

# Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

## School Newsletter 14

Thursday 29th March 2018



### Forest School

I would like to share a huge thank you and well done to parents and staff who volunteered their time last weekend to help tidy our Forest School area. With a wealth of overgrown plants, shrubs and trees, it was a mammoth task that is reflected clearly in these before and after photos!



Our Forest School area is used for a wide range of learning experiences for children in Nursery through to Year Two. Some of our Forest School work focuses on the key learning skills of resilience and compromise, some is focused on key Forest School skills such as knot tying and using simple tools and some are to enhance the other areas of our school curriculum. This week the children have been exploring the area as part of our work focusing on Spring Week.

### Handouts:

- 🐼 April/May Diary Sheet
- 🐼 Summer Term Dinner Menu
- 🐼 Bus children only collection letter
- 🐼 Bags2School (Mon 26th)
- 🐼 Owl Class only letter re allergens

### Email attachment

- 🐼 Friends of School Newsletter

**School re-opens after the Easter Holidays on  
Tuesday 17th April 2018**



### Clubs

Please Note - All clubs will restart week beginning 23rd April—the second week back after the Easter break.

### Threadworms/Pinworms

We have had one or two parents who have reported to us that their child has had threadworms. There is no need to exclude a pupil from school whilst having treatment. Thorough hand washing is always encouraged in school after using the toilet and before having food.

### Allergens

Following our information in January about Miss Corton's severe nut allergy, I wanted to update our school community with further information. Miss Corton suffers from anaphylaxis, which is a life threatening reaction to certain allergens. A number of these allergens are when eaten but there are a number of these allergens where an allergic reaction can occur just by being in the same room as a product or talking to someone who has eaten them. These have now

been confirmed as peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds, Brazil nuts, cashew nuts and pistachios. As such, whilst we cannot in any way tell parents and children what to eat or not eat before coming to school, I would ask that all families give consideration to the severity of Miss Corton's medical condition. If at all possible, please avoid eating foods that contain the listed items, including cereals with nuts, peanut butter and fruit and nut breads for breakfast. If it is not possible to avoid these products then please ensure that you and your children brush teeth and wash hands and (in the case of children who have a habit of wearing some of their meals!) faces thoroughly before coming to school. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### Governors

Congratulations to Mrs Helen Howe (Mum to James Howe in Year One) who has been appointed as Parent Governor. She joins our Governing Body, which is currently made up of; Mr Neil Herring (Chair of Governors and Parent Governor)

Mrs Haley Stone (Vice Chair of  
Governors and Co-opted Governor)

Mr Stephen Knight (LA Governor)

Mrs Suzanne Ashworth (Parent  
Governor)

Mr Greg White (Co-opted Governor)

Mrs Pam Northcote (Co-opted  
Governor)

Mrs Vanessa Thompson (Staff  
Governor)

Mrs Sarah Gillam (Head Teacher)

Mrs Vicky Cook (Clerk to Governors)

All school governors are volunteers  
and, as a body, have three core  
functions;

Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and  
strategic direction;

Holding the Head teacher to account  
for the educational performance of  
the school and its pupils;

Overseeing the financial

performance of the school and  
making sure its money is well spent

### Parent Mail

Our new Parent Mail system is up and  
running as our way of communicating  
with parents. To get the most out of  
this, the app is the most effective  
way. If you have a smart phone  
please download the app. To do this  
simply search for 'Parent Mail' in  
your app store. Don't forget to turn  
push notification on to receive  
alerts.

*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](mailto:admin@pickering--inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)*

*For attendance/absences - [admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)*



## **Stape Silver Band**

Reception, Y1 and Y2 pupils were entertained and provided with a wonderful information session about brass instruments at our assembly on Thursday 22nd March, by the local Stape Silver Band.

Below are some details of the opportunity the bank provides for children to learn an instrument in an affordable and supportive way, and they would love some new members.

### **Training Band Programme**

Tuesday nights 6.30-7.30 - £25 annually

Loan instruments provided (cornet, tenor horn, baritone, trombone etc.)  
Individual tuition followed by ensemble opportunity in the training band. For further details contact Lauren Hawkins 07725355654 or email [stapesilverband@btinternet.com](mailto:stapesilverband@btinternet.com)

## **Community News**

### **Pickering Library**

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Follow the clues round the Library to win a Chocolate Egg - from 9th to 14th of April - ages 4-11

#### **Photo Competition**

Photograph yourself next to one of Ryedale's historical landmarks to win a Family Ticket for the North Yorkshire Moors Railway Closing date 30th May 2018 - Winning entries to be announced 12th May

For further details email: [pickering.library@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:pickering.library@northyorks.gov.uk)  
or ring 01609 533624

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## **Potter Hill Methodist Church Family Cinema**

Saturday 14th April 6.30pm

### ***Paddington 2***