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Summer Term Newsletter 05 - 07/06/2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Special Mentions from the last week of term - well done children.



Welcome back to the final half term of this school year. We have got off to a sunny and exciting start. Yesterday we held our parents First Aid course in 'The View' (the new building at the top of the field) and the KS1 children enjoyed a 'healthy habits' assembly with the school nurse. Today we have animal visitors in school. Siobhan from Pet Encounters has hosted sessions with each class and children have met minibeasts, Noodle the snake, Marmite the owl and Henry the parrot amongst other fascinating creatures.

Year 6 are off to York tomorrow for the city residential. They will visit various museums and stay for two nights in a Youth Hostel.

What an 'action packed' start to the busiest of terms. Details of up-and-coming events are listed below (trips, sports events and transition activities) and more details will be provided weekly in the newsletter or by class teachers via Tapestry and Dojo.

Year 2 and Year 6 completed SATs tests last half term and teachers are compiling final assessments which must be submitted to the local authority. Year 1 will complete their Phonics Screening check next week and Year 4 will complete a Times tables check in the next few weeks. Teachers will provide written reports for each child later this half term.

Opal Play - Playtime Plea

You will see that we have developed our playtimes and play areas significantly this year. We have had many compliments about our grounds and we recognise how lucky we are to have a spacious field and fabulous view.

Recently we have introduced a mud kitchen to the top of our field and we are asking for donations of old pans, jugs, mixing and stirring implements (nothing breakable please), metal, plastic and wooden items are ideal.

We are also asking for donations for our gardening area - spades, trowels, gardening gloves, watering cans, dustpans and brushes etc would enable more children to get involved in looking after the outdoors. If every child is able to contribute something, we will really boost our supplies and improve playtimes even more.

Penn Pals Pop Up Coffee Morning

Reception will be holding another Penn Pals coffee/activity morning this Friday to complete their project. Due to the success of the project/business and the very positive and valuable feedback, Mrs Hockaday, her team and 30 small staff have kindly agreed to continue hosting the coffee mornings once a month. These will continue to be held on Fridays from 9.20am- 10.20 am (the last Friday of each month whenever possible).

We would like to thank everyone who has supported by providing baking and their time. We would also like to thank those who have attended the coffee mornings and joined in with Reception class and their themed activities.

Who would have known that Reception children could run their own business? Never underestimate our little people! Please support this Friday's coffee morning.

Signing Children In and Out

Children who arrive late at school must be brought in by a parent who needs to sign them in using our electronic system. If you need to collect your child for a medical appointment within the school day, only an adult with parental responsibility can sign them out and when the child is returned to school, they must be signed in again.

Summer Holidays

On the last day of term, Wednesday 19th July, we will be finishing school at 1.30pm for the summer. Please can you organise for your children to be collected at 1.30pm. Thank you.

Up and coming class trips and events

The last half term is always a busy one! Here are some provisional dates for your diary. Details of each event will be provided nearer the time.

Monday 12 th and 13 th June	New Reception Children to visit Pennington
Wednesday 14 th June	Reception Class, Year 1, 2 and 3 to Barrow Forum - Dinosaur World Live
Wednesday 21 st June	Reception Class School Trip to Playdale
Friday 23 rd June	Year 3 School Trip to Brantwood
Wednesday 28 th June	12.00noon deadline for Parent Governor application
Monday 3 rd July	Pennington 'Move Up Morning'
Monday 3 rd July	New Reception Children joining us for the morning and lunch
Monday 3 rd July	Transition Day - Year 6 to UVHS
Tuesday 4 th July	Transition Day - Year 6 to UVHS
Tuesday 4 th July	Year 1 and Year 2 School Trip to Manjushiri Centre
Wednesday 12 th July	Whole School Concert - Coronation Hall - 6.00pm start
Friday 14 th July	Penningtonbury Festival
Monday 17 th July	2 nd Hand Uniform Sale after school
Wednesday 19 th July	Leavers Service and Leavers Lunch (break up at 1.30pm)
Wednesday 6 th September	Return to school

Universal Free School Meals

For parents with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and those whose children have free school meals in other year groups, please see the information below. This new system School Hub will be a replacement for Lunchshop only. Pennington will continue to use Parentpay for trips etc.



SCHOOL HUB

School Hub coming soon!

We are in the final stages of developing our new online system to enable you to manage your child's school lunches, trips, uniform and more.

School Hub will replace Lunch Shop during the spring/summer term and will include several improved functionalities to aid your user experience as a busy parent.

School Hub will:

- Be fully mobile optimised, for a seamless 'app style' experience
- Offer support for children in the same family who attend different schools
- Create reminders for forgotten meal bookings
- Automate wallet top-ups via scheduled recurring payments
- Generate digital permission slips for school trips, etc.
- Allow for direct parent-to-school messaging
- Have the ability to process Childcare vouchers

What's new?

