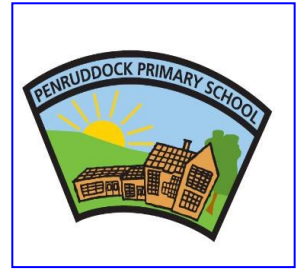


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Penruddock Primary School Newsletter

Summer Term 2024 – Issue 6

Dear Parents and Families,

Sorry for the delay in sending this out this term, life in school has been very hectic and so time has run away with me. As you know it's a very busy term with lots of forthcoming sports activities, summer events, and of course leavers celebrations.

Huge well done to all our Year 6 children for working so hard through their SATS and to our younger children for their phonics work and times table outcome in LKS2. We are looking forward to celebrating all your wonderful outcomes in the forthcoming final few weeks of term.
Mrs Hazel Johnson

SPORT

Well done to all our children who have competed in sporting events last term. We were delighted with the results we achieved. Our Year 4 tennis players performed really well achieving 2nd and 6th place overall against a variety of teams from many local schools, large and small.

KS1 also enjoyed competing in the football tournament at Greystoke last week and we held our annual rounders tournament again last week too which was attended by 11 teams, our biggest yet. Lazonby won the trophy this year with Patterdale close runners up. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and a great time was had by us all.

Forthcoming events this term include the Calthwaite Cricket Festival and of course Patterdale Cross Country.

Sports Day is scheduled for **Monday 1st July** beginning at 1pm sharp. As always spectators are welcome, bring chairs, rugs and sunhats to keep yourselves comfortable and cool. The children will be in the shaded area by the trees so spectators will be quite exposed.

A reminder that children should wear t-shirts for the colour of their house although yellow team wear white to prevent attracting flies!

Windermere (Blue) Derwent water (Green) Ullswater yellow (white) Ennerdale (Red)

The **Usbourne book lady** will also be visiting on sports day again this year. She will be available in the village hall after sports day, for parents to browse and purchase books. A percentage of all sales will come back to school in free books for our library.

FOPs have once again offered to give the children an ice-lolly following sports day, we are very grateful to them for this kind gesture and I am sure they will be appreciated by all.



BREAKFAST CLUB

A reminder to all families that Breakfast Club runs every morning from 8.10am in the quite room in Class 1. There is no need to book in advance although block bookings can be made if preferred. As fees have remained static for some years now the price will increase to **£2.50 per session from September.**

Club Provision from September 2024

There will be some changes to our after school clubs from September next year.

Unfortunately Jonny has given notice and will no longer be able to provide Action Ants for us next year. We have been in discussion with various other providers and are delighted that Lucy Potter our sports coach and Carlisle United have agreed to take on our active clubs from September.

All clubs must be booked for the full half term and paid for in advance via Parent Pay. Children in receipt of Pupil Premium will be eligible for 2 free clubs / year totalling 2 half terms. Charges for clubs vary according to resources and provider but prices can be found on the Parent Pay website. There is a limited number of places for each club so early pre booking is essential for parents who require child care.

The new timetable in September will be as follows:

Monday—Mrs Guy	Running	3.30—4.40pm
Tuesday—Lucy Potter	Active Fun	3.30—4.40pm
Wednesday—Carlisle United	Multi Sports	3.30—4.40pm
Thursday—Mrs Wilson	Craft Club	3.30—4.40pm

FOPS

A huge thank you to all FOPS members who helped to clear up the school grounds on Sunday 23rd June. There are still many jobs to complete so please let Helen Nicholson, Steph Taylor or Laura Offin know if you can offer some time to help paint the fort, tidy up the garden or help set up the new quite area. The more helpers the better to get the work done.

The Summer Sizzle is booked for Sunday 14th July and is hoped this will become a new community event, welcoming community friends and our school families for our usual games, stalls and of course the BBQ feast. Please tell all your friends and family, we'd love to make this a special annual event in the Penruddock school and community calendar.



LUNCH PRICE INCREASE

Our school lunches continue to be a great success with many of our children commenting how tasty the meals are. We are aware that some children complain about portion size but these are guided by the food standards regulations for the age of children being served. Of course older children do receive larger portions than the smaller ones with portion sizes increasing in Year 5. Tha works very hard to ensure the meals are tasty, nutritious and cater for a range of tastes. A huge thank you to Tha for her continued hard work.

As you all know school budgets are very tight. Unfortunately Government subsidy does not cover the cost of the school meals and necessitates a large subsidy from the school education budget. With this in mind and following the recent parent survey, governors have decided to apply a cost increase to families for meals in the coming year. The cost per meal will be £3.40 from September. A school subsidy remains in place to keep the cost at this price point.

Please encourage your children to give hot meals a go in the coming year. Increased take up will keep the price low.

KS2 LEAVERS—Wednesday 17th July

We look forward to our forthcoming leavers picnic and play. Year 6 leaver's families should keep the date free for the afternoon and evening. It's a bring your own picnic event, held on the field followed by Year 6 prize giving and of course the annual leavers soaking will take place at the end of the evening. Make sure you source your super soakers and possibly a change of clothes!

ATTENDANCE

The school attendance target is 96%. Currently our school attendance is 94.2%. Thank you to all families who ensure their children attend school regularly and consult a doctor quickly when illness does occur.

New attendance officers have now been appointed in county and allocated to each school for regular monitoring. In light of the changes to legislation officers will visit each term and analyse school attendance data. Families whose children's attendance falls below 90% are considered persistent absentees and they are likely to receive notification via phone or letter from the officer following their visit. From September holiday's in term time can no longer be authorised by headteachers and families who remove children for holidays regularly or in subsequent years will be liable for fines, prosecution or custodial sentence.

Children with attendance below 95% should not request term time holiday and are liable to fine or court summons if holiday is taken.

MEDICINE AND MEDICAL FORMS

A reminder to all families that medicines cannot be administered or kept in school without necessary administration forms in place. This includes creams and lotions. If your child requires medicine of any type, the medicine must be handed to school staff and a form must be completed to ensure it is administered safely. **Some creams can be harmful to other children if used in error so creams, lotions and medicines must not be given to children to keep in school bags or to be administered independently.** Thank you for your support with this.



Important dates for your diary:

For further updates to the school calendar, visit www.penruddock.cumbria.sch.uk

Thursday 27th June	School Games—selected children
Monday 1st July	Sports Day @ 1pm
Tuesday 2nd July	Forest School - Helvellyn
Wednesday 3rd July	Calthwaite Cricket Festival—Y5&6 (collection 2pm from Calthwaite)
Friday 5th July	Special Themed Menu for Independence Day—all welcome
Monday 8th July	Reserve date for Sports Day
Tuesday 9th July	Dynamos Cricket Festival Y3&4 Forest School Blencathra
Wednesday 10th July	Stay & Play free session for pre-school Teddy Bear Picnic for new Reception children
Thursday 11 July	Cluster Maths Event at High Hesket
Friday 12th July	Non uniform for FOPs tombola Patterdale Cross Country—selected children
Sunday 14th July	Penruddock Summer Sizzle
Tuesday 16th July	No Forest School
Wednesday 17th July	Leavers Assembly and Play @ 2pm Leavers Picnic @ 6pm
Friday 19th July	TERM ENDS @ 1pm

Remember, you can sync our school calendar with your smart device to receive updates and notifications to your phone, tablet or computer.

Follow the link: <https://penruddock.secure-primariesite.net/diary/subscribe/>

For other information about school, don't forget to visit our website on:

www.penruddock.cumbria.sch.uk

You will find all of the important information you need. Don't forget our Facebook page too!



