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Spring Term Newsletter 04 – 25/02/2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all enjoyed the half term holidays. We have had an enjoyable first week back.

On the 21 February, the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the government's COVID-19 response '[Living with COVID-19](#)'.

Yesterday the government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children (including those under the age of 5) who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. In simple terms this means that whilst you might be able to leave your house, you should not be in school for 5 days if you are Covid positive.

In addition, the Government will:

- No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.
- End self-isolation support payments (so please bear in mind that parents on a low income who have to stay at home to look after young children who have tested positive will no longer be able to claim a support payment).
- End routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests. Staff, children and young people who are close contacts of a positive case should attend their early years setting as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home. It also includes children who are siblings of positive cases, therefore our local enhanced guidance (which supported early years settings to ask parents and carers to keep children who were household close contacts of a positive case at home for 5 days) will also end.
- End the legal obligation for individuals to tell their employers when they are required to self-isolate.

More detail can be found in the [Living with COVID-19](#) plan published today.

From Friday 1 April, the Government will:

- Update guidance setting out the ongoing steps that people with COVID-19 should take to minimise contact with other people. This will align with the changes to testing.
- No longer provide free to order universal symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public in England.

- Consolidate guidance to the public and businesses, in line with public health advice.

In school, we are now meeting in the hall for collective worship and mixing more freely both inside and outside the school building. Clubs are running after school and we are involved in events outside school too. We are aware that we still have some children and adults within our community who feel anxious or nervous about the changes and it may take some time to feel comfortable with the removal of restrictions. We will try to support everyone and be respectful whilst moving forwards.

It has been shocking to hear the world news over the last few days, and the situation in the Ukraine is very serious. We have been careful not to cause extra worries to the children. We keep them informed using Newsround which is a news programme designed for children. It clearly explains the situation and also aims to reassure children. We encourage you to watch the same programme if your children are asking questions at home. Whilst they may enquire further and want to know the truth about the situation, we are mindful that it can be a lot to cope with for young minds.

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March 2022

World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world. We will be holding our World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March where children can come dressed in pyjamas as our theme will be Bedtime Stories.

Taking children out of school for appointments

If you need to collect your child/ren from school for an appointment during the school day, please can you call into the school office to sign them out and collect your child. On your return, please call back into the school office with your child/ren and sign them back in. Thank you.

Year 4 and Year 5 Residential to Tower Wood

Please can parents be aware that the deadline for paying the remainder of the balance for Year 4 and Year 5 residential is **Friday 25th February**.

Year 6 Residential to York

For parents of children in Year 6, the deadline for paying the remainder of the balance is also **Friday 25th February**.

After school activities

We aim to offer a range of lunchtime and after school activities throughout the year. The timetable for this term is displayed below. **There will be a charge per half term for any clubs marked in red as there is a cost to the school to run these clubs and payment should be made through Parentpay.** We still consider this to be good value. All children attending after school activities will need a slip completing. More of these can be obtained from the entrance hall. Thank you to staff for giving their time freely to offer these opportunities. **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.



After-School activities Spring 2 2022

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Year 2 - 6 Choir	Mrs Solloway	YR1 Classroom	3.00-3.45pm
	Year 3-4 Watercolours (8 places)	Mrs Barton Miss Henderson	Year 4 Classroom	3.00-3.45pm
Tuesday	Year 3-6 Tag Rugby - £15.00 (12 places available)	Tom	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 1 and 2 Multi-skills - £15.00 (14 places available)	Tom	Hall	3.00-4.00pm
Thursday	Year 1 and 2 Lego Club FULL	Miss John Miss Steel	Year 2 Classroom	3.00-3.45pm
Friday	YRS 3-6 Netball (6 places available)	Mrs Dearden Miss Turner	Outside & Hall if wet	3.00-3.45pm

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After School Club consent form

Child's name

Class

I give permission for my child to attend club, held on a

Signed Parent/Carer

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YOU ARE INVITED TO
ULVERSTON PARISH CHURCH'S

PANCAKE PARTY



Games
Activities
Quizzes
Competitions

Alleluia

Tuesday 1st March

3pm - 4.30pm

Free

DONATIONS TO THE RESTORATION
MISSION WILL BE GLADLY ACCEPTED

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



For more information email Hannah:
children@ulverstonparishchurch.org

**Ulverston
Library**

Tuesday Chess Club

Pick up a
new skill!

Sharpen
your game!

Get a game or two in at our friendly
after school sessions on Tuesdays.

From after school until 4.45pm

(Children under 8 must be accompanied by a responsible person)

Guidance, support and sets
provided by Ulverston's

**“Leave ‘em
Laughing”
Chess Collective**

Screen-free
fun!

**Beginners
Welcome!**

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



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