

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
School Newsletter

Newsletter No 9

12th January 2018



Happy New Year everyone!

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and fun filled holiday! The children have come back to school full of exciting stories about the holidays.

Themed Weeks

The children have had a busy first week back to school with Winter Week over this week and next.

Children in Year Two have been out in Forest School testing their predictions from the autumn term about deciduous and evergreen trees and children in Reception have been watching lots of winter themed clips as a stimulus for their writing.

We hold many themed weeks across a school year;

Writing Week each half term

A Season Week for each of the four seasons

Safety Week

Friendship and Anti-Bullying Week

Maths Week

Reading Week

For this academic year - Sports Week

Whilst our children are immersed in learning across the curriculum each and every day, our themed weeks give a particular, exciting focus on a specific area.

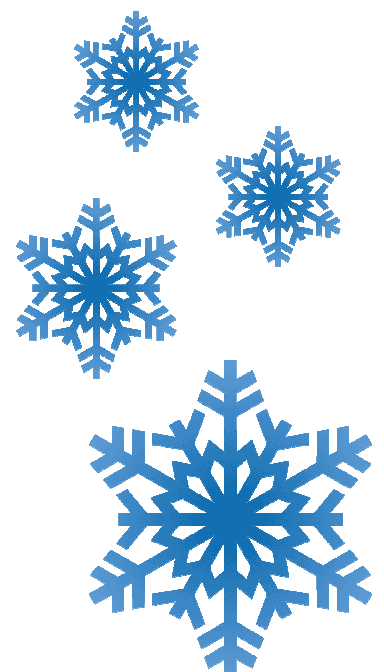
Handouts:

Paper copies

- * Mini Sing Squad
Club letter - Y1/
Y2 only
- * Parent Mail Letter

Emailed

- * Complaints Leaflet



Nut Free School

Due to allergies, our school is a nut free zone and staff, visitors and children should not bring nuts into school. Following a diagnosis of a severe nut allergy for one of our school community, we need to not only remind parents of this but further reduce nut products brought into school. This member of staff is not only allergic to nuts if consumed or touched but also if any traces of nuts are inhaled. I therefore need to ask everyone within our school community to be extra cautious and to ensure that no products that may contain traces of nuts are brought into school, including boxes of products containing nuts for junk modelling. Packaging has become much clearer over recent years at identifying products which may contain nuts. Whilst they are legumes rather than nuts, this restriction also applies to both peanuts and coconuts.

Mini Sing Squad Club Y1/Y2

Your child will have brought home a letter from Mrs Durant about the Mini Sing Squad Club. If your child wishes to join the club please complete and return the slip

attached to the letter.

Please note any returning club members will have a separate letter—please check book bags.

Huge THANKS for money raised

It seems like such a long time ago now but I wanted to thank everyone involved and to give you an update on money raised through donations at the end of last term.

Donations at Christmas Concert for resources to support further work with 'Number Fun' in school £340.95
Christmas Jumper Day and donations for Save the Children £109.94

A huge thank you for your generosity.

January Reminders.....

- Monday 22nd—Bags2School
- Tues 23rd and Thurs 25th — Reception Classes Stay and Play
- Friday 26th 2.30pm —January Birthday Assembly

After School Clubs—Block One

Block One Clubs (the ones that are run by school staff that children were involved in before Christmas) restart week beginning 29th January for a further five weeks.

Football club starts on Mon 15th Jan

Lexia Club started Thurs 11th Jan

Complaints Process

Whilst all of our staff work incredibly hard to provide a high quality of education and care for all of our children, there are unfortunately times when things are not to the high standards that we usually achieve. When this happens, I would urge parents to please come to speak to us as, unless we know about it, we can't do anything about it. The attached leaflet gives details about our school policy and procedure but would usually start with a conversation with the class teacher. If the issue is not resolved, or if the issue is one relating to the class teacher, then please arrange to speak to me.

Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality are important to a child's success in all

aspects of school life. It has an impact on progress and achievement as well as friendships. Thank you to all of those parents who ensure that they arrive at school on time every day — it is always trickier on cold, wet mornings but almost all of our children arrive on time, prepared to learn, every day!

A quick checklist of reminders:

- 🔔 Telephone school on the first day of your child's absence
- 🔔 Ensure that your contact details are up to date in case we need to contact you in an emergency or for information
- 🔔 Be firm with your child about their attendance
- 🔔 Try to arrange appointments out of school time
- 🔔 If problems persist then do not hesitate to contact us to discuss them

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us know if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone.

Spare newsletters are available in the rack outside the office, together with term time dates, holiday forms, uniform order forms

Tel: 01751 472620 email: admin@pickering--inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

For attendance/absences - admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Registering for School



Do you have a toddler or know of any one that does? Are they registered with us for a Nursery/School place? If it is your/their intention for your/their child to attend our school, please make sure that they are registered as this helps us with future plans.

This is particularly important if your/their child was born
between :

01/09/14- 31/08/15 for Nursery Sept 2018

01/09/13 - 31/08/14 for School Sept 2018

Community News

Family Fun Night

Pickering Methodist Church

Saturday 20th January at 6.00pm

Games, Men's Trifle making competition (make at home and bring to the fun Night for judging) and hot supper. There will also be a raffle, so prizes for this would be appreciated.

£6 for adults and £3 for under 12s.