

PENNINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
PENNINGTON
Nr. ULVERSTON
CUMBRIA LA12 ORR.

TEL: 01229 587253

Email: admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk

Web: www.penn.cumbria.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs Helen Storey



Autumn Term Newsletter 06 - 08/11/2023

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.



Children in Need - 17th November 2022

On Friday the 19th November, Pennington will be raising money for Children in Need. It will be a non-uniform day and we ask that each child donates via Parentpay - see link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13110>

Year 4 will also be hosting a coffee morning to raise money. This will hopefully follow the success of our Penpals coffee mornings that were hosted by Reception class last year. The coffee morning will take place between 9.20 and 10.20am. The cost is £2.00 for entry refreshments.



We intend to hold further coffee mornings this year, each hosted by a different class.

We are asking for donations of homemade cakes and biscuits from the hosting class - thank you in advance for your generosity.

CoolMilk

Milk is the ideal mid-morning drink for your child and for many it's absolutely free.

School milk is...FREE for children under the age of five, FREE to children receiving or entitled to free school meals and subsidised for all other children in primary education.

Registering your child:

If your child is under 5...

1. Register your child online at www.coolmilk.com/register
2. If you register before 5pm on a Tuesday, your child will start receiving milk from the following week.
3. Your child will start to gain all the nutritional benefits from a daily serving of chilled milk in the classroom.

If your child is over 5...

1. Register your child online at www.coolmilk.com/register
2. Milk usually costs around £18 a term. By registering online, you'll be able to make a payment straightaway. If your payment is received by 5pm on a Tuesday, your child will receive milk the following week.
3. Your child will start to gain all the nutritional benefits from a daily serving of chilled milk in the classroom

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.



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.

Christmas Holidays

On the last day of term, on Tuesday 19th December 2022, we will be finishing school at 1.30pm for Christmas. Please can you organise for your children to be collected at 1.30pm. Thank you.

Christmas Events

- | | |
|--|---|
| Friday 1 st December | Christmas Craft Day/Non uniform |
| Thursday 7 th December | Friends of Pennington Christmas Fair/Christmas Jumper Day |
| Tuesday 12 th December - pm | Reception Christmas Party |
| Wednesday 13 th December | School Hub Christmas Lunch |
| Wednesday 13 th December - pm | Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party |
| Thursday 14 th December - pm | Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party |
| Friday 15 th December - pm | Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party |
| Monday 18 th December - pm | KS2 Christingle Service (parents invited) |
| Tuesday 19 th December | 1.30pm BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ☺ |
| Wednesday 3rd January 2024 | Return to school |

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

Christmas Family Fun Night!!

We are busy organising the Christmas Family Fun Night, we need your help!!!

The event will be held on Thursday 7th December 6-8pm and the cost of tickets will be £8.00 per family and £3.00 for individual tickets.

If you can support with any of the following, please get in touch via email with:

Carly Baird, Amanda Dexter and Stella Baldwin on FoP@penn.cumbria.sch.uk or telephone the school office.

Raffle Prizes

From friends/family or local business

Trade Stands

Do you know anyone who would be interested in having a stand, all we ask is a £10 donation and raffle prize, great opportunity for small businesses in advertising alone.

Cakes for our cake stall

Patio heaters for outside

Second hand toys and teddies to sell

New Christmas Decorations for Christmas Cottage

Christmas Jumpers to Sell

Volunteers

To help set up before the event, Decorate Christmas Cottage or run the volunteer led stalls on the night

We will also be asking for the usual chocolate and bottle donations from the children as part of Christmas Craft Day Non-Uniform Day, more details to follow through the school newsletter

Thank you, as always, for your help and support.



**FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON SCHOOL CHARITY
CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN NIGHT**



DECEMBER 7TH



6 PM TO 8 PM



**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
NEXT WEEK!**




**TRADE STANDS AVAILABLE FOR JUST £10
AND A RAFFLE PRIZE DONATION**



**PLEASE EMAIL
FOP@PENN.CUMBRIA.SCH.UK**



**SANTA, PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS
JUMPER AND TOY SALE,
CRAFTS, GAMES, RAFFLE,
TREATS & MUCH MORE!**



**Join us at Pennington C of E
Primary School for a fundraising
evening full of fun!**



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



Dear Volunteers,

It is with much sadness and regret that the Trustees of Boxes of Hope, Cumbria have to announce the end of the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.

Since the UK left the EU in January 2020 our ability to send our shoebox gifts without paying VAT is no longer possible. Romanian customs will only accept goods deemed as "emergency aid" without paying VAT and despite great efforts to argue otherwise there is no flexibility on this – our boxes are classified as gifts. We have been fortunate the past 2 years to have been able to donate the boxes via a UK charity based in Holland, who have in turn donated the shoeboxes to People to People in Romania, VAT free. (as both still within the EU) Initially this was for one year, extended to two years before the trustees retired and closed that particular charity.

Our partner in Romania, Nicu Gal, has been seeking a solution for three years but to no avail. The cost implication of paying VAT on the perceived value of 10,000 shoe boxes could be up to £40,000 (based on boxes being valued at £20 cost) and obviously this makes the campaign financially unviable. In addition to this issue, there are other key factors causing difficulties with continuing the campaign in 2023. One of our biggest challenges is our distribution trip in December. We have always been very proud that local people go out to Romania and distribute your boxes, to see first hand the situation on the ground, but with the cost of flights, less routes since covid, last minute flight cancellations and logistical issues in Romania, a trip is increasingly difficult and becoming cost prohibitive for the future.

The trustees have been in constant contact with Nicu, People to People, over the last 5 months and the decision to cease Boxes of Hope has very much been a joint one. We are acutely conscious that the longer we leave making a decision, the more everyone has knitted, collected boxes and bought the contents so we felt we really had left it as late as we could to make a decision. It is sad, but as Nicu said, "it's not the end of the story, just the end of this chapter".

The Trustees, past and present, would like to thank each and every one of you for your hard work, support and commitment over the last 10 years. We have much to be thankful for and proud of – 95,977 shoeboxes sent to Romania and over £100,000 sent to support Tinca School, Hetea, Cluj and other projects run by People to People Foundation.

This announcement will appear on our Facebook page in the next few days, and we have written to schools and churches to inform them as well. A press release has also been sent to our local press.

The trustees will be meeting again shortly to discuss what happens next, we hope to organise a final celebration at some point in the future so we will be in touch again for sure.

On behalf of the Trustees,

Jonathan

Jonathan Robb

Chairman – Boxes of Hope Cumbria

Karen Simkins, Shirley Waters, Amanda Robb, Rhona Teale, Jonathan Robb



Dear Parent / Carer,

The Active Travel to School team at Active Cumbria would love to hear from you. We are asking parents across Cumbria to complete a short online survey by **Friday 8 December 2023**, with the opportunity to **win one of 2 x £250 vouchers** in time for Christmas.

If you have a child attending a nursery, primary or secondary school in Cumbria, you are eligible to enter the prize draw. Simply complete a short online survey on how your child gets to school, how often you walk, wheel or cycle on the school run, and tell us about any challenges that may prevent you from having an active school commute.

This will help us understand how often families travel to school using physical activity such as walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling and what measures can support you on your daily school commute.

This survey should take no more than 5-10 minutes of your time and any information you provide will be kept secure and confidential.

Remember to complete the survey by **Friday 8 December 2023** if you would like to enter the draw to **win one of 2 x £250 vouchers** here:

<https://surveymechanics.com/s/activetravel>

We ask all parents to please consider completing the survey, as it will help us to build the picture of local attitudes, barriers and enablers to active travel across Cumbria and allow us to better support schools and communities to embed active travel behaviours.

Active Cumbria's Active Travel to School team is committed to improving lives through physical activity and supports active and sustainable travel approaches for children, parents and carers across the county.

Many thanks,

The Active Travel to School Team

Be part of it!





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



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



Furniture
Village

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)