

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter

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Nature Week

Over the next two weeks, the children will be immersed in learning about the season of autumn in their classes.

It will be Autumn Week for children in Year Two and Nursery next week and Autumn Week in Year One and Reception the following week.

The children will be exploring the signs of autumn and the changes that occur at this time of year. There will be trips down to Forest Schools for some classes and, with plenty of fruit ready to harvest, perhaps a crumble of two baked!

As well as learning about autumn in our forest school area, down behind the fence at the bottom of the school field, co-operation and teamwork are also important in forest schools work. Children always have a muddy buddy in forest schools, who they are encouraged to look after, listen to and work with. Staff spend a lot of time modelling how to resolve differences of opinion as children often need support with how to negotiate and the importance of compromise!

Handouts:

- * Nursery Children only sent Fri 29th Sept - *Applying for a school place*
- * Y2 only sent Fri 29th Sept — *Applying for a Junior School place*
- * Individual school photos and accompany letter emails
- * HSA Frequently Asked Questions sheet
- * Rabbit class— swimming letter

Attendance News

Congratulations to Squirrel Class 99.3% attendance for the month of September



Design a Poster Competition

Congratulations to Jacob in Owl Class who won the Design a Poster Competition for Pickering Surgery for the under 7's. Well Done Jacob!

Christmas Cards

It may seem a little early to be using the 'C' word but your child will be bringing home a proof of their Christmas card designs and order form towards the end of next week.

There is no obligation whatsoever to buy but if you wish to please follow the instructions on the order form and return to school by midday on **Fri 20th Oct.** Please check your child's book bag next week.

Coffee and Chat

Our first meeting between parents and I will be on Tuesday 17th October at 2.30pm in the staffroom.

This is an opportunity to sit down together, over a hot drink, to discuss areas raised by school and any areas raised by parents. I would like to discuss a potential new School App that a couple of parents are currently exploring with Mrs Newby, updates to our behaviour policy and our HSA. Please come and join us.

Names in clothing

There are growing 'mountains' of unnamed clothes in school! Please, please, please ensure that as many items as possible, including tights, PE kits, shoes, coats etc are named. It may sound over the top but when changing for PE, Forest Schools and sports clubs trying to identify which shoes and tights belong to each child can be challenging!

Inhalers and Epi pens

If your child has either an epi pen or a blue reliever inhaler for asthma at home then we also need one in school. The surgery say that they are happy to prescribe two of these for the purposes of having one at home and one at school. In classes, all inhalers are stored in areas that are easily accessible. Staff are trained in what to look for in terms of signs and symptoms of asthma and anaphylaxis and there are emergency procedures in place. I would like to ask that, if you haven't already or haven't recently, parents discuss with their children their signs and symptoms so that children are more aware of when they need to access their inhaler or ask for help. With children starting in new classes, please make some time to ensure

that you have spoken to your child's class teacher about your child in relation to this. Please don't hesitate to contact staff to give them updates about your child's medical condition, including when triggers (such as colds or weather) is particularly affecting them. If you don't get chance to do this in person then this is a great reason to use the class email - the more information that we share about medical conditions the better position we are all in to care for them.

Communication

Parents are always welcome, and indeed encouraged, to come into school to talk to members of staff.

If you have any ideas, questions, comments or queries then please do come and speak to us. Telephone, letter and email are also ways of contacting us in school.

We welcome feedback on the things that you feel work well but also

welcome suggestions on how we can improve things, as a school. It is much better to share your thoughts with us so that we can work with you to do something about it and to make changes. You are all an important part of our continual drive to improve the learning experience that we offer to our children.

Newsletters - These are emailed to you - school newsletter and a class newsletter on alternate weeks.

Diary Dates - At the beginning of the term Mrs Close prepares a dates sheet to help you with forward planning. We try and organise things in advance but do watch out for inevitable changes and additions as staff plan trips and workshops etc for the children.

Handouts - Handouts may also come home each week. A list of these handouts will be on the front of the school newsletter, which lists handouts over the previous two weeks. Please check through to make sure that you have them all.

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

Mini Sing Squad—Autumn Term 2017

Our Mini Sing Squad lunchtime sessions are up and running this term for children in Rabbits and Hedgehog classes. We started the year with Y2 only to allow the Y1 children some settling in time in their transition from reception. New flyers will be sent home at the start of the Spring term for any Y1s who may like to join.

Sing Squad have several performances this term including a Christmas Concert for the Mickle Hill residents, the school Christmas Church Service and Carols Around the Tree.

If any Y2 children would like to join, we are happy to add new members up until 20th October—please collect a form from the school office. Sessions run on Thurs 12:00-12:20 after half term and sign up is a commitment for the rest of the term.

If parents have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to leave a message at the school office and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Looking forward to an awesome term of music making!

Mrs Durant

Reminders.....

Week beginning 16th October Sign up for parents evenings

Tues 17th 2.30pm Coffee and Chat - all welcome

Thurs 19th 2.30pm Harvest Festival Assembly - all welcome

Thurs 19th 6pm HSA AGM - all welcome

Fri 20th 9.10am October Birthday Assembly - all welcome

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Potter Hill Chapel

Family Cinema Night Saturday 7th October 6.30pm

'Ballerina'