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Autumn Term Newsletter 05 - 20/10/2023

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.



Cumbria in Bloom

We are very proud to be celebrating our Gold Award in the school gardening competition. We were also the winner of the Rex Marsden Challenge Trophy for Enriching and Widening the Curriculum. This award recognises the range of outdoor opportunities the children enjoy and how these complement their learning across the curriculum. The children confidently shared their scientific knowledge and learning with the assessors who were impressed and very complimentary. Particular thanks go to Mrs Dearden, Miss Simmona, Miss Shalby, Mr Muggridge and Mrs Hockaday for their extra efforts.



Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generous contributions for the Harvest Festival - they were delivered to Bethany Church Food Bank on Thursday morning and will be distributed to those that need food and provisions.



Greener Parking

We have had a few complaints that cars parked outside school have engines running whilst waiting for children, which means that the air pollution around school is unnecessarily increased. Please switch off engines and be mindful of the effect on the environment and our lungs.

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.



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.

Online Safety News

Band Runner is an interactive game aimed at children aged 8-11 years. It encourages players to think about important, relevant online safety issues and how to tackle them. Have a look at the Think You Know website to find out more: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/about/

Please also remain vigilant and check that the correct filters are applied to your devices at home to ensure that children only access content that is suitable for them.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Year 6 will be selling poppies at the beginning of the school day and lunch time when we return to school after half term. We have paper poppies and pin badges available for a donation, together with Zip Pull for 50p, Reflector Poppies for 50p, Wristbands for £1.00 and Snap Bands for £1.50.

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 2 2023

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Year 5 & 6 Computing Club (16) £5.00, 5 weeks to 27.11.23	Mr Hodgson	Year 5 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	Year 1, 2 and 3 Football £15.00, 7 weeks to 13.12.23	Jack	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
	Year 3 - 6 Reading Club (20) £5.00, 5 weeks to 28.11.23	Miss Barnes	Year 3 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 4, 5 & 6 Football £15.00, 7 weeks to 14.12.23	Corey	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
	Christmas Choir Club £6.00, 6 weeks to 07.12.23	Mrs Soloway	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

FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON

Thank you to children, parent and staff helpers who attended the disco and made it a huge success - it was great fun - and we managed to raise over £400. If anyone would like to get involved in future events please email admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk to be added to the WhatsApp group. Our next event is Friday 3rd November - please 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.



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

A central graphic with a dark green, textured background. It features four hands in various colors (orange, red, purple, pink) holding different items: a blue martini glass with a yellow drink and a red straw, a pink martini glass with a pink drink, a purple hand holding a fork with spaghetti, and a pink hand holding a fork with a slice of red cake. There are also some starburst graphics. The text 'THE FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON PARENTS & CARERS SOCIAL' is written in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the text, there is a white rounded rectangle containing the text 'RSVP 07732168099 or 07837289956'.

**THE FRIENDS OF
PENNINGTON
PARENTS &
CARERS
SOCIAL**

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



Playdale

Playgrounds



PLAYGROUND TESTERS NEEDED

Playdale is excited to invite children aged 5-12 years to join their upcoming video shoot at the outdoor prototype area in Haverthwaite at **11 am Monday, October 23rd.**



If you're interested in bringing your child to the prototype shoot, please get in touch with Playdale's Marketing Manager, Karla Thomas, at karla.thomas@playdale.co.uk for further details and arrangements.

Event is weather dependant - please confirm with Karla to be kept updated on arrangements

FOR MORE INFO ☎ 015395 39740 🌐 karla.thomas@playdale.co.uk

Playdale Playgrounds LA12 8AE , Haverthwaite

Playdale Photography/ Videography Consent Form



This consent form below must be signed by all parents/guardians of children featuring in a photo/video using Playdale playground equipment.

I hereby grant Playdale Playgrounds Ltd the right to use the photograph(s) and/or video(s) of my child/children on Playdale playground equipment for all general purposes in relation to Playdale Playgrounds Ltd's work including, without limitation, the right to use them in any publicity materials including brochures, social media, website, newspapers and magazine articles whenever Playdale Playgrounds Ltd chooses to do so.

Name of parent/guardian if person photographed/filmed is less than 18 years of age

Name of child/children

Signature

(If filling this form on a mobile device then typing your name in the below field satisfies the signature requirement)

Date



the
national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



**Around 50% of
children will have
a sleep issue at
some point***

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



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)





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
T – 07887940150

Email – Gav@onsidesportscoaching.co.uk

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



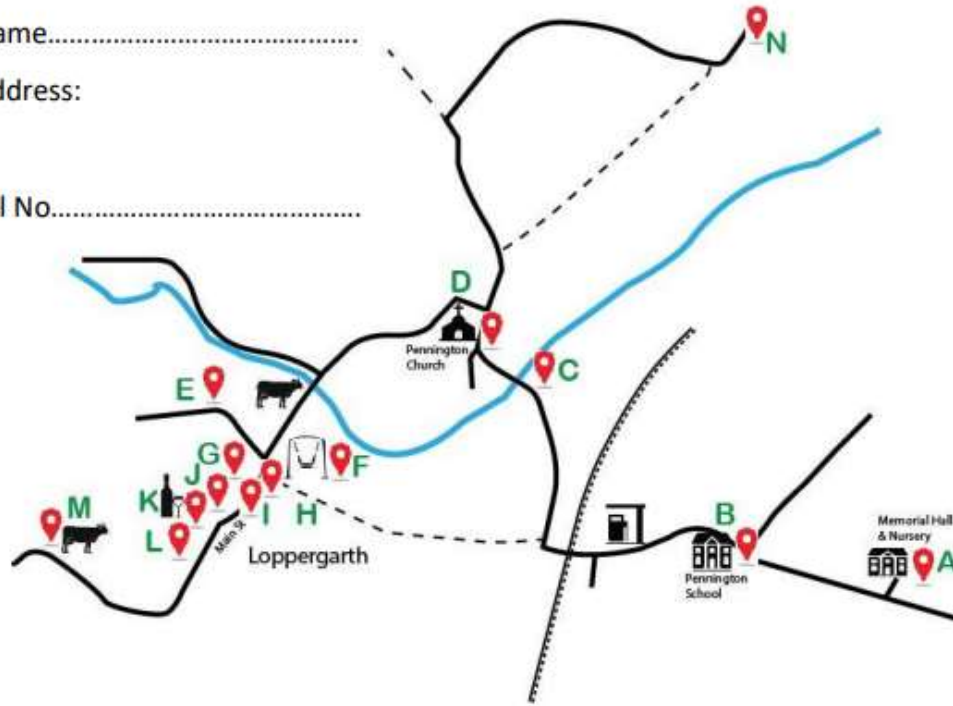
Please print off to take part in the Loppergarth Pumpkin Trail

Loppergarth Playground & Community Group

Name.....

Address:

Tel No.....



	Property Name	Display Number
A	Pennington Nursery	
B	Pennington CofE School	
C	HorsemanShip Yard	
D	Pennington Church stocks	
E	Craigroy	
F	Loppergarth Park	
G	Loppergarth phonebox	
H	No.3 Main Street	
I	No.1 Main Street	
J	No.16 Main Street (Old Post Office)	
K	The Wellington Pub	
L	Fell View	
M	Cowran Estate	
N	New House, Pennington	

Pumpkin Trail – please return to **Loppergarth Phone Box Treasure Chest**