We can't wait to launch School Hub at your child's school. In the meantime, scan the QR code to access FAQs and see a preview of the new system.

If you have any questions about the launch of School Hub or the system, please contact: schoolhubsupport@orian.co.uk

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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 Summer Sports, please log into Parentpay to secure their place.

For those clubs that need payment, once payment has been made, this will secure a place and give permission. 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 - Summer 2 2023

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Concert Choir Year 1 - 5 (starting Monday 12 th June)	Mrs Solloway	Year 1 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	Year - Reception, 1 and 2 Summer Sports £15.00 (19 places available)	Jack	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year - 3, 4, 5 & 6 Summer Sports £15.00 (16 places available)	Corey	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
Thursday	Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 STEM LEGO (21 places available) (Last Session 22 nd June)	Mrs Smith (Parent) Mrs Gilbert (Parent)	Year 4 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.

FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON

Bags 2 School

We are pleased to announce that Friends of Pennington has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds. **Bag2School** is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million. As well as raising vitally needed funds for Friends of Pennington, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However, it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles - this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. If you fill a bag and still have more, then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Pennington C of E School on **Tuesday 13th June by 9.00am**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to School office and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

BAG 2 SCHOOL
FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS
In partnership with your school or organisation

Pennington C of E Primary School


www.bag2school.com


Your own clothes

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.


Your own bags

By using this paper leaflet we are helping to reduce unnecessary extra plastic. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). The leaflet is FSC accredited, please recycle it.

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Tuesday 13 June 2023 by 9am


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 01609 780 222  www.bag2school.com  helpdesk@bag2school.com

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7th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am writing to inform you of a vacancy on the school governing board for 1 parent governor. Details of the process to fill the vacancy follow:

The Nomination of Parents as Candidates

Each parent* of a pupil attending the school is to be given the opportunity of putting their name forward with a view to becoming a parent governor. If you want to submit a nomination on your behalf you should do so in writing to Alison Holland (Clerk to the Governors). Letters of nomination, attached, must be counter-signed by two sponsors, who must also be parents of children currently attending the school. The closing date for the receipt of nominations by the school is **Wednesday 28th June 2023**. Please note that incomplete nominations will not be accepted.

In the event of there being no more than one nomination, the person nominated will automatically be elected, unopposed as a parent governor.

The Election Procedure

If the school receives more nominations than vacancies, an election by secret ballot will be held as soon as possible. Each parent* of a child who at the time of the election is a pupil at the school will be entitled to vote.

In the event of an election, the Clerk of the Governors will issue all parents with further details concerning the way in which the ballot (which will be entirely secret and as fool proof as possible) is to be organised and supply the official ballot papers.

Candidates' Contribution to the Election

Candidates will be given the opportunity to write a short statement, which will be circulated to all parents of the school. Should candidates wish to seek support in any other way, this will be entirely their own responsibility.

Following an election, parents will be told the name of the successful candidate.

Term of Office of Parent Governors

An elected parent governor will hold office for a period of 4 years.

Parents Participation

It is very important for the efficiency and effectiveness of schools that parents should be encouraged to have an active involvement in their children's education. Consequently, parents are encouraged to participate and take an interest in the election process whether as candidates or voters.

If you have any queries at this stage regarding the subject of parent governors, would you please contact Elisabeth Fenwick (Chair of Governors), email LisF@penn.cumbria.sch.uk, who will be pleased to help you.

Yours sincerely

Alison Holland
Clerk to the Governors

*Definition of 'Parent'

Please see section 576 of the Education Act 1996

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PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATION

Name of Nominee:

Address of Nominee:

Signature of Nominee:

Date:

The above-named has a child at the school, is willing to serve if elected and is hereby nominated to stand for election.

Sponsored by (Name in capitals and address):

Signature of Sponsor:

Date:

Sponsored by (Name in capitals and address):

Signature of Sponsor:

Date:

Candidate's statement for inclusion on ballot paper (limited to one side of A4):

Completed nomination must be returned to the school by 12noon, Wednesday 28th June 2023

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022/2023



Pennington C of E
Primary School

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 (1.30pm)

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 27 May -
Friday 31st May

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



E-School Nurse Video Clinics (By appointment only)



Twice weekly **online health support and advice for parents, carers and professionals who are supporting children and young people aged 5-19 years old.**

Tuesday and Thursday

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link using [Attend Anywhere](#). The link is private, secure, confidential and convenient.

In consultation with you, the nurse will assess the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

For more information on the **E-School Nurse video clinic**

Please read the information leaflet or visit:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

You can telephone for an appointment

01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm



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