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## Spring Term Newsletter 08 - 01/03/2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to all the children who received Special Mentions before half term.



### Holly Lambert

It was with deep sadness that we found out about the untimely death of Holly Lambert over the holidays. She will be remembered with fondness by those who taught her here; as part of our Pennington Family.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.



## **REMINDER - World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March 2023**

World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world. We will be holding our World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March where children can come dressed as their favourite book character for the day. Alternatively, children can come in their pyjamas and bring their favourite bedtime story. This worked well last year as we recognise that there is currently an increase in the cost of living and there is no requirement to buy a new costume.

## **New After School Club**

We are able to offer a 4-week Cricket Coaching Club for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 after school on Monday for the remainder of this term, starting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March - please see below for information and log into Parentpay to make payment.

## **Year 4 & 5 Low Wood Ground Residential Trip - Reminder of Full Payment**

Thank you to all parents/carers who have paid all or some of the balance towards the Residential trips for Year 4 and 5. **The final/full amount is due on 17<sup>th</sup> March.** Please can you log into Parentpay to make payment. Thank you.

## **Comic Relief**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March it is Comic Relief and we will be holding a Comic Relief Coffee Morning from 10.00am to 11.30am in the school hall. We would be grateful of donations of home-made cakes and biscuits to sell. All produce should be brought into school on the morning. We ask that a list of ingredients is included with the cakes and biscuits as this enables those with allergies to make the correct decisions for themselves. Year 6 children will be serving our customers and families and friends are all invited. We will also be selling tea, coffee and juice. Children will be able to buy left over cakes and biscuits after lunch for 50p each. We are relying on generous donations in order for this to be a success and for all children who want to buy a cake to have the opportunity to buy one. No soggy bottoms please!

Children can come in non-uniform, in exchange for a donation (suggestion of a £1.00), which should be paid through Parentpay. Non uniform donations will go direct to Comic Relief and proceeds of the coffee morning will go to school fund. Thank you in advance for your support.

## **Opal Play**

As you know from previous newsletters, we are developing more active playtimes. If you have any scooters or buggies that you and your children no longer use at home, we would love them. We have bought 12 new balance bikes and scooters for the younger children to use but they are not suitable for the juniors. Perhaps there are some scooters or buggies lying unused at home that we could have some fun with.

As we continue to develop playtimes, we will be asking for various items that will enhance our playtimes. Time for a clear out!

### **Thank you**

Thank you to Sam Shaw-Kilburn, Amelia's dad who completed some building repairs for us over half term as a good will gesture.

### **Reminder - Admin Assistant**

The Governors of Pennington C of E School are seeking to appoint a temporary part-time Administration Assistant (initially until 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.penn.cumbria.sch.uk) or email [admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk) to request an application pack.

# FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON



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**AGM, 21st March, Pennington School, 7.30pm**

The Friends of Pennington School group would like to invite everyone to our Annual General Meeting. FoP School is to have five named committee members, these are; Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and a new role of Fundraising Officer these will be voted on in the AGM. We would welcome and encourage new members and anyone who can spare time to help organise and volunteer at events. If you would like to put yourself forward as a named committee member or volunteer to support us please come along to the meeting or send us an email.

We are excited and looking forward to the year ahead and hope to continue as a dynamic group that all can be involved in. We are here to support the school, families and community with fun events and fundraising. Thankyou for your continued support, FoP School.

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# Happy Mother's Day

£10 GOODIE BAG.  
FILLED WITH BODY SHOP  
PRODUCTS.  
COMMISSION FROM BAGS TO  
PENNINGTON PTA FUNDS



More information to follow in next week's newsletter

## 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](mailto:admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk) to give permission to the clubs your child wishes to attend.

If your child wants to join Cricket, 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](mailto:admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk) and the payment request will be removed from your Parentpay account.



## After School Clubs - Spring 2 2023

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Year 3,4,5 & 6 Watercolours <b>(FULL)</b>	Mrs Barton	Year 4 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
<b>NEW CLUB</b>	Year 3,4,5 & 6 Cricket Club <b>£12 for 4 weeks</b> (Starting, Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February)	Cumbria Cricket Coach	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15- 4.00pm
Tuesday	Year 1, 2 and 3 Multi Sports <b>£15.00</b>	Jack	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Football <b>£15.00</b>	Corey	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
	Year 1 & 2 Lego Club <b>(FULL)</b>	Miss Sedgwick	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.

**SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022/2023**



## AUTUMN TERM 2022

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Wednesday 7 September	Tuesday 20 December (1.30pm)	Monday 24 October - Friday 28 October

Number of school days in term - 70

## SPRING TERM 2023

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Wednesday 4 January	Friday 31 March	Monday 20 February - Friday 24 February

Number of school days in term - 58

## SUMMER TERM 2023

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Monday 17 April	Wednesday 19 July	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