

# Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

## School Newsletter

Newsletter No 1

8th September 2017



### Welcome to a new school year

It has been an exciting week of new classes, new teachers, new teaching assistants, new uniform and new shoes! The children have settled quickly into their new classes.

We have a dedicated and caring staff team at school who work incredibly hard to do their very best for the children and families in our school community! We are delighted to have welcomed Mrs Dunsmore into that team this week.

We are all looking forward to another busy year of learning! Look out for opportunities to get involved with your child's learning in school through school newsletters, class newsletters and diary dates sheets.

### Handouts:

- ☞ Sept/Oct Diary Sheet
- ☞ Class email letter
- ☞ Busy Book Workshop flyer (Year One only)
- ☞ Rabbit Class Swimming letter

### Email addresses

For reporting absences or changes to collection arrangements please use

Mrs Close's email address;

admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

For any other enquires please use

Mrs Newby's email address;

admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

For class based queries please use class email addresses. Remember that these are checked daily before 8.50am. Your email will be read but you may not get an immediate response. Further information can be found in the attached letter.

### Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge finishes on Sat 12th so please have all books and records back to the library tomorrow! The majority of children wait to receive their certificates until they are presented in a special school assembly for the children later this term.

### Birthday Assembly

Our first Birthday Assembly of the school year will be on Friday 29th September at 2.30pm

We hold a Birthday Assembly for each month of the year during which children whose birthday it is are invited to come out to the front of the hall to blow out the birthday candles. All parents are welcome at any of our Birthday Assemblies.

### Pupil Premium

School may be entitled to additional 'Pupil Premium Funding' if parents of are in receipt of Income Support; Income Based Job Seekers allowance; etc. Applying is easy to do and your child will receive free milk from Year One onwards and it may also mean that you get subsidised or even free access to activities in the future. It's really worth checking your eligibility if you are unsure. For more information go to <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/25811/freeschool-meals> or ask for a form in the office.

### Smoke Free Zone

Just a quick start of year reminder that our whole school site is a designated no smoking area and that this also includes e-cigarettes.

## Home School Association AGM

Home School Association (HSA) will be holding their annual AGM on Tuesday 19th September at 6pm in the school hall. Every parent and carer of a child at our school is automatically a member.

### Parking

A quick reminder for all parents that the staff car park in front of school is for staff only. There is strictly no stopping or parking in the bus lanes and parking tickets for offenders can be issued by parking wardens. It is essential these are clear at the start and end of the school day.

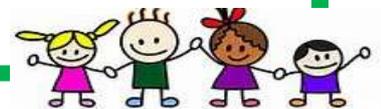
We know that parking on the streets around school can be difficult but please remember that we have the parking permit system in place to help with this. For a charge of £5, an annual permit can be purchased

for Eastgate car park for parking until 9.15am and between 3.15pm and 3.30pm during term time. Please contact the school office if you would like to purchase a permit.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of our parents who make use of this scheme or who ensure that they park safely and courteously around school.

### Crèche

We are continuing with our start of day crèche for our bus children and continue to be able to offer a small number of places for children whose parents need to drop them off from 8.30am but before doors open at 8.50am. Due to staffing ratios we are able to offer 30 places. It is therefore essential that parents check availability and book places at crèche before the day that they intend to use it.



*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)*

# Volunteers

We are incredibly lucky that we have a wonderful group of volunteers as part of our school community who work with the staff and children across school. We are always eager to add to this team and are looking for parents, carers and grandparents who have some time to offer to support the school.

Our volunteers give their time to support the school in a range of ways. These include gardening in our sensory garden, supporting our weekly forest school sessions in Foundation Stage, listening to children read and helping them to learn key words, taking groups of children to the library to select books and games to take home to name just a few!

At the moment, we are particularly looking for anyone who has an afternoon or morning to offer each week to take groups of children to the library and to listen to readers in class. These things have a great impact on our children and your time would be gratefully received!

Full training and support will be given. We are committed to safeguarding and because this role is working in school, a DBS check will be required.

If you would like to volunteer in school or just want more information, please contact our Volunteers Leader Mrs Carter via the school office or via email at [badgers@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:badgers@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)