

PENNINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
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Summer Term Newsletter 07 - 28/06/2023

Dear Parents and Carers

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



Whole School End of Year Production

We are really excited to be hosting our end of year whole school production on Wednesday 12th July in the Coronation Hall. We are passionate about the involvement of all children. We will be performing 'The Island That Rocks' and each year group will play a very important role. Below, you will find a list of costumes for each year group. We are asking that parents help out with costumes, if you can. We do not wish for you to spend a fortune, so anything that you already have at home/can borrow/make would be perfect.

Reception

Reception class will be surfers. Any shorts and t-shirt etc.

Year 1

Year 1 will be camels and horses, so brown/neutral clothing.

Year 2

Year 2 will be doctors, so white school t-shirts and black/grey trousers.

Year 3

Year 3 will be islanders, so any casual/everyday clothing (shorts/t-shirts etc.)

Year 4

Year 4 will be technicians, so blue jeans, a white t-shirt and school will provide a high-vis jacket.

Year 5

Year 5 are islanders, so any casual/everyday clothing (shorts/t-shirts etc.)

Year 6

Parents will have received a list of items needed.

The children will be transported to the Coronation Hall by coach to begin practising at 1.00pm. The children will have their normal lunch at school before leaving. They will rehearse all afternoon and will stop for tea at 5.00pm. **All children will need to bring a packed tea and plenty to drink.** Pennington Staff will be with the children at all times during the day.

End of Year Concert - Tickets/Programmes

Programmes are now on sale for our end of year show 'The Island That Rocks' which will take place on Wednesday 12th July at the Coronation Hall at 6pm. All children will be involved with Year 6 taking the lead roles.

A programme will be required for admission at a cost of £5.00 per person. Doors will open at 5.40pm and seats can be selected on arrival. We expect to be finished at approx. 7.30pm and the **children will need to be picked up by 7.30pm**

Please log on to ParentPay to pay for seats. Initially we will allocate two seats per child by Friday 7th July. After that date, if any seats are still available, we will inform you by email on Monday 10th July and they will be sold on a first come first served basis via ParentPay.

We are looking forward to being able to include everyone this year.

Reception Class Penn Pals Social Enterprise Business

We are thrilled to announce that we have won the Community Engagement Award in Cumbria. Bright Stars and Playdale representatives will be in school on Monday 17th July to present a trophy and monetary award - more details to follow.

Mayor's Community Award

The Challenge Action Group who meets in school on Wednesday lunchtime have been awarded with one of two of the Mayor's community awards for 2023. Mrs Storey and five members of the group were invited to an awards ceremony followed by the Civic Sunday Procession and afternoon tea at the Coronation Hall last Sunday. The children were selected to receive this award after they had written to the Mayor and invited her into school to discuss the challenges they see in our local area and possible actions. She was particularly impressed with their forward-thinking ideas, passion to improve where they live and their willingness to get involved with finding solutions.

Loppergarth Playground and Community Group

The playground committee are calling for help. There are now only 2 members and they cannot function without more support. The Challenge Action Group have collected 85 signatures on a petition as they feel strongly that the playground should remain open. The children are asking that you support their request as parents/carers/grandparents by attending the meeting tomorrow (29th June) at 7.00pm in the Welly at Loppergarth. This is a final call for help and will be the last meeting if there is no support. Please don't risk losing this park for your children.

Year 1 and 2 Manjushri Centre - Tuesday 4th July

Year 1 and 2 will be visiting the Manjushri Centre on Tuesday - children can be collected from the venue from 3.00pm to enable parents to then travel to school to collect siblings - a separate note has gone to parents whose children attend Afterschool Club at Pennington Nursery.

Cumbria in Bloom - Friday 7th July

Judging will take place on Friday 7th July for Cumbria in Bloom - many projects are on-going but would appreciate any voluntary help next week. If you could give an hour or so to help with gardening, painting, tasks, etc. - please see Mrs Hockaday

Penningtonbury - Friday 14th July

Our annual Penningtonbury festival will be held on Friday 14th July. The children are encouraged to wear festival clothes, hats, etc. We would also like to ask for a donation of £3.00 per child to cover costs, including PA system/stage hire. This is a fun day when the children can engage in a range of creative activities and enjoy differing acts on the main stage. If you have a talent you are willing to share or know someone that does, please get in touch with Mrs Hockaday. Please log into Parentpay to send donations.

Leavers Assembly - Wednesday 19th July

Leavers Assembly is scheduled for Wednesday 19th July. Year 6 parents are invited to attend. Due to space in Pennington Church only Year 6 and their Reception buddies will attend. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch for Year 6 and their parents - more details to follow.

New Reception Children - September 2023

We still have a few welcome packs in the school office. These contain an invitation to the Teddy Bear's Picnic on Monday 3rd July. Please collect as soon as possible. There is also a timetable for home visits and open day visits for you to be booked again via the school office.

After School Clubs

Next term we intend to charge a nominal amount for after school clubs to cover costs of resources, etc. You will need to log into Parentpay to secure a place for your child, pay and give permission. The new clubs for September will be published on our first newsletter of the new term.

Opal Play - Playtime Plea

We are still collecting the following items for use at playtimes.

- Metal pots, pans and utensils for the mud kitchen
- Scooters, wheeled toys and dressing up clothes
- Dolls/full size buggies and prams

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.

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 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 Manjushri Centre
Wednesday 12 th July	Whole School Concert - Coronation Hall - 6.00pm start
Wednesday 12 th July	12.00noon deadline for Parent Governor application
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 - Change to School Hub Monday 3rd July

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.

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27th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

SCHOOL HUB Meal Ordering System (was Lunch Shop)

We are scheduled to switch over from Lunch Shop to **SCHOOL HUB** on the afternoon of Monday 3rd July with a view to using School Hub in school on **Tuesday 4th July**.

You will have access to School hub **from 6pm** on Monday 3rd July. Please log into Lunch Shop as you normally would with your existing log in details. You will be redirected to the School Hub website for you to save on your phones/computers etc.

You may be required to change your password for extra security. Please hit the '**forgot password**' button on the School Hub log in page, however this does require you to have an **up-to-date email address** within Lunch Shop/School Hub so please check this within Lunch Shop (profile tab) before the go live date.

If you wish to change your password in Lunch Shop before the migration to make a smoother transition, the new criteria is one capital letter, one lower case letter, one number, one symbol - at least 8 digits long.

If you require assistance logging in please call the school office or Orian on 01228 404714/822179 or email schoolhubsupport@orian.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Holland
Office Manager



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 22nd 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.

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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 12th July 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 12th July 2023

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 (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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