

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter

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Snow days

It has been a long time since we have seen such large quantities of snow and ice. I hope that children and families have made some treasured childhood memories of snowman building and sledging over the last week! The severe weather and road conditions have resulted in two snow days this week where school has been closed. This decision is never taken lightly and always comes down to health and safety. I need to ensure that we have enough staff in school to work with our children, cook lunches and supervise children appropriately and that routes into school, and home again, are safe for our all. I realise that this can cause great inconvenience for working parents but hope that everyone understands that the health and safety of children, their families and staff must be our top priority.

Our new messaging system has certainly been tested over the last two days and has not lived up to our expectations. I understand that on Thursday in particular messages did not get through to parents until well after eight o'clock. The message informing parents was sent around 7.30am and we are working with Parentmail to try to understand why this message took so long to deliver and how they are working to resolve this issue at busy messaging times. Apologies for any further inconvenience that this may have caused.

Handouts:

- ✉ Attendance letters

Email:

- ✉ Y1/Y2 Club letter (Fri 23rd)
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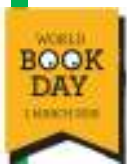
School Book Fair open after school today (Friday 2nd)

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th

The Book Fair will remain open on Tuesday for Parents' Evening

After School Clubs Years 1 and 2

Block 2 Clubs start week beginning Monday 12th March. Letters to Y1 and Y2 parents were sent by Parent Mail on Friday 23rd February giving details of club lists and dates. All clubs are now full with the exception of Story Club with has three more available places. Please see Mrs Close if your child wishes to take on of those places.



World Book Day

Our school World Book Day will be re-arranged for Monday 5th March so that children don't miss out on the fun of this book themed day!

Reception Y1 and Y2 will receive their World Book Day vouchers on Monday

The winners, drawn out of the hat from the many wonderful reading challenge entries, of the book vouchers are Ava Hadden, James Poole, Thomas Leeks, Poppy Coulson-Arnold and Aaron Cowling. Would parents of the winners please collect their £5 voucher from the office.

Parents Evening

Next week will be our two evenings for parents to meet with their child's class teacher from Nursery through to Year Two. (Two

additional dates have also been arranged for Nursery) These meetings are important for discussing your child's social and academic development and is valuable time for both parents and teachers. There is a lot to discuss in these meetings and both parents and staff need to be able to talk openly and frankly about strengths, next steps and any concerns that they may have. Because of this it is not appropriate for children of the age in our school to be present during these meetings. I know that child care can be difficult on these evenings. If children need to come with you to school on that evening, as some do, please ensure that you have made arrangements for appropriate supervision whilst you are in your meeting. This could be supervision from a sensible, older sibling in the hall or from other parents who you have made arrangements with to have staggered meetings so that you can supervise each other's children. Our teachers always try to stick to the timing of these meetings but sometimes things run over. Please accept our apologies if this happens and try to work with teachers by agreeing to make

another appointment, at another time, if there is still a lot to discuss at the end of your ten minutes.

Forest School

We are looking for anyone who is interested and willing to give up a few hours of their time on Saturday 24th March 1pm -4pm. It may be just for an hour or for the whole afternoon. We would like to clear dead bushes and branches from our Forest School area and trim some of the lower tree branches. No gardening knowledge or experience needed, just a bit of hard graft!

Please bring gardening gloves, secateurs and loppers if you have any. Sign up sheet available in the main entrance or let your child's teacher know you are interested.

Coffee and Chat

Tuesday 6th March at 2.30pm

is our next coffee and chat session. This is a time for me to



meet with any parents available to attend to discuss school related topics, over a cup of tea or coffee.

In this meeting I would like to discuss our behaviour policy and, it seems like an appropriate time, communications between home and school. Parents are also welcome to bring topics for discussion too.

Updating details

It is essential that we have the correct personal details for all of our children. We generally ask for these when your child starts in school with us. We ask that parents please update us, as soon as possible, with any changes of address, phone numbers, emergency contacts and medical details. If you are unsure whether we have the correct details for your child, please check with Mrs Close or Mrs Newby in the office.

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

Attendance News for the month of February

Congratulations to
Squirrels and Badger Classes

Attendance Letters

The attendance letters due to go out today will be with parents at the start of next week.

These are sent home every year to all parents of children in every Reception, Year One and Year Two class. These are to provide parents with up to date information about their child's attendance. It also gives a comparison to the national average for attendance, which is generally around 95%. Where there are ongoing difficulties with a illness, as a school, we are able to make referrals to the school nurse team for children and families who may need additional support with medical needs. Alternatively, families can contact the school nurse team directly on 01609 798585.

Reminder—No Clubs next week (week beginning 5th March) except
Monday Football Club

Parents' Evenings Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th March

Childcare Care Vacancies

Humpty Dumpty's Day Nursery are looking for an enthusiastic member of staff with Level 3 or maybe consider a Level 2 who would be willing to train.

Knowledge of EYFS preferable and Childcare Care experience preferred.

Hours on a rota between Monday and Friday 7.30am and 7pm

School's Out Club are looking for a new member to join their team. Level 2 or 3 with Childcare Care experience preferred. Hours Monday to Friday term time 7.30am to 9 am and 3.15pm to 4.15pm