

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter

Newsletter No 6

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Anti-bullying Week

Last week was national anti-bullying week. During this week we spent time talking with the children about the term bullying. At Pickering Infant and Nursery School, we describe bullying as "unacceptable behaviour which occurs on repeated occasions, on purpose", which all of our children know is unacceptable.

Because of the age of our children, we spend a lot of time talking to children about and supporting them with developing friendships and negotiating with each other. Our visit from 'The Puppet Man' to share stories around friendship was another great way of supporting children with this! Photos of this can be found in the Children section of our school website.

Part of the focus last week was to help our children to understand the difference between falling out with our friends and classmates and bullying. The children showed a good understanding that falling out with our friends or someone saying unkind words to us is not acceptable and needs to be dealt with but also is not bullying. Our anti-bullying charter, which has been discussed in detail with our children, is attached and shares information as well as actions that we support our children in taking if necessary.

Handouts:

- ★ Packed lunch children only—
 - 1.Christmas dinner letter
 - 2.Packed Lunch Policy
- ★ Santa Tickets
- ★ Concert Tickets
- ★ Cauliflower Christmas Cards
- ★ E Safety user agreement

Emails

- ★ Anti-bullying Charter

Reminders.....

1st December - Non-uniform Day

8th December - Christmas Fair

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations and came to school in spots with their teddies. Together we raised £221.50 for Children in Need

Winners of Pickering Panto draw are: Toby Roberts—Hedgehog Class

Lucas McLaren—Owl Class

Jack McBurnie—Badger Class

Congratulations to these children and their families! Please collect your tickets from the school office. A huge thank you once again to Ryedale Lions for donating the tickets.

Christmas Post Box

If your child would like to send a Christmas card to their friends in school, the school post box will be open from Monday 11th to

Friday 15th December in the hall.

Please make sure that the recipients names and class are clearly written on the envelopes—this makes sorting much easier and there are no disappointed children whose cards do not reach their destination!

Please **DO NOT** send any cards in before the 11th or after the 15th.

Help required please to sort and deliver the post. If you are able to help, would you please sign up on the list outside the school office.

Christmas Fair—Friday 8th Dec

Our Friends of Pickering Infant School (formerly HSA) have been working hard on preparations for their annual Christmas Fair.

If you can lend a hand during the day or on the night of the fair, we need people to set up and run the stalls on the night. No experience is necessary as all the games and activities will be explained to you. You don't need to do this for the whole evening but could perhaps join with a friend or two or family members to take time slots during the evening. Please sign up on the sheet outside the school office.

Stalls open and hot food served **following the Sing Squad performance at 5.30pm.**

Donations of cakes, buns etc., will be gratefully received - please bring to the hall on the morning of the fair.

When Christmas shopping on line please remember to use the easyfundraising way, in order to collect free funds for school.

Eye Checks

Following changes to the service that school nurses are able to offer, the eye checks for five year olds that were once undertaken in school now



need to be done through your optician. These checks are important in picking up early any difficulties that children may be having with their sight. NHS eye checks are free for all children under 16 years of age and are appropriate for their age and stage of development.

Staffing Update

Due to an ongoing long term illness, Miss Sharpe will not be returning to work at our school. I'm sure that parents will join me in thanking her for all of her commitment to the school and wish her a steady recovery back to full health.

Coffee and Chat

Thank you to the parents who joined me for our termly coffee and chat. As ever, there were lots of things to discuss and consider. One of the things that parents raised was concerns about when they feel that they are unable to contribute to

home learning in the way that they feel that school expect. Following this I want to clarify that, whilst we promote and encourage practise of key skills including reading, recall of maths facts and spellings, we also know how important other family learning experiences, such as swimming lessons and visits are. We know that there is a lot of evidence that learners who practise key skills more regularly will commit them to their long term memory more readily and not forget them as easily. I realise that it is a difficult balance to get just right but we appreciate the support that families give to their children in their learning. The best way to do this is 'little and often' with fifteen minutes or so on several days practising key skills. Staff are going to offer some sessions in school working with the children to learn some fun ways to support learning key facts.

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

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Message from Friends of Pickering Infant & Nursery School



At the recent AGM, the HSA and those present, voted to change our name to 'Friends of Pickering Infants and Nursery School' (FoPINS). This just means we can now allow those whose children have left the school, or are yet to come up, still be a part of our school community and fundraising efforts and we can welcome other family members and those in the wider community into our 'Friends of' where we think they will benefit both the FoS and the children through fundraising events.

Community News

Beck Isle Museum Christmas Fair

Saturday 25th November 10am to 4pm—Free entry



Pickering Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 2nd December

Christmas Market from 12noon

Christmas Music , Street food and mulled wine

Father Christmas arrives at 4.30pm

Raffles and competitions etc.

Big switch on 5.30pm

Christmas Window Competition

Entry forms available from TV House or The Pet Store



Family Cinema Potter Hill Chapel,

Saturday 2nd December

6pm for 6.30pm

Despicable Me 3