

Penruddock Post!



Penruddock Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024 – Issue 2

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2. We have lots to look forward to this term as we progress towards Christmas and all the excitement that it holds for our children.

I am delighted with the progress our children are making in their new classes and how well our new children and families have settled into our routines at Penruddock. Reports come out later this term and as usual will be followed with parents consultations when we can discuss your child's outcomes for the term.

Please remember we are always available for a catch up if needed before then, just contact us via email or the school office. As always, we look forward to seeing you all at the various events as we progress to Christmas.

Best Wishes

Mrs Johnson

REMEMBRANCE

We commemorated Remembrance again this week with a selection of activities and an assembly to consider the plight of the fallen in our 2 world wars and beyond. The children's work is displayed in the shelter outside Class 2 so please do stop to take a look when you are passing.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas preparations are underway.

The St Andrews Church Christmas concert will be running again this year in Penrith on Monday 9th December at 7pm, and all our Helvellyn and Skiddaw children will be taking part.

We are performing a whole school Christmas production of Hosannah Rocks this year. Mrs Foley will be leading this and I'm sure costume letters, scripts and song words will be heading home soon.

As usual we will hold a Christmas party afternoon with a special visitor. This year this is scheduled for Wednesday 18th December following the Christmas dinner.

As usual FOPS will be running Secret Santa where the children donate gifts for our choosing workshop and then visit to choose and wrap a gift for members of the family. Further detail from FOPs will follow. The date is Monday 16th December.

Book Sharing

As part of our reading initiative this year we would like to invite parents, grandparents or friends of the school to come in on an occasional basis to share a favourite book with some or all of our children. If you think this is something you could do on a one off or more regular basis please let us know...we are keen to get our library story chair into more use.

We could even organise a schedule if we have enough volunteers.....

Fort Update

Many of you will have noticed that the play fort has been condemned at our most recent health and safety inspection. We have been gathering quotes for a more modern replacement and FOPS have kindly agreed to help us apply for a new community lottery grant or similar to fund the new project. The figures quoted so far equate to around £20,000 for a new one so we have a bit of a journey ahead of us. Fingers crossed we can make some progress for the Spring/Summer terms.

Theatre Trip

We are looking forward to our trip to the Theatre by the lake on **Tuesday 10th December** to see Jungle-book. A huge thanks to FOPS for subsidising the transport for this trip.

PARENTS EVENINGS and REPORTS

Term 1 reports will be sent home on Friday 6th December

Parents Evenings for Years 1-6 will be held on Wednesday 11th December—Year 1-6

*Appointment booking will be opened soon via the website as usual.

PE TIMETABLE

Children should have their PE kit in school every day and will have timetabled lessons as follows:

Blencathra (R/Y1/Y2) - Tuesday & Thursday

Helvellyn (Y3/Y4) - Tuesday & Thursday

Skiddaw (Y5/Y6) - Thursday & Friday

Governors

We still have a number of vacancies on our Governing Body. If you think you or another family member might be available to support the school in this way please let us know. Alternatively if you know of any local friends or neighbours from the surrounding area who might be able to join us please let them know about our vacancies.

DIARY DATES

Friday 15th November	School Council Pyjama Day for Children in Need
Wednesday 20th November	Basic Moves (selected children)
Thursday 28th November	Tri-Golf (selected children)
Friday 29th November	Non-uniform for Chocobola FOPs Christmas Party
Monday 9th December	Penrith Schools Music Association—Carol Festival, St Andrews Penrith
Tuesday 10th December	Theatre by the Lake—Jungle Book—whole school
Wednesday 11th December	Parents Evening Y1 - Y6
Monday 16th December	Secret Santa Hosanna Rock—Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 17th December	Hosanna Rock—Afternoon Performance
Wednesday 18th December	Stay & Play 9.30 -11.30 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party Hosanna Rock Evening Performance
Friday 20th December	End of Term—1pm finish

Term Dates 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

STARTS	ENDS	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Weds 4 September	Fri 20 December	Monday 28 October—Friday 1 November

SPRING TERM 2025

STARTS	ENDS	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Tues 7 January	Friday 4 April	Monday 17 Feb—Friday 21 Feb

SUMMER TERM 2025

STARTS	ENDS	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Tues 22 April	Fri 18 July	Good Friday 18 Mar Easter Mon 21 April Mon 26 May—Friday 30 May Early May Bank Holiday—Mon 5 May