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Dear parents,

Rushbearing is a traditional rural festival for the whole community of Pendleside and will be celebrated on 13th July. This year, we will have a Year 6 Rushbearing King and Queen, both of which will have attendants. Please let Miss Hacking know before Friday 28th June whether you and your child are able to attend the service. The children chosen to be this year's King and Queen will be from the children able to attend on the day.

We will be holding a Rushbearing workshop in school on Friday 12th July, the workshop will run from 1.15pm- 2.30pm, all parents/grandparents are welcome to come along to help make the crowns and crosses. This will be followed by a Celebration Assembly with Father Paul.

The Rushbearing service will be held on Saturday 13th July, please gather at school from 2.00pm, ready for the procession through the village at 2.30pm. This will shortly be followed by the crowning of the Rushbearing King and Queen and the blessing of the rushes.

Following this there will be a procession and Bearing of the Rushes to St Mary's Church, where Father Paul will lead a Festival Service and scattering of the Rushes. Afterwards there will be food, live music and lots of dancing!

In the past there has also been a special Rushbearing service at St Mary's on the Sunday following Rushbearing Saturday. This year it has been decided this will not be the case, however there will be a service at 9.30am to which you are all welcome.

Kind regards

Pauline Nightingale
Headteacher



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