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## Spring Term Newsletter 07 - 09/03/2022

Dear Parents and Carers

### Special Mentions

Well done to last week's special mentions children. You will notice some older pupils who joined us for a week of work experience from UVHS. We enjoyed having them, they worked hard and were all rewarded with a Special Mention certificate too.



## Easter

As we approach Easter, we are looking forward to joining in with community events. You may remember last year, the Pennington parish community displayed 'lockdown lambs' (pictures, sculptures, models) in gardens and houses to cheer everyone up. We also created a banner that is still displayed on our fence at the front of school titled, 'New Life, New Hope' which has children's sheep drawings incorporated into it. It is still relevant and looks lovely a year on. Two families also created trails that started at school. Maps could be collected from a box outside and the trails took you on a walk around Pennington. Both trails were very successful and lots of our families took part in the activity and enjoyed themselves.

This year, from April 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be 'Easter Bunnies' displayed around the parish and we would like to encourage everyone to join in. Perhaps you can draw or make a rabbit to be put either outside or inside your house or garden.

We are also holding an Easter competition and all school children are invited to take part. We are asking you to design and make a waterproof rabbit/ bunny sculpture to be displayed outside our school over Easter. It will mark the beginning of the Rabbit trails and maps will again be left in a box so that families can take part during the Easter holidays.

Children's sculptures should be:

rabbit/ bunny themed

any size

water and weatherproof

brought into school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April and positioned outside on the grass at the front of school

Last year, most of our sculptures stayed intact and none were damaged or vandalised but, of course, we cannot guarantee this as school will be closed over Easter.

One main prize will be awarded per year group and all children who take part will receive a small Easter gift. We hope many of you will support this community initiative and cheer up our locality with creative art work.

Thank you

## Swimming Gala

Well done to the children from KS2 who took part in the swimming competition this morning. It was a very hot and exciting event with seventeen schools taking part. Every swimmer pushed themselves to do their best for the team. Thank you also to Mrs Smith for helping us with the races. A super morning.



### **British Red Cross - Ukraine**

Our non-uniform day was enjoyed by the children and staff last week. We raised approximately £1000 for The British Red Cross for the people of Ukraine. This was a brilliant effort.

Two children in school are also continuing with their own fundraising for Ukraine.

Daisy Wilcox has been making beautiful beaded bracelets whilst at home suffering with a leg injury. It has kept her busy whilst recovering and raised lots of money for those in difficulties.

Ollie Johnson, also in Year 3 was finding the news about Ukraine very upsetting and decided that he wanted to do something to help. He approached his rugby team, Ulverston Wolverines for support, because their kit is the same colours of the Ukraine flag and thought it would be a great idea to walk in his kit.

The walk is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March, starting off at Ulverston Rugby Club at 7.30am walking to their Rugby Festival for 9.30am in Dalton where they will play three 20-minute games before breaking briefly to have something to eat. They will then walk to Craven Park for 2.00pm and join Barrow Raiders before their game against London Broncos. The walk is just over 9 miles long and the children walking it are all under 10 years old. Ollie's best friend and team mate Billy is going to be walking and playing along-side Ollie all the way.

If you would like to sponsor him, he has a 'Just Giving' page and is also collecting sponsors at the gate after school. <https://www.justgiving.com/FUNDRAISING/OLLIESWALK4UKRAINE>

### **Comic Relief - Cake Sale**

Comic Relief is this Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March and we are asking children to come wearing bright and cheerful colours. **We would like to hold a cake sale at morning break so ask you to send in donations of cakes for the children to buy.** Cakes will be sold for 50p and children may bring up to £1 to spend.

We have set up another donations page on ParentPay but appreciate that you may have already donated what you can afford last week so there is no pressure to donate again.

### **Bikeability - Year 4 and 5**

A reminder to Year 4 and 5 parents that Bikeability training will take place next week. Bikeability will equip each child with the necessary skills and knowledge required to cycle safely throughout the rest of their life. The course will teach the children better control and give them more confidence in their ability to brake, observe and indicate whilst riding on a busy road in the safe environment of the playground. The session is not designed to teach your child how to ride a bicycle.

The children will be required to bring along a bike and helmet for the training (Cyclewise will bring along some spare helmets for those children who do not have one.) Year 5 training will take part all week and children can bring their bike into school and leave in the hall overnight. Year 4's training is just for one session on Thursday. You will need to make sure that your child wears clothing appropriate to the expected weather conditions i.e. warm clothes and gloves in cold weather. (If wet weather is expected it may be a good idea to send your child to school with waterproofs.)

## Changes to How we Teach Reading at Pennington in Reception and Year 1.

We have recently purchased a new reading scheme called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. This to bring our reading approaches/schemes in line with the new guidance about how to teach children to read. Little Wandle Letters and Sounds is a systematic synthetic phonics (*SSP*) programme.

There are two types of reading book that your child will bring home:

- **A reading practice book –Collins Big Cat.** This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.
- **A sharing book.** Your child may not be able to read this book on their own as it is not fully decodable and may not match their exact phonics level. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together. It will be clearly labelled as a sharing book.

### The Reading Practice Book: Big Cat Books

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. Your child will have read this book in a guided reading session 3 times, before they bring it home. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

We recommend that children read for 5-10 minutes each night. Please can you continue to record this reading session in your child's reading record.

### The Sharing Book: Books from previous reading schemes, poetry/rhyme, fiction/ non-fiction

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together. Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

### Support for Parents

These three videos (link below) show you how to pronounce the sounds. Notice how the children don't add an 'uh' sound at the end, so they say: 't' not 'tuh'. Use the downloadable information to help your child remember how to write their letters and say their sounds.

