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Autumn Term Newsletter 11 - 01/12/2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Special Mention

Congratulations to our children whose special achievements were celebrated with our Special Mention Certificates in our Collective Worship last Friday.



Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Box is positioned next to the main entrance to our old building this year, by the Christmas tree. We encourage children to post their cards and they will be sorted and special delivery is made on Mondays and Friday.

Creative Christmas Homework

We are asking families to help with providing home-made decorations to decorate Pennington Church for our nativity and Christingle services.

Ideally, we would like some window sill decorations - possibly scenes from the nativity story, some wreaths for the ends of the pews and some decorations for the entrance. If you can help, both school and the church will be delighted. Church will be open on days up until Christmas so that families can admire the decorations. All children who contribute will be provided with a little Christmas treat. Please have your decorations into school by Monday 13th December. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 10th children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers/non-uniform to school. Please donate to Save the Children via ParentPay.

KS1 Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served for children in KS1 on Wednesday 15th December. Please can we remind parents of Reception and KS1 Children to order meals through Lunchshop. Thank you.

Christmas Services

We are hoping to hold our Christmas services at Pennington Church on Wednesday 15th December. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will walk to church in the morning. The Nativity service will involve all the children and promises to be musical and magical.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will walk to church in the afternoon. The Christingle service will last approximately one hour. We were hoping to invite parents to these services as we have done in the past. However, due to the size of Pennington Church and the popularity of these events, we would be asking parents to stand shoulder to shoulder with no opportunity for social distancing which we feel would be irresponsible 10 days before Christmas. This decision has not been taken lightly. We will record our services and you will be able to view them through U-tube.

Party Days

We are holding Christmas Parties for the children on the afternoons of:

Monday 13th December - Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday 14th December - Year 3 and Year 4

Thursday 16th December - Year 5 and Year 6

Children may come to school in non-uniform/suitable party clothes (party shoes can be brought into school to change into for the party but not be worn during the morning). There will be music in the hall and traditional party games. We will provide drink, crisps and a cake for children. If your child has any allergies or you do not want them to have this, please send an alternative snack. We look forward to lots of fun and dancing.

Individual and Family Photographs

School photos have arrived in school and will be distributed this week.

Ulverston Pantomime Society - Aladdin, Thursday 27th January 2022

For traditional family fun to brighten up the months after Christmas, Ulverston Pantomime Society are putting on 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Coronation Hall. Please see letter below.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 8 th December	Friends of Pennington Christmas Fair
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 13 th December - pm	Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party
Monday 13 th December	Home-made decorations for Church
Tuesday 14 th December - pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 15 th December	Reception and KS1 Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 15 th December - am	Reception and KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 15 th December - pm	KS2 Christingle Service
Thursday 16 th December - pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party
Friday 17 th December	1.30pm BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ☺
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Return to school

Free School Meal Eligibility

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. A good meal can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn. Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

<https://cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>

CoolMilk

CoolMilk have notified us that for deliveries from 01/01/22 onwards, Cool Milk will increase the price of a portion of milk for children aged 5 or over. Under-5 children will continue to receive milk free-of-charge.

The new price is driven by recent increases in the prices that we pay our dairy partners and also by ever-increasing overheads. Food prices have increased nationwide as farmers and distributors strive to maintain a sustainable business whilst confronted by significant increases in the cost of their feed, fuel, packaging supplies and general operating overheads. This means that Cool Milk will adjust the prices that we charge for over-5 milk for parents with a price increase from 22p to 23p per child per day

Free milk is available for all children under the age of 5 in school, funded by the UK Government. In our school, this milk is provided by Cool Milk, the UK's leading school milk supplier. We will register your child for their free school milk on your behalf by providing Cool Milk with your child's name and date of birth. When your child turns 5, you are able to pay a subsidised rate for your child to continue to receive milk. If you wish for your child to continue receiving milk from the age of 5, simply register with Cool Milk directly via their website, www.coolmilk.com Once registered the process takes about 7-10 days the milk delivery team receive instructions.

FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON

Christmas Fair - 'A Christmas Journey' - Wednesday 8th December 2021

Tickets will be on sale at the beginning and end of the school day from tomorrow. Tickets will be sold with 10-minute entry intervals for arrival time from 5.30pm. From Monday 29th we are also welcoming donations of bric-a-brac, books and toys for stalls and teddies for the Teddy Tombola. **We will also be having a Cake Stall and would appreciate cakes being brought in on the morning of 8th December.**



Friends of Pennington School

From 5.30pm – 6.30pm there will be a staggered arrival, details on your ticket.

Tickets will be on sale before and after school, at the school gate.

Tickets - **£5** for a family ticket, **£2** for an individual ticket, this includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie for adults, and juice and biscuits for children, plus one visit to Father Christmas (children only!).

As usual we will be having all the popular activities for the children including - nail painting, tattoos, games room, crafts, tombola, raffle as well as a number of craft stalls for parents to partake in a little bit of Christmas shopping.

If you know of anyone who may like to book a stall, please contact Siobhan Gilbert on 07843481795 or email selow@hotmail.co.uk or speak to any of the FOP committee.

What better time of year to have a good sort out!

We would be very grateful for donations for the tombola stall, teddy bear tombola, bottle tombola (any bottle - from champagne to bubble bath... etc), chocolate tombola!! (any chocolate will do - from a fredo bar to a box of chocolates!), toys (in good condition), books stall and the raffle.

If you are a business owner or know of a business that would like to support our event with a raffle prize, we would be really grateful of the donation.

This year it will be a one-way Christmas Journey through school. To be Covid friendly there will be a staggered entrance time, details will be printed on tickets. We will have hand sanitizer stations and you are welcome to wear a mask.

Christmas Fair Help!

If you can spare any time on the night please fill in the slip below. Any help will be much appreciated.

Name.....Childs name.....Year.....Contact No/Email.....

I can help setting up from 3pm.

I can help on a stall.

(please tick the box and return to school, thank you!)



I can help tidy up afterwards.

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 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.

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 - Autumn 2 2021

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Year 1 to 6 Choir SPACES AVAILABLE	Mrs Solloway	Year 1	3.00-3.45pm
	Year 5 & 6 Robotics Club FULL	Mr Hodgson	Year 5	3.00-3.45pm
Tuesday	Year 3 & 4 Multi Sports with Tom - £15.00 (to be paid via Parentpay) SPACES AVAILABLE	Tom	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball with Tom - £15.00 (to be paid via Parentpay) PLACES AVAILABLE	Tom	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.00-4.00pm
	Craftclub - Year 1 & 2 FULL	Miss Steel & Miss John	Year 2	3.00-3.45pm
Friday	KS2 Gymnastics 4 SPACES AVAILABLE	Mrs Dearden	School hall	3.00-4.00pm

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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After School Club consent form

Child's name

Class

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

Signed Parent/Carer

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Dear Parents

PANTOMIME 2022 - ALLADIN - THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY 2022

Pantomime Time - for traditional family fun to brighten up the months after Christmas, Ulverston Pantomime Society are putting on 'Aladdin' at the Coronation Hall.

I am delighted to be able to continue with our annual tradition of organising a trip to see Ulverston Pantomime Society's production every January. Of course, this could not take place last year but it is so good that we are now able to offer the children the opportunity to see live theatre again. This year the production is Aladdin and the performance will take place on Thursday 27th January 2022 at 7.00pm. This event is always well supported and is a fun evening, for those of you who haven't been before, it would be lovely to have you involved.

If you would like you and/or your child to attend, please complete the permission slip below and return to school by Monday 11th January 2022. The performance will begin at 7:00pm and we wish children to be dropped off outside by 6.40pm where they will be supervised by a member of staff. Alternatively, you are welcome to join us as both adults and children's tickets will cost £12.00 each. Cheques should be made payable to Ulverston Pantomime Society and should be included with the order.

Reception children may come if you feel they have the maturity to sit through a two-and-a-half-hour performance but we would have to insist that an adult came with them on this occasion.

As in previous years this has been an enjoyable evening and we look forward to Pennington representing a good presence.

Kind regards.

Helen Storey
Headteacher

PANTOMIME 2022 - SLEEPING BEAUTY - THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY 2022

I would like the following tickets for the performance of Sleeping Beauty on Thursday 27th January 2022

Child's nameYearNo of tickets..... @ £12.00 = £.....

Total payment enclosed (cheques to be made payable to Ulverston Pantomime Society)

Signed Parent/Carer

NASAL FLU CATCH UP SESSIONS

The following clinics have been arranged for children who missed their school nasal flu immunisation who are school years Reception -year 11:



Kendal clinic -at Blackhall unit-Westmorland General hospital

APPOINTMENT ONLY

Wednesday 1st December 4pm -6.30pm

Wednesday 8th December 4pm-6.30pm

Wednesday 15th December 4pm -6.30pm

Barrow clinic -Barrow 102 Dolton Lane-Furness General hospital

APPOINTMENT ONLY

Tuesday 30th November 4pm-6.30

Thursday 9th December 4pm-6.30

Monday 13th December 4pm-6.30

If you wish to book an appointment for your child please call 01229 409604 please leave your contact details and we will call you back to book an appointment.

Please note you may be asked to wait in your car if the session is busy due to covid restrictions.

Please do not try and book an appointment for your child if they have had the nasal flu vaccination in school or at the GP surgery.

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19 - 24 December

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