holiday Camp

Onside Football & Multi Sports Academy (4-12 year olds)

The camp will consist of fun and enjoyable warm up games and then allow the children to experience numerous sporting activities during the day. All coaching will be delivered by coaches with enhanced DBS disclosures to work with children enabling us to provide a fun, safe environment for your child to work



FURNESS ACADEMY

Mon 20th Feb - Fri 24th Feb



Limited places available. Book early to avoid disappointment

- Each camp will run **9am-3pm** (bubble drop off and collection times will be confirmed on booking)
- We will continue to run age group bubbles and the children will work with the same coaches each day.
- We have use of a huge hall and 3g playing facilities so if the weather is poor the camp will run as normal.
- Participants will require appropriate sports kit and trainers. Also, a packed lunch and still drinks will be needed for their lunch break.

- **INDIVIDUAL DAYS £15**
- **FULL WEEK BOOKING £65**

For further info please contact Gavin Butler
T – 07887940150
E – Gav@onsidesportscoaching.co.uk
F- Onside Sports coaching Development

Photographs/Videos may be taken for publicity, training and advertisement purposes. By circling YES it will indicate you DO have objections to this, please contact Onside Sports Coaching with any questions



Thursdays

4-5pm

Ages 5-11

Glaxo Sports Hall (LA12 9DR)

£3 per session

(paid in termly blocks)

**For more info get in touch-
hannah@hpactivities.com**

Visit hpactivities.com to see how to book!



HP ACTIVITIES
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Adventure on your doorstep! February Fun Family 'O' Days

23rd Feb. Ulverston Leisure Complex 10am-12 noon

24th Feb. GSK Sports Grounds 10am-12 noon

25th Feb. Ford Park and Hoad Hill 11am-1pm

Also 20th- 22nd February in venues around Kendal



Join us this half-term for three days of fun,
adventure and exploring in the outdoors.

Learn navigation skills, find your way around
the map, have fun together.

Aimed at children 7-11 taking part with an adult



More information? Questions?
clairefo@lakelandoc.uk

To register go to link on:

lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk



Family Cook-A-Long



Wednesday
18th, 25th Jan &
1st, 8th, 15th Feb

Sessions will be 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Join us on Microsoft Teams for a step by step demonstration to cook a family meal for 4 from your kitchen. Develop basic cooking skills.

Recipes shared in advance of session. Please contact Joan (see below) if ingredients or equipment are needed.

Booking essential contact:
Joan Hanson 07725 782 198
joan.hanson@actionforchildren.org.uk



Keeping Children Safe



Tuesday
14th March
7- 8pm

Open to all parents of children aged 5-19
Are you worried about your child's online activity?
Do you want to learn more about keeping them safe?
Join our facilitator lead session to look at the risks children and young people face online and how parents can help.
Join us on Microsoft Teams.

Contact to get a Microsoft Teams link
sharon.norton@actionforchildren.org.uk
Mobile: 07545 701 232



First aid



Kendal West
Children's Centre
Tue. 28th February
7-8pm

Delivered in partnership with Cumbria Fire and Rescue.
Come and learn emergency Life Support Skills
Caring for a casualty and the procedure for obtaining help
CPR - giving rescue breaths for babies, children and adults
Dealing with choking - serious bleeding - and helping a suspected heart attack casualty

To book a place contact:
Joan Hanson@actionforchildren.org.uk
or telephone 07725 782198