Further Support can be found via this link:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> The resources on the above link will also help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos which demonstrate how they are taught phonics and reading at school.

Find our full Reception and Year 1 teaching programme overview [here](#) to see what your child will learn and when.

## After school activities

We aim to offer a range of lunchtime and after school activities throughout the year. The timetable for this term is displayed below. **There will be a charge per half term for any clubs marked in red as there is a cost to the school to run these clubs and payment should be made through Parentpay.** We still consider this to be good value. All children attending after school activities will need a slip completing. More of these can be obtained from the entrance hall. Thank you to staff for giving their time freely to offer these opportunities. **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.



## After-School activities Spring 2 2022

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Year 1 - 6 Choir	Mrs Solloway	YR1 Classroom	3.00-3.45pm
	Year 3-4 Watercolours (5 places)	Mrs Barton Miss Henderson	Year 4 Classroom	3.00-3.45pm
Tuesday	<b>Year 3-6 Tag Rugby - £15.00 (5 places available)</b>	<b>Tom</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>3.00-4.00pm</b>
Wednesday	<b>Year 1 and 2 Multi-skills - £15.00 (12 places available)</b>	<b>Tom</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>3.00-4.00pm</b>
Thursday	Year 1 and 2 Lego Club <b>FULL</b>	Miss John Miss Steel	Year 2 Classroom	3.00-3.45pm
Friday	YRS 3-6 Netball (6 places available)	Mrs Dearden Miss Turner	Outside & Hall if wet	3.00-3.45pm

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#### After School Club consent form

Child's name .....

Class .....

I give permission for my child to attend ..... club, held on a .....

Signed ..... Parent/Carer

Print .....



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# YEAR 5 & 6 THEATRE SCHOOL

ALL YEAR 5 AND 6 STUDENTS WELCOME

**BUILD CONFIDENCE, DEVELOP ACTING SKILLS  
AND PERFORM WITH FRIENDS!**



**WEDNESDAYS 3.45 TO 4.45PM**  
**ULVERSTON VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MR VOGLER

[mvo@uvhs.uk](mailto:mvo@uvhs.uk) or call 01229 483900 ext 6227



## Onside Sports Coaching Easter Holiday Camps

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April



**PARKSIDE ACADEMY**  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> April – Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> April

**Limited places available. Book early to avoid disappointment !!**

- The camps will run **9am-3pm** each day (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.
  - Participants will require appropriate sports kit and trainers.
- Participants will also require a packed lunch and still drinks for their lunch break.
  - **INDIVIDUAL DAYS £15**
  - **FULL WEEK BOOKING £65**

For further info or to book a place please contact Gavin Butler  
Text – 07887940150

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Facebook- [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

# **Information for parents and carers on COVID-19 vaccination for at risk 5 to 11 year olds**

We have been asked to share this information.

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#).

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions.

Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

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## Cumbria County Council

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4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Learning to live safely with COVID-19: Guidance for parents and carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for continuing to support the national and local COVID-19 control measures and for helping to keep staff, children, and young people in childcare and education settings safe.

Although infection rates are still high, the number of new cases of COVID-19 is dropping in all districts across Cumbria. Case rates are also decreasing in children.

On Monday 21 February the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the government's COVID-19 response; '[Living with COVID-19](#)'. As such, there have been significant changes to the national guidance for people with COVID-19 and their contacts. These changes, and what they mean for childcare and education settings, are outlined below. Please note that this guidance may change again after the end of March. Further details can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

- Staff and students in most education and childcare settings are no longer advised to undertake twice-weekly lateral flow device (LFD) tests. However, in the event of an outbreak, staff and students may be asked to carry out LFD testing for a limited time. [Free LFD tests](#) continue to be available to the public until the end of March 2022. Staff and students in a small number of settings (such as special educational needs settings) may still be advised to continue twice-weekly testing.
- Adults and children who develop one or more of the 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a change in taste or smell) are still advised to get a PCR test and stay at home until the result is known. [Free PCR testing](#) continues to be available until the end of March 2022.
- From Thursday 24 February, there is no longer a *legal requirement* to self-isolate following a positive COVID-19 test result. However, because COVID-19 is still circulating at quite a high level and can still be a threat to more vulnerable people, the *public health advice* has not changed. Therefore, adults and children who test positive are still advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can choose to start daily LFD testing 5 days after their symptoms start (or 5 days following a positive test result if they have no symptoms). Once a person has two negative LFD test results (taken on consecutive days), or they complete 10 full days of staying at home (whichever comes first), they can return to their education setting if they feel well enough to do so and they do not have a high temperature. Further details are available in the national guidance at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>.
- Note that education and childcare settings are responsible for protecting the health and wellbeing of those who attend or visit them. As such, settings can take the decision to refuse entry to a child who has tested positive, or is showing symptoms of COVID-19 if, in their reasonable judgement, it is deemed necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection. Their decision would take into account all the circumstances and current public health advice.

- Adults and children who are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 are no longer required to self-isolate or take daily LFD tests. Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has COVID-19 can continue to attend the setting as normal.

In line with these changes, and the improving situation across Cumbria, we have withdrawn our local enhanced guidance for household contacts of positive cases. This means that as of Thursday 24 February:

- Children under the age of 5, who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, are no longer advised to stay at home for 5 days.
- Children in primary schools, who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, are no longer advised to stay at home for 5 days and do a PCR test, or to take daily LFD tests.

It is still important that we all continue to follow the national guidance and keep each other safe. Further information about how to do this is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>. We also recommend anyone eligible in your household gets any recommended doses of the [COVID-19 vaccine](#) if they have not done so already.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Colin Cox', written in a cursive style.

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