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Spring Term Newsletter 10 - 15/03/2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to all the children (and staff) who received Special Mentions last week.



Playground Buddies



Mrs Wright and Mrs Storey have read all the applications for Playground Buddies. There were over 70 in total and we want to thank all children who applied for these roles. We have selected the children in this photo to be our first Playground Buddies. Their role will be to support any other children who need someone to play with or need someone to talk to at playtime. Due to the high quality of applications, we have decided that other children should also have the opportunity to take on these roles, so next half term, a new group of Playtime Buddies will be announced. Thank you to parents/carers for your support.

Strike Action

The following information was sent out by email last Friday:

You may be aware that members of the National Education Union are being balloted to strike on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. We have a number of staff in the union who have found it very difficult to make the decision about whether or not to strike.

School will be CLOSED FOR YEAR 3 tomorrow. As teachers have the option to make their decision right up to the morning of the strike, I will inform you if any other classes will be affected.

Comic Relief - THIS FRIDAY

On Friday 17th 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. **Please remember that school is a nut free environment.** 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.

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 17th March.** Please can you log into Parentpay to make payment. Thank you.

Online Safety News, Tips and Helpful Advice

If your child plays games on a device, it's important to pay attention to the age minimums. It is useful to understand what the ratings mean and why they may have been categorised in that way. Click the links below and have a look at the leaflet attached to learn more and keep your children safe while gaming.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/video-games-age-ratings-explained/>

<https://videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/parents>



Hello to all the primary schools in Furness, Ulverston, Cartmel and maybe a few beyond.

At Lakeland Orienteering we had a fantastic February half-term of orienteering with over 100 families having a go at one or more introductory session in Ulverston or Kendal. It was really inspiring for all involved to be out in the beautiful surroundings and enjoying the fresh air.

We have lots more opportunities this spring for schools, families and children to come a have a go at orienteering in the beautiful South Lakes. We also have a special offer of FREE membership of Lakeland Orienteering club for all juniors and new adults at the moment.

On **March 25th (Saturday)** we have a family event in the beautiful woodlands of **Stoney Hazel (nr Rusland)**. Just 10-15 minutes drive north of the A590 at Haverthwaite these woodlands provide the opportunity to explore an exciting new area while still convenient to towns. All are welcome- there are a range of courses suitable for all ages and abilities. Entry is free for Lakeland OC junior members. Starts are between 11am and 1pm (you can start any time in this period- no need to be there to start on the dot of 11), there is an optional briefing for newcomers at 11am and 12noon or individual help available all day. There will be refreshments and social time afterwards in the Rusland Reading rooms. Children can also gain stars for skills learnt and controls collected and there will be a brief prizegiving of badges at the end of the event (about 1pm).

More details and link to register can be found on [Home - Lakeland Orienteering Club \(lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk\)](http://Home - Lakeland Orienteering Club (lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk)) or families can pre-register here [Registration form for Stoney Hazel Family O event](#)

After Easter our **Wednesday evening spring series** begins. The first 4 events are at Cunswick Scar near Kendal, Orrest Head (Windermere), Birkrigg Common (Ulverston) and Lowick Common near Greenodd. Again, there will be a range of courses from absolutely beginner to advanced navigation skills. Again, children can collect controls or record their new skills to earn badges. All evening events run from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. More details can be found on the Lakeland Orienteering website. [Home - Lakeland Orienteering Club \(lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk\)](http://Home - Lakeland Orienteering Club (lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk))

We hope to share some orienteering fun with you very soon.

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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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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 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 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 (FULL)	Mrs Barton	Year 4 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
NEW CLUB	Year 3,4,5 & 6 Cricket Club £12 for 4 weeks (Starting, Monday 6th February)	Cumbria Cricket Coach	School Playing Field Hall when wet	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	Corey	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
	Year 1 & 2 Lego Club (FULL)	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

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 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

PARKSIDE ACADEMY

Week 1: Mon 3rd April - Thurs 6th April

Week 2: Tue 11th April - Fri 14th April



Limited places available. Book early
to avoid disappointment



- Each camp will run **9am-3pm** (group drop off and collection times will be confirmed on booking)
- We have use of a hall, classrooms and playing fields 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**
- **ALL 8 DAYS £110**

For further info please contact Gavin Butler

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F- **Onside Sports coaching Development**

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