

PENNINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
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Autumn Term Newsletter 11 - 07/12/2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas Post Box

Thank you to the parents who reminded us about the Christmas post box! It is now located outside the school office for children to post their cards. Year 6 post people will sort and deliver regularly over the festive period. Children should clearly label the envelopes with the child's full name and year group.

Christmas Decorations for Church

We will be decorating Pennington Church for Christmas. We are asking children to create a nativity scene in a shoe box to display on the church window sills. Alternatively, children can make a wreath for the end of the church pews. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to complete this crafty homework as it will not only be enjoyed by school, the whole church community will really appreciate our efforts. Please can this homework be brought into school, the week beginning **Monday 12th December**. A Christmas treat will be provided for all children who complete it.

Christmas Jumper Day- Thursday 8th December

On Thursday 8th December, children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers/non-uniform to school.

Friends of Pennington - Christmas Fair - Thursday 8th 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 at the beginning and end of school at the main gate. Family tickets are £6.00 and individual tickets £2.00. If possible, please bring the correct amount of change. 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 is also nail painting, tattoos and face painting stalls and a fabulous grand raffle. Thank you to local businesses who have provided the prizes.

Christmas Fair

Just to remind you that you will be required to bring cash to the Christmas Fair, even better, if you have change for the stalls. Some of our stall holders may bring cash machines but not all will have this facility

Reception Class and KS1 Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served for children in Reception and KS1 on Wednesday 14th December. Please can we remind parents of Reception and KS1 Children to order meals through Lunchshop. Thank you.

Christmas Holidays

On the last day of term, Tuesday 20th 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

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| Thursday 8 th December | Friends of Pennington Christmas Fair/Christmas Jumper Day |
| Wednesday 14 th December | Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 Lunchshop Christmas Lunch |
| Wednesday 14 th December - pm | Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party |
| Wednesday 14 th December | Home-made decorations for Church |
| Thursday 15 th December - am | Reception and KS1 Nativity (parents invited) 10.00am |
| Thursday 15 th December - pm | KS2 Christingle Service (parents invited) 1.30pm |
| Friday 16 th December - pm | Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party |
| Monday 19 th December - pm | Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party |
| Tuesday 20 th December | 1.30pm BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 😊 |
| Wednesday 4 th January 2022 | Return to school |

Information about the above events will be provided in future newsletters nearer the time

Online Safety

We embrace the use of technologies to enrich all areas of the curriculum, so therefore online safety plays an important role in safeguarding children at Pennington Primary School. We have measures in place to help safeguard pupils from inappropriate content. The link below contains information, which you may find useful regarding setting up parental controls on devices.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

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 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 - Autumn 2 2022

| Day | Activity | Leader | Where? | Time |
|-----------|---|-----------------|---|--------------------|
| Monday | Year 5 & 6 Computing Club (20 places) | Mr Hodgson | Year 5 Classroom | 3.15-4.00pm |
| | Christmas Choir Year 1 to 6 | Mrs Solloway | Year 1 Classroom | 3.15-4.00pm |
| | Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Walking Wellbeing Club | Miss Wren | School Grounds/ Wetlands | 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 |
| | Year 6 Super Six Club (Invite only) | Miss Wren | Year 6 Classroom | 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 Reading Club (20 places) | Miss Huddleston | Year 2 Classroom | 3.15-4.00pm |
| | Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Reading Club (20 places - FULL) | Miss Barnes | Year 3 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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Dear Parents

PANTOMIME 2023 - ROBIN HOOD - THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY 2023

Pantomime Time - for traditional family fun to brighten up the months after Christmas, Ulverston Pantomime Society are putting on 'Robin Hood' 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. This year's performance of Robin Hood will take place on Thursday 26th January 2023 at 7.00pm.

This event is always well supported and is a fun evening and 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/ren to attend, please log into Parentpay to pay for tickets by Monday 11th January 2023. 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.

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 come 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

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

Number of school days in term - 62

Number of days in year - 190

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

Pennington School

Christmas Family Fun Night

Thursday 8th December 2022

6pm til 8pm

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

Tickets - £6 for a family ticket

£2 for an individual ticket

**this includes a glass of mulled wine & mince pie for adults,
Juice and biscuits for children, plus one visit to
Father Christmas**

Our Christmas Family Fun Night is a great fundraising event every year
So please come along, have some fun and support our school
If you would like a stall, please speak to the school office.



12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

The Christmas season has finally arrived and soon many of you will be opening your presents in the hope that Santa has listened to your request for the latest mobile phone or smart device.

Owning a mobile phone can be fun, but it's important to use it safely and responsibly. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that you set up your phone securely, keep your personal information private and enjoy using your phone in the healthiest way possible.

1 ALWAYS SECURE YOUR PHONE WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your phone without your permission. Make sure your password is memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share it with your parents just in case you forget it.

2 DISABLE LOCATION SETTINGS

This can usually be done from the device's privacy control settings. Disabling location settings means that your phone can't be tracked by others and strangers can't tell where you are when you're using it. It also helps to save battery.

3 ALWAYS USE A SECURE WIFI NETWORK

When you use your WIFI at home usually it is a secure network that only you and your family know the password to. Public networks, like those in coffee shops, can be accessed by anyone which means that people could potentially hack into your device and access your personal information without you realising.

4 ONLY PAIR WITH BLUETOOTH DEVICES YOU KNOW

A Bluetooth connection with another device means that you can send and receive data wirelessly. For example, you could listen to music wirelessly or receive pictures and videos from your friends. However, pairing your phone with a device you don't know means that you could be sharing personal information with a stranger or could leave your device open to receiving viruses.

5 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new apps, always check the age-rating of the app. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain things that aren't safe for you to see.

6 BEWARE OF BECOMING ADDICTED TO YOUR PHONE

Your phone can be fun to use and it's easy to become too attached, whether it's keeping in touch with friends, discovering new features or downloading the latest apps. Remember it's always good to talk in person, go out and have fun and get regular exercise. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just your mobile phone.

12 DON'T SHARE YOUR NUMBER OR YOUR DEVICE WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Never feel pressured into sharing your phone number with people you don't know and don't lend your phone to strangers or keep it where others could get hold of it. Look after your device and always keep it hidden from sight to avoid it being stolen or broken into.

7 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Using your phone for too long, particularly in the evenings, can make you feel tired at school, affect your concentration and make you lose interest in other things in life. Only use your phone at certain times of the day and don't use it close to bedtime. You can set a 'screen time limit' via the settings on your phone. This will help you stay fit and healthy and means that you will still be able to focus and perform well at school.

8 THINK OF OTHERS WHEN TAKING PHOTOS

Don't take embarrassing photos of other people on your phone. If other people get access to the photo and share it with more people, it could make that person really upset and treated as a form of bullying. Always be mindful of the photos you take using your camera and who you share them with.

9 MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This means that you will be able to use your phone safely and securely and won't accidentally do things you shouldn't do. The best time to do this is when you get a new phone or device so that you're protected from the very beginning.

10 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR PARENTS IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE

Sometimes, even though your phone is really secure, you might see something you don't like, or someone might contact you who you don't know. If this happens, always tell your trusted adult like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and advise you on what you should do next.

11 DON'T TEXT AND WALK

This might seem like a strange thing to say but it can be dangerous to stare at your mobile phone whilst walking outside alongside busy roads or bicycle paths. In some cases, children have been knocked over by cars or cyclists because they haven't been aware of their surroundings whilst texting or playing games on their mobile devices.

Onside Sports Coaching Soccer Skill Sessions

Onside Soccer Skill Sessions are designed to improve the individual technique and team play of every participant using a mixture of **FUTSAL** and **COERVER** coaching techniques. The sessions are aligned to Academy practices including ball mastery programs each week, continuous coaching cycle including the main stream topics and small sided games to ensure your child has maximum contact hours to fulfil their potential. All



| Date/ Time | Venue: ULVERSTON | Age Group |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Tuesday 5-6pm | ULVERSTON @ Glaxo Sports Hall | Reception & Year 1 |
| Thursday 5-6pm | ULVERSTON @ Glaxo Sports Hall | Year 2 & 3 |

| Date/ Time | Venue: BARROW | Age Group |
|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Monday 5-6pm | BARROW @ Furness Academy Gym | Reception & Year 1 |
| Monday 5-6pm | BARROW @ Furness Academy Gym | Year 2 & 3 |
| Monday 6-7pm | BARROW @ Furness Academy Gym | Year 3,4,5 & 6 |

| Date / Time | Venue : DALTON | Age Group |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Friday 5-6pm | DALTON @ DASH Dowdales School | Reception & Year 1 |
| Friday 5-6pm | DALTON @ DASH Dowdales School | Years 2 & 3 |
| Friday 6-7pm | DALTON @ DASH Dowdales School | Years 3,4,5 & 6 |

Ulverston: £30 for 6 weeks starting 10th & 12th January

Barrow: £30 for 6 weeks of coaching, starting Mon 9th January

Dalton: £35 for 7 weeks of coaching starting Friday 13th January

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE – BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

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 in.

To book or for info please contact Gavin Butler...

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PRESENTS....

YEAR 5 & 6 THEATRE SCHOOL

ALL YEAR 5 AND 6 STUDENTS WELCOME

**BUILD CONFIDENCE, DEVELOP ACTING SKILLS
AND PERFORM WITH FRIENDS!**



WEDNESDAYS 3.45 TO 4.45PM
ULVERSTON VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MR VOGLER
mvo@uvhs.uk or call 01229 483900 ext 6227

Year 5 and 6 parents? Our Year 5 and 6 Drama School has proven popular this term and we will be running it again in the Spring term.