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Autumn Term Newsletter 11 - 13/12/2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We are enjoying the end of term and staff are working hard to complete assessments whilst having fun and providing the children with some exciting Christmas activities. We want to take the opportunity to wish all our families a happy Christmas. We look forward to welcoming the children back for the Spring Term on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

We wish you well Mrs McClean

Mrs McClean will be leaving us at the end of this term to begin her new job as a teacher at Victoria Infants after Christmas. Mrs McClean has brought smiles and fun and has supported Mrs Hockaday in teaching Reception class for the last 4 years. We would like to thank her for all her hard work at Pennington and wish her well with her new job.

Mrs Edwards will take her place in Reception after the holidays. She is excited to begin working with us and looking forward to meeting the children. She has lots of experience of working with young children and teaching phonics. We look forward to welcoming her.

Christmas Post

The Christmas post box is outside the front door. If children would like to post their cards, they will be delivered to the classes by Year 6 children. Please ensure full names and are written clearly on the envelopes with the year group included. Everyone enjoys a Christmas delivery.

Wet Weather Play

You may have noticed our new welly sheds which are positioned next to the hedge at the side of the Pennington Paces track. In Opal Play, we encourage different types of play in all weathers and in order for the children to be able to enjoy it, they need the correct clothing and footwear. Please can you provide your child with waterproof coat and trousers to be kept in their cloak-room and a pair of wellies (named and pegged together) that will permanently be kept in the welly sheds. If you have items that your child has grown out of, perhaps you could think about donating them for families who are in need of help.

Church Services

The Reception/ KS1 Nativity service will begin at Pennington Church at 10am on Monday. If you would like to walk to church with the children, they will be leaving school at 9.30am. Otherwise parents/ carers are invited to meet us in Church. Parking at Pennington Church is very limited.

KS 2 carol service will take place in the afternoon. Children will be setting off to walk at 1.15pm and the service will begin just after 1.30pm. Again, parents and carers are invited to walk with us.

We have had enquiries about the possibility of grandparents and other family members attending the services at Pennington church and whilst we will not turn anyone away, there will not be room for everyone. There may-be standing room at the back.

Our Choir has been invited to the Carol Service at Pennington Church On 17th December at 2.00pm. All families are also welcome.

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

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties are taking part this week. 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.



Christmas tree

Thank you to **Ellie's Garden Centre** who donated our Christmas tree this year.



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 14th December - pm
Friday 15th December - pm
Monday 18th December - am
Monday 18th December - pm
Tuesday 19th December
Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party
Reception Class and KS1 Nativity in church (parents invited)
KS2 Christingle Service in church (parents invited)
1.30pm BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 😊
Return to school

FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON

Christmas Fair

Thank you to all those who supported the Christmas Fair last week we raised £1800 and a special thank you to Lily who donated all her proceeds to Friends of Pennington, Chloe who donated her proceeds to the Food Bank and Isabelle and Hannah who also donated to Friends of Pennington.



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

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 (APPONTMENT ONLY)

MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2023 3.30-6.30 (APPONTMENT 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 (APPONTMENT 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!