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## Happy New Year

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. I'm sure you were probably ready to have the children back in school. They had a lovely short week last week to start the term and once again they returned to school happy with lots of stories to share.

Every term that goes by we hope that we will be less disrupted term in terms of Covid although with the high case numbers of Omicron we all need to remain vigilant. Please remain vigilant and cautious with any symptoms, keep carrying out regular LFD tests and isolate immediately if you are in any doubt. We are kept up to date with guidance in school so if you need any help knowing what to do please get in touch.

It is early days but our term has started well with our attendance so far returning to our normal high levels. In fact today we have 100% attendance which is the first time in a long time we have had everyone in. Let's hope this is a sign of good things to come.



## Young Voices

Just before Christmas we were informed that the Young Voices concerts have been postponed to later in the school year. We haven't been given the new dates yet but when we do we will let you know and reallocate places/ tickets etc.



## Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who made donations to Children in Need in November we raised a fabulous **£154.45**. It was a very big job for Mrs Percival to count all the pennies we put on Pudsey!!

## Stars

Our first Stars of 2022 is this Friday. Unfortunately we still can't welcome visitors into school but parents and family members are welcome to join us on zoom using the details below.

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## Primary School Admissions

For children due to start school in Reception in September 2022 applications for school places close on 15th January 2022—This Saturday!

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to hold our usual Autumn Open Day but any prospective parents are very welcome to arrange a visit. Just get in contact with the school office to arrange a visit to see us in action.

## Pop Up Shop HELP NEEDED

For many years we have collected produce from M&S in Penrith that they can no longer sell. We then use whatever we can in school for BC/ ASC and the kitchen and the rest is made available to the community in exchange for donations to school. This has been a fabulous way of avoiding food waste and earning some extra money for school for us to spend on the little extras for the children.

When we went into lockdown in March 2020 Sharon Potter and Pamela Mallinson offered to take responsibility for the pop up shop and have very kindly hosted it in their gardens. When they haven't been able to make collections they have been helped out by other school families. Between them they have recently sent in just over £2400 in donations since March 2021 which is a phenomenal amount of money and makes a real difference to our school. Thank you Sharon, Pam and all the other people who have worked hard to keep this going for the benefit of our school and wider communities.

As you may have heard Sharon is stepping down from this role with immediate effect and cannot make any further collections.

We really need to maintain these collections, so we are now looking for some more volunteers to make regular or ad hoc collections from M&S and or Aldi in Penrith and drop them off at school so we can return to hosting the Pop Up shop in the Summer House. Collections are available from one or both supermarket most days including weekends so the more volunteers we have the more we can collect. The M&S collections are usually around 8.15pm and Aldi before 1pm. Please consider if you or someone you know could help us out and get in touch with the school office ASAP. Thank you.

## Diary Dates



**All diary dates are subject to last minute change. More details will follow near the time.**

11/1/22	1st ASC Razzmatazz session for Classes 1 & 2
14/1/22	9.15am Stars—Virtual
15/1/22	Primary School Admissions Deadline
18/1/22	R & Yr6 Heights & Weights
W/c 7/2/22	Children's Mental Health Week
8/2/22	Safer Internet Day
11/2/22	9.15am Stars—Virtual
11/2/22	Break up
21/2/22	9am Half term starts
3/3/22	World Book Day
30.3.22—1.4.22	Class 3 Residential to Langdale
20.6.22—24.6.22	Class 4 Residential to IOM