

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter

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Maths Packs

Have you picked up your child's Reception Maths Pack or the additional resources for Years One and Two?

If not, it's not too late. Our Reception teachers will be hosting additional Maths Pack Workshops next half term. Further details will be sent out on class newsletters. In order to receive your child's free resources in Reception, at least one parent, or grandparent, must attend one of the workshops.

Year One teachers have sent out hundred squares and Year Two teachers have sent out their two tone counters and tens frames today with supporting material today following their Maths Workshops on 1st and 8th February.

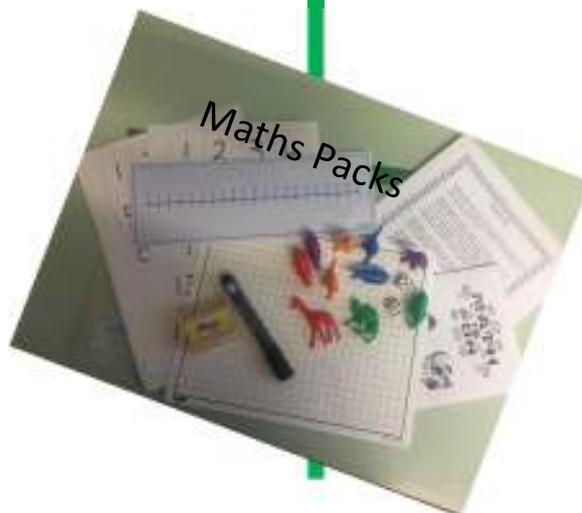
Our Maths Packs provide children and parents with a pack of maths resources, similar to those that the children use in school. They are funded by the generous donations that our parents and local community makes through the hard work of our Friends of Pickering Infant School (FoS) and put together by our dedicated members.

Handouts:

- ✳ Bus children collection letter
- ✳ 2018-2019 Term Dates
- ✳ Hedgehog class swimming letter
- ✳ Feb/March Diary Sheet
- ✳ Attendance leaflet
- ✳ Governor Election letter

Email

- 📖 World Book Day letter and information



Maternity Leave Cover

My growing bump is an ever present reminder of the need to share our emerging maternity cover plans with you. I am delighted to share that Mr Rob Newton has accepted the post of

Acting Head Teacher during my maternity leave and that Mr Rob Palmer, current Deputy Head at Pickering Junior School (PJS), will be taking a shared Acting Deputy Head

role across our two schools. From May (the exact date will be baby dependant!) Mr Palmer will work two days at our school and three at PJS. As a staff, we are excited about the opportunities this will bring in terms of pupil transition, shared training and a greater understanding of teaching and learning strategies used in our two schools. Appointments of staff who will be working within our senior

leadership team (SLT) with Mr Newton and Mr Palmer during my maternity leave are still being made.

I will update you once these are in place and know that these will contribute to a fantastic temporary SLT, in the best interests of our school, in my absence.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

A reminder that, children should not

return to school for 48 hours after a bout sickness and/or diarrhoea. This will reduce the impact of such infections on the school and wider community.

Clubs

- Football Club restarts Monday 19th February
- Lexia Club restarts Thursday 22nd February **NO LEXIA CLUB** Thursday 8th March
- All other clubs - Block 1 week 8/9 will run weeks beginning 19th and 26th Feb.
- **NO CLUBS week beginning 5th March due to Parents evening.** Block 1 week 10 clubs will run week beginning 12th March—this will be the final week of Block 1.

Lunchtime Chats

Our Midday Supervisory Assistants (MSAs) are finding that there are an increasing number of nursery parents and grandparents approaching our older children at the gate to the playground. Whilst I can appreciate why parents and grandparents are wanting to do this, I would like to urge you to please avoid doing this. Whilst some of the children may know who you are, our MSAs are unlikely to.

The job of our MSAs is to supervise and support our children at lunchtime including their safety and well being.

Adults who could well be strangers approaching the school gates makes this more challenging.

Attendance

Punctual and regular attendance are essential in establishing good routines for school and learning, as well as friendships. You will find our attendance information leaflet along with this newsletter. All parents will also receive a letter, giving you information about your child's current attendance, on Friday 2nd March. The purpose of these letters is to ensure that parents are fully informed about their child's attendance and how this compares to the national levels. Nationally, the youngest children tend to be the ones who pick up most bugs and are off ill as they start in school and we

know that the large majority of absences for our children are unavoidable. As ever, I would ask that parents try to avoid, or at least minimise the number of, days off that children have due to holidays. Staff have great empathy with parents who find it difficult to arrange holidays during school holiday time as they are in the same situation. It is widely acknowledged though that establishing good routines and attitudes to attendance from a very early age gives children a positive start to their learning through our education system.

Coffee and Chat

My spring term get together with parents will be on Tuesday 6th March at 2.30pm. There's plenty of tea and coffee on offer whilst we chat through school related areas for discussion.

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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For attendance/absences - admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Congratulations to Butterfly Class
Class of the month for January with 97.5%
attendance



Half Term Fun Day
Friday 16th February 2018
The Heritage and Learning Centre,
Scampston Conservatory

Let your children enjoy a day full of fun inspired by Chinese New Year. They will take part in crafting activities to take home and a nature themed walk.

Our teacher, Liz Wattrus and enthusiastic support staff will be here to ensure your youngsters have a wonderful, creative experience. The Heritage and Learning Centre, Scampston Conservatory which is situated within beautiful surroundings, offers a safe environment for fun filled days. All materials and snacks provided.

Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm

Cost: £15.00 per child

Age Range: 5-11yrs

Please bring outdoor clothing (including spares) wellies, pack-up and drinks

Booking is essential. To book please contact Rachel Maw on 01944 753105 or

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