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Spring Term Newsletter 06 - 08/02/2023

Dear Parents and Carers

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



Family Day

We enjoyed a very positive collaborative family day on Monday when children were taught about how to recognise, understand and manage their feelings as part of our focus on children's mental health. We recognise that children learn best when they feel comfortable and encourage children to talk to about issues and worries with friends and adults. Photographs of activities can be found on Facebook and Twitter.



Safer Internet Day 2023

Safer Internet Day this year was based around the theme: **Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online** and it was co-ordinated in the UK by the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) in partnership with [Childnet](#),

This week, each class has read a story linked to staying safe on the internet. Below are some useful links for you to have a look at:

[Safer Internet Day - Want to talk about it? Advice for Parents and Carers](#)

[Internet Matters - supporting conversations with children](#)

Admin Assistant

The Governors of Pennington C of E School are seeking to appoint a temporary part-time Administration Assistant (initially until 31st March, 2024 due to budgetary restrictions, with a view to becoming permanent) to support the Office Manager with the smooth running of the school office and administration systems.

Further details and an application pack are available on the school website www.penn.cumbria.sch.uk or email admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk to request an application pack.

Year 6, 5 and 4 Residential Trips

Thank you to those parents who have returned the Participant Consent Forms for those children in Year 4 and 5 - we aim to have all these in by Friday 10th February - thank you. Can we please remind parents to log into Parentpay and use the payment plan to make instalments towards this year's residential trips to York and Low Wood Ground.

Opal Play

As you know from our previous newsletter, we are working with a company called OPAL Play who audit play in schools then support improvements so that all children are able to make the most of their playtimes. We have had our first two meetings with Jess, our OPAL advisor, and we are currently gathering information from children, staff and parents. Please find the link to the online parent survey below. It will only take a few minutes to complete and it is important we collect the thoughts and feelings of all involved at the beginning and the end of the development project.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6PSQ8PP>

LAST CALL 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

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.

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 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 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 (FULL)	Mrs Barton	Year 4 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	Year 1, 2 and 3 Multi Sports £15.00	Jack	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Football £15.00 Year 1 & 2 Lego Club (FULL)	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 20th Feb - Fri 24th 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
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



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

To register go to link on:

lakeland-orienteering.org.uk



THURSDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL
3.30PM-5.00PM

Ulverston Library

LEGO CLUB

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a responsible person