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## Spring Term Newsletter 04 - 25/01/2023

Dear Parents and Carers

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



### Strike Action

Most of you will be aware that the National Education Union NEU have voted to strike over pay and conditions for teachers and children. The list of proposed strike days for eligible members are as follows: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Some of our teachers are members of the NEU and we respect and support the decision they make. At present, it is likely that our school will stay open on Wednesday, however members of the NEU do not need to give notice of their intention to strike in advance. We will inform you if anything changes.

## Children's Mental Health Week - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

We are having a whole school Family Day on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February**. The theme is Children's Mental Health. This is such a positive way to teach children about Mental Health, feelings and where they can access support if they need it.

The children will have a fun but informative day. They will learn skills and strategies to support their own mental health, build resilience and have the opportunity to develop empathy towards others.

The children can wear **non-uniform** that day in exchange for **£1.00** (this can be paid for via Parentpay) and we will use the money raised to buy books to further support children with mental health.

## School Vision and Values (WE NEED YOUR OPINIONS - PLEASE HELP)

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/1FAIpQLScDPY9vJHrERIfTWAEDoZsBODQOhd2kU1USYYoktcOcs8t-Qw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDPY9vJHrERIfTWAEDoZsBODQOhd2kU1USYYoktcOcs8t-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.

**Robin Hood Pantomime - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 <b>(FULL)</b>	Mrs Barton	Year 4 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	Year 1, 2 and 3 Multi Sports <b>£15.00</b>	Jack	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Football <b>£15.00</b>  Year 1 & 2 Lego Club <b>(FULL)</b>	Corey  Miss Sedgwick	School Playing Field Hall when wet  Year 1 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm  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 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





## 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 20<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://hpactivities.com) to see how to book!**



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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](mailto:clairefo@lakelandoc.uk)

To register go to link on:

[lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk](http://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





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**SCHOOL EDITION**

Music and lyrics by Queen  
Story and script by Ben Elton

To join us please book tickets via Eventbrite or with the school directly;  
we look forward to seeing you at any one of the performances.

Tuesday 14th February  
Wednesday 15th February  
Thursday 16th February

Dowdales School Hall, 7pm

Tickets: £7 adult | £4 concession | £20 family (adults 2 concession)

For more information call us on 01229 469800

You can buy tickets via  
**Eventbrite**  
scan the QR code below  
for more details.



Small booking fee applies  
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[www.dowdalesschool.co.uk](http://www.dowdalesschool.co.uk)

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