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Autumn Term Newsletter 10 - 08/12/2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience and support this week. The snow, as lovely as it looked, caused a few challenges. Thank you to Mr Muggridge and Mrs Hockaday for their help in clearing the paths to make school safer for our return. Luckily when the children arrived on Wednesday, there was still some snow to play with at break and lunch time. OPAL play was enhanced with the purchase of ten sledges. See FB for photos.

Finally, it has melted and we return to normal.

We look forward to our annual Christmas Fair tonight (6pm- 8pm) which has been organised by the Friends of Pennington. You can buy tickets on line (information on how to obtain tickets was sent out by the Friends of Pennington). Alternatively, you can pay on the door.

Decorating Pennington Church

We have offered to decorate Pennington Church for our Christmas services on Monday 18th December and also for the congregation to enjoy at their Christmas Carol service on Sunday 17th December at 2pm (our choir will be singing there and everyone is invited). The Pennington church community appreciate our contribution and appreciate the children's artwork and love to hear the children singing)

We are asking children to create either a star or an angel. They can be free standing for the window sills or hanging decorations for the ends of the church pews. Everyone will be displayed and children who contribute will receive a Christmas treat. Please can these be brought in to school by Friday 15th

Choir Concerts

Our choir will be performing many times over the festive period. Their first live performance will be tonight at the school Christmas Fair. On Monday afternoon, 11th December, they will be transported by minibus to Swarthdale Nursing Home in Ulverston to sing for the residents. They will need collecting from Swarthdale at 4pm.

As mentioned above, they are also invited to the Carol Service at Pennington Church On 17th December at 2.00pm. We hope they can all attend these events to show off their talents and entertain the various groups.

Nativity and Carol Services

The Nativity for KS1 (R, Y1, Y2) will take place in the morning at 10.00am at Pennington Church. Weather permitting, Reception children will walk to church wearing their nativity costumes, together with Year 1 and Year 2. Parents are invited to walk with them or join us in Church for the traditional service.

In the afternoon, KS2 (Y3-6) will host a carol service. All classes will walk to church and parents are invited to join us for an afternoon of traditional/modern carols.

We ask that all children are dressed like carol singers, wearing a woolly hat and a warm coat. They will probably need it!

Christmas Parties

Christmas party dates are below. Children may come to school in party clothes/ non uniform that day, with suitable footwear to wear at break. There will be traditional party games and a disco. Drinks, crisps and a snack will be provided by school.

We are asking for a donation towards costs of £2 per child via parent pay.

Last day of term

Children will take part in a Santa Dash Pennington Paces on the last morning of term followed by playing board games. They may bring a game of their own, if they would like, and must look after it responsibly. School will close at 1.30pm on the last day.

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.



CoolMilk

Due to the difficult weather conditions earlier in the week, we did not have a delivery of milk for the children. We have contacted CoolMilk and have been told that parents who pay for their child's milk, will receive a credit/refund.

Online Safety News, Tips and Helpful Advice

With Christmas fast approaching, please have a look at the information on this link to keep you and your family safe online.

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/onlinechristmas/>

Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing. Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps or playing games online check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI include further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view. It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself.

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

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 - am	Reception Class and KS1 Nativity in church (parents invited)
Monday 18 th December - pm	KS2 Christingle Service in church (parents invited)
Tuesday 19 th December	1.30pm BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ☺
Wednesday 3 rd 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	ENDED 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
	ENDED 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
	ENDED 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

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

For all other donations, please can these be brought into school from Monday 4th December.

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
WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOFPENNINGTON OR BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW



**SANTA, PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS
JUMPER & TOY SALE, CRAFT &
PHOTOGRAPHY STALLS, GAMES,
RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, TREATS
& SO MUCH MORE!**

Join us at Pennington C of E
Primary School LA12 0RR for a
fundraising evening full of fun!



Friends of Pennington - Christmas Fair - Thursday 7th December

Our Christmas Fair is one of our biggest annual fund raisers. It is a family-friendly, fun event and we encourage you to join us.

Tickets are on sale from tomorrow, through the website:

www.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOFPENNINGTON

Family tickets are £8.00 and individual tickets £3.00. The ticket price includes a visit to Father Christmas, juice and a drink for children and a glass of mulled wine and mince pie for adults.

We will be holding a second-hand Christmas stall to include Christmas jumpers and Christmas books and would welcome some donations. We also hope to have a teddy tombola and bric-a-brack stall. Year 6 will be running games and we have visiting stall holders from the local community. There are also tattoos and face painting stalls and a fabulous grand raffle. Thank you to all the local businesses who have provided the prizes.

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 finish at 1.30pm	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



**Pennington CofE School
Poppy Appeal 2023**

Collection Total

£165.08

**On Behalf of The Royal British Legion
Poppy Appeal**

A very BIG Thank You!

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)



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

WEDNESDAY 20TH >>>	ACTIVITY DAY 9.30AM-2.30PM LOW FURNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL
THURSDAY 21ST >>>	MULTI SPORTS 9.30AM-12PM ST MARYS PRIMARY SCHOOL
FRIDAY 22ND >>>	FOOTBALL SESSION 10-11AM ULVERSTON 3G PITCH
THURSDAY 28TH >>>	ACTIVITY DAY 9.30AM-2.30PM LOW FURNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SPONSORED SWIM

THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER 7:30AM-7:30PM

£5 ENTRY

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!



Dalton Leisure Centre are hosting a sponsored swim!

We would love for you to join us and bring along your family and friends,
to help raise money to improve your future swims!

If you are interested, grab a form at reception, we hope to see you there!