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Autumn Term Newsletter 04 - 11/10/2023

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.



You will notice Miss Barrow is on this photo. Friday was her last day working at Pennington. We would like to thank her for all she has done in the last two years since she has worked with us. She has started a new job at Newbarns Nursery and we wish her well.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Monday 16th October in the school hall. Donations of tinned and packet food will be collected, displayed for our festival and later delivered to the food bank in Ulverston. Examples of suggested items are: pasta sauce, jam, tea bags, instant coffee, baked beans, sponge puddings, rice, tinned spaghetti, etc. Please give generously.

Opal Play

We are collecting items to continue to develop our Opal Play. We have created a bingo card for each class so the children know the items we require. When a class has filled their bingo card, they will receive an extension to their play time. Please help where you can.



Data Collection Sheets

Data Collection Sheets have been sent home. Thank you to those who have returned them. Please could you check the information contained on the sheet and make amendments where necessary. It is vital that you sign and return this form by **Friday 20th October**, even if you wish to make no changes to the sheet. Thank you for your cooperation.

Individual School Photographs

Our school photographer will be visiting school **Monday 6th November**, to take individual photographs of the children. If you wish to have a photograph with younger siblings who do not attend Pennington, then please come into school from **8.00am**. Proofs will be sent home with instructions of how to purchase on line.

Pennington C of E School Open Days - 30th October to 3rd November

We will be holding an Open Week for parents of potential new Reception children (2024-2025) 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 will be found on the Cumbria Westmorland and Furness Website.

Please apply online. **The closing date for applications is 15 January 2024.**

<https://legacy.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp>

Transfer to Secondary School: September 2024

We have received a reminder from Westmorland and Furness Council for those parents who have not yet applied for a Secondary School place. Parents can make an application online at:

<https://legacy.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp>

If you have a query about school admissions please email school.admissions@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

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 nominal charge for clubs run by school staff to cover resources. We will continue to charge for clubs run by sports coaches. All clubs need to be booked, paid for and permission given through Parentpay.** We still consider this to be good value. Thank you to staff for giving their time freely to offer these opportunities.



After School Clubs - Autumn 1 2023

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Year 5 & 6 Computing Club (16) £5.00 (Starting Monday 18th September)	Mr Hodgson	Year 5 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	Year 1, 2 and 3 Football £15.00	Jack	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
	Year 3 - 6 Reading Club (20) £6.00	Miss Barnes	Year 3 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 4, 5 & 6 Football £15.00	Corey	School Playing Field Hall when wet	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.

FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON

Christmas Cards and other items

Just a reminder that orders **MUST** be brought back to school by **Thursday 12th** **October** in order for us to send them back to the company. Your goods will be sent to school for distribution around the end of November

Items need to be paid through Parentpay as we are unable to accept cheques and cash.

This is a great fundraiser for school - last year we raised approximately £700.00

Friends of Pennington School Disco - 19th October - There will be a disco in the school hall next Thursday 19th October - more details by the end of the week.

Parents and Carers Social - Friday 3rd November - see poster below



The Friends of Pennington School Newsletter

What is the FoP?

Introducing the Friends of Pennington School:
The FoP is a welcoming community of parent/carer volunteers who collaborate with teachers and other "friends" to enhance the school experience and ensure a quality education for all pupils. We encourage everyone to participate, as we appreciate all contributions, great and small. This is your association, and we value your input!



How does the FoP benefit the school?

The FoP is an independent, small-scale charity organisation operated entirely by volunteers. Research shows that parents and carers have a significant influence on their children's academic achievements. By taking an active role in the FoP, you can play a crucial part in your child's success and make a genuine impact on their school life.

What does the FoP do?

Our Organisation's Core Objectives:

- Raising funds for school initiatives through charity events, activities, and grant applications from local businesses.
- Establishing a social support network for parents and carers.
- Volunteering our time to provide parents with opportunities to engage in their children's educational experiences.
- Supporting the local community.



THE FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON SCHOOL

Your Participation counts-Let Us Know How You Can Help!

Every contribution is valuable, and we are grateful for your support. If you're interested in getting involved, please take a moment to indicate how you would like to participate. There's no obligation to attend every meeting or event. We aim to have just six meetings per year, mostly held online with the option for face-to-face meetings to plan events. Remember, even the smallest contribution can make a big difference in our success. If we all contribute a little we can achieve a lot! This is your school and your community.

Personal information

Name

Email

Phone

How I can help

Join the Committee

Volunteer for events

Volunteer services

Join the WhatsApp group

Friday 3rd November 7.00-9:00 PM
Meeting at the Miners Arms Swarthmoor



RSVP 07732168099 or
07837289956

Come along to enjoy a drink and some nibbles, meet fellow parents and carers and see how you can get involved with exciting and fun school fundraising events!

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023/2024



AUTUMN TERM 2023

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Wednesday 6 September	Tuesday 19 December	Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October

Number of school days in term - 70

SPRING TERM 2024

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Wednesday 3 January	Thursday 28 March	Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February

Number of school days in term - 57

SUMMER TERM 2024

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Tuesday 16 April	Friday 19 July	Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May

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

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024/2025



AUTUMN TERM 2024

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Wednesday 4 September	Friday 20 December	Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November

Number of school days in term - 73

SPRING TERM 2025

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Tuesday 7 January	Friday 4 April	Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February

Number of school days in term - 59

SUMMER TERM 2025

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Tuesday 22 April	Friday 18 July	Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May

Good Friday - 18 April
Easter Sunday - 20 April
Easter Monday - 21 April
May Bank Holiday - 5 May

Number of school days in term - 58

Number of days in year - 190

INSET Days: Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September
Monday 6 January

NASAL FLU CATCH UP SESSIONS

The following clinics have been arranged for children who missed their nasal flu immunisation in school.
School years Reception -year 11



Kendal clinic -at Blackhall unit-Westmorland General hospital

TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2023 3.30-6.30 (APPOINTMENT ONLY)

MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2023 3.30-6.30 (APPOINTMENT ONLY)

Barrow clinic -Barrow 102 Dolton Lane-Furness General hospital

TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2023 3.30-6.30 (APPOINTMENT ONLY)

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2023 3.30-6.30 (APPOINTMENT ONLY)

OCTOBER HALF TERM

TUESDAY 24TH >>> MULTI SPORTS FOR AGES 4+ 9.30AM-12PM ST MARYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 25TH >>> ACTIVITY DAY FOR AGES 5+ 9.30AM-2.30PM LOW FURNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY 26TH >>> CRAFTS AND GAMES FOR AGES 5+ 9.30AM-2.30PM LOW FURNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL

BOOK ON NOW VIA [HPACTIVITIES.COM](https://hpaactivities.com)

HP ACTIVITIES
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Onside Sports Development 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 COLLEGE
Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 27th Oct



**Limited places available. Book early
to avoid disappointment**

- Each camp will run **9am-3pm** (Age group drop off and collection times will be confirmed prior to the start date)
- 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 £70**

For further info please contact Gavin Butler
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Facebook - [Onside Sports Coaching Development](#)

Instagram – [Onside Sports 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

LOPPERGARTH PLAYGROUND & COMMUNITY GROUP



PUMPKIN TRAIL

27th - 31st October

Pick up your Pumpkin Trail Map
from Loppergarth Playground.

Wander around Pennington & Loppergarth,
making a note of where you find the pumpkin
displays. When complete, return your trail maps
to Loppergarth Playground treasure chest.

Prizes for the best Pumpkin Display
and ALL correctly answered
treasure maps.

FREE TO ENTER